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Ensign Hagensick and Actress Gaynor... between filming of scenes of "South Pacific"—U. S. Navy Photo.

O'Neill Navy Officer Meets Up with Mitzi

School Group Will Try for Signatures

Voters to Decide on Superintendent

AMELIA—The board of directors of the Nebraska School Improvement association has decided to seek more than the required number of signatures to place a constitutional amendment on the general election ballot in November, 1958, it was announced this week by President Clyde Widmann of Amelia.

Voters will be given an opportunity to vote "for" or "against" the proposition of recreating a state superintendent of public instruction. Presently the office, held by Freeman B. Decker, is appointed by a commission. Until a few years ago the office was elective.

Teacher's groups in the state boosted the amendment which removed the public instruction head from a direct selection by the voters.

Widmann said the 1958 amendment would be phrased to provide for abolishment of the present office of commissioner of education (Decker's appointive job).

In order to determine the sufficiency of placing such initiative petition for the constitutional amendment on the ballot in 1958, a minimum of 56,734 valid signatures are required, the School Improvement association directors said in a news letter to members.

A goal of one hundred thousand signatures has been set in the drive for support for the initiative petition, Widmann said. Other offices and directors of the NSIA are: T. G. McBride of Primrose; Louis Cording of Cushing; Thomas Golson of Brewster; Benton Marshall of Crawford; Mrs. Barbara McDonnell of Blue Springs; Victor Mares of Schuyler; Mrs. Fritz Krause of Alliance; Lloyd Waldo of Amelia, immediate past president, and Leo P. Clinch of Burwell, who is secretary-treasurer.

Bruce McGrane, 46, Expires at Norfolk

INMAN—Bruce McGrane, 46, died Saturday morning, October 26, at his home in Norfolk.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Burial was at Norfolk.

Mr. McGrane had been ill for several months. He was the son of the late Daniel McGrane and Lydia Smith McGrane.

Survivors include: Widow; two sons; mother—Mrs. Lydia McGrane; brother—Charles of Norfolk; sisters—Kathryn of York, Florence of Norfolk and Helen of Burlington, Ia.

Bea and Joe Gallagher attended the rosary Sunday evening. Elwin Smith, an uncle, attended the funeral services.

Floyd Manthester Dies in Palo Alto

INMAN—Floyd Manthester, about 60, died Thursday, October 24, at Palo Alto, Calif.

Floyd, youngest son of the late Frank and Lydia Manthester, was born at Amelia. He moved to California about 37 years ago and at the time of his death was employed in a garage.

Survivors include: Widow; four sons; one daughter; two sisters—Mrs. Edith Clements of Morgan Hill, Calif., and Mrs. Harry McGraw of Inman; one brother—Clarence of Upper Lake, Calif.

Miss Marilu Wilson, student at the University of Nebraska, was home for the weekend.

Auction Calendar

Wednesday, November 6: Alvin and Gen Forbes, near Amelia complete closeout; 69 head of cattle, machinery, etc.; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. Friday, November 15: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, selling 320-acre ranch (deeded land) and 120 acres of school land; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer-broker. (Details in next issue).

Methodist Church in Celebration

75th Anniversary Will Be Observed Here in All-Day Rite

First Methodist church of O'Neill will celebrate its 75th anniversary, Sunday, November 4. Rev. Robert Embree, district superintendent, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Dr. Vance Rogers, president of Nebraska Wesleyan university at Lincoln, will speak at the anniversary service at 3 p.m. Rev. G. Kemmott is pastor.

The church was organized in 1882 by the Rev. Bartley Blain, a pioneer circuit-riding minister, who interrupted his ministerial career to serve in the army against the Sioux Indians.

He had come to Nebraska in 1880 from Garrett Biblical Institute, interrupting his studies because of his health. He and his family lived in a tent during the spring and summer until a home near the Middlebranch mill was completed.

In a letter to The Frontier dated April 2, 1914, he reminisces, "Wherever the Sabbath found me, I found people who wanted to hear the Gospel, and I wanted them to hear it, for I knew it to be the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Before the roof was on my house, I had four preaching places. As soon as my house was under a roof, preaching services and Sunday-school were held there."

This was the first Protestant church in Holt county founded in November 14, 1880. The members were Mrs. Mary Blain, Charles Blain, Miss Nellie Blain, William E. Blain, Ada A. Blain, William R. Keep, Mrs. Lois Keep, W. S. George, Mrs. George and Mrs. Phoebe Persons.

The first Protestant church building in the county was erected at O'Neill in 1882. The cornerstone was placed at the church building in 1882. Members of the church include Dr. S. M. Benner, Miss Sada Coykendall, Mrs. Ellen Patterson, Miss Mary Sackett and Mrs. Alberta Utley. Reverend Blain was also superintendent of schools.

The first Sunday-school convention in Holt county was held in September, 1881, at O'Neill with several schools represented. A church was dedicated in Atkinson on August 26, 1883.

Rev. E. T. Miller, minister from 1888 to 1902, told of the hard times because of drought and bank failures. He wrote: "In spite of the fact that laboring men were glad to get a \$1 a day and board themselves, corn selling for 10c a bushel and baled hay for \$2 ton, the church prospered in every way. The membership grew from 65 to 105, the enrollment in Sunday-school from 100 to 135. When an enlarged and improved church was needed, it was undertaken and completed without debt or a cent on the day of reopening."

Rev. William Gorst, who was an elder of the Neigh district from 1896 to 1902, stated: "Because O'Neill is largely an Irish community and because I found a little Methodist church there with all the elements of courage, nobility and love of Irish Methodists, I often refer to them as 'Our Irish Methodists at O'Neill.'"

The 65th anniversary observance included talks by Prof. L. E. Mattingly of Lincoln, director of religious life at Wesleyan university; Rev. Dale K. Weststad of Tilden, and a historical program in charge of Mrs. H. L. Lundberg. Membership has grown from 274 in 1945 to 400 in 1957. Many improvements have been made including a basement addition, an electric organ, hot water, new restrooms, parsonage redecorated, floors sanded, church painted inside and out, a new forced air heating plant, refrigerator, carpeting on the chancel steps, altar railing and aisles.

In 1952 the village of Emmet was added to the O'Neill charge. About this time, plans were formulated for a new building but because of lack of funds, the project was dropped. Besides regular services church activities include various family life clinics, district and subdistrict meetings, membership training classes, 24-hour prayer vigils, churchwide school of missions, church night suppers, prayer and study groups.

Sunday-school classes are taxing the classrooms and attendance at church services shows an upward trend.

Many of the young people attend Wesleyan university and Miss Ruth Harris served as a missionary. She spent four years in China until communistic rule compelled missionaries to return home. She is now on leave of absence from the board of missions of the Women's Society of Christian Service and is serving as secretary in the student volunteer movement of the National Council of Churches in New York City.

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Frerichs... his face was under water.—The Frontier Photo.

Car Overturned in Creek

Climbs Through Water to Safety

Court of Appeals Denies O'Neill Man

The United States court of appeals has affirmed a decision against a Nebraska man, L. D. Putnam of O'Neill, and Edilson Ward of Martin, S.D., a real estate man.

The court ruled 56 recorded deeds and leases to Bennett county, South Dakota, Indian trust lands are invalid. The appeals court thus upheld a decision by Federal District Judge George T. Mickelson.

Putnam and Ward appealed a similar decision by Mickelson last December. Involved were eight thousand acres.

Two Girls Hurt in Fall from Horse

AMELIA—Miss Kathy Doolittle and Darla Waldo received minor injuries Monday evening when they fell from the horse they were riding.

Kathy's shoulder and arm were hurt. Darla was knocked out for a little while as the result of falling on her head.

Both girls were absent from school two days.

O'Neill-Emmet Route to Cost \$250,000

The state highway department has announced low bids totaling more than six-million-dollars. Among the projects is a new route on U.S. highway 20 between O'Neill and Emmet. Construction calls for 7.5 miles of asphaltic concrete, at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars.

DEADLINE TODAY

This is the final day for renewal of motor vehicle operator's licenses.



Juniors Converge for Government Study

A copy of The Frontier published June 25, 1953, telling details of the Joseph Emmett McLimans trial, is discussed by Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack (seated at desk) for benefit of juniors from the various high schools in the county. The "elected" juniors spent Monday studying county government in the various county offices under auspices of the American Legion. McLimans was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of O'Neill Police Chief Chet Calkins. Seated clockwise: Benton Wabs of St. Joseph's, Jerry Schaaf of O'Neill, William Baker of Atkinson, Richard Grimes of Chambers, Donald Norton of Stuart, Ronald Thoenel of Ewing; standing—Leroy Clasey of Page, Thomas Cunningham of Inman and Ronnie Clark of St. Mary's. Seated on desk is Deputy Sheriff James Mullen and seated in right foreground is George Wettlaufer of Page, vice commander of the Legion in the district. The auxiliary served 200 at luncheon. Harold Rice, Neigh attorney, addressed the students.—The Frontier Photo.

Extension Women to Converge Today

"Are you getting a good return from your family?" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Joel Moss for the home extension members at the annual achievement day to be held today (Thursday).

The activities will take place in the American Legion hall, starting at 1:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Family life is the theme for exhibits of clubs by centers. Six centers will be represented by Ewing, Page, O'Neill, Chambers, Atkinson and Stuart.

Officers of the Home Extension Council for the coming year will be installed. They include: Mrs. A. T. Crumly, county chairman; Mrs. Byron Blotz, vice-chairman; Mrs. Fred Roberts, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lawrence Kaup, health chairman; Mrs. William Schorn, music chairman; Mrs. Linden Mulford, 4-H chairman; Mrs. Ed Seveik, publicity chairman; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, past county chairman; Mrs. E. A. Bouska, retiring county chairman; Mrs. Harold Milner, reading chairman; Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, extension board member.

Group chairman are: O'Neill—Mrs. Anson Closson; Atkinson—Mrs. Floyd Butterfield; Ewing—Mrs. J. L. Pruden; Chambers—Mrs. Sammy Young; Page—Mrs. Lorenz Riege; Stuart—Mrs. James Batenhorst.

Presiding will be Mrs. E. A. Bouska, county chairman. Hostess clubs will be Friendly Neighbors, club, What Not Extension club, Elkhorn Extension club, Scott Community club and the Goldenrod club.

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Four Straight-A Seniors on Roll

EWING—Four seniors are on the Ewing high school first six weeks honor roll: Sandra Shrader, Beverly Rotherham, Darlene Latzel and Patricia Hahlbeck, all with four A's.

Juniors: Carolyn Tams, AAAA; Larry Rotherham, AAAA; Sharon Kropp, AAAA; Robert McDaniels, AAAA.

Sophomores: Lois Kaczor, AAAA; Ann Rotherham, AAAA.

Freshmen: Douglas Shrader, AAAA; Emy Bollwe, AAAA; Lenora Tuttle, AAAA.

Phillip Savidge, who has moved to Ewing from O'Neill, is now in the first grade.

None Seriously Hurt in Series of Two-Car Collisions

Thomas Gableman, 21-year-old Neigh man, suffered minor knee lacerations Saturday morning in an intersection accident which took place four miles north of Ewing. The Gableman car and an oil truck, driven by Leonard Knapp of Ewing, figured in the accident. Knapp was unhurt; damages to the Gableman car were estimated at \$1,200.

The oil truck is owned by the Shaw Oil company of Ewing. An accident occurred about 3 p.m., Monday between Sixth and Seventh on Douglas St. A car driven by Mrs. Leonard Bartos of Ewing backed into D. A. Kersbrook's truck driven by Sidney Frahm of O'Neill.

Officer Gerald Wettlaufer estimated about \$30 damage to the Bartos car and \$5 to the truck.

A two-car mishap occurred late Monday at the O'Neill Drive in theatre corner, but nobody was seriously hurt. Cars driven by Herbert Heinie of Waco, and George Penry of Atkinson collided. The Heinie machine, southbound on U.S. 281, was badly damaged. The Penry car, a 1958 Edsel, was driven away from the scene.

Penry's group, including the Ries brothers and a Head boy, had attended county government day in O'Neill. According to Deputy Sheriff James Mullen, they were enroute to their homes at Atkinson.

In the Heinie car were Mrs. Heinie and the couple's three children, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brunz, all of Waco, located near York.

No one was hurt Tuesday morning in a two-car accident at the Van Conant corner, four miles north of Page. Garry R. Lockman, 19, of Stuart, was driver of one of the cars. Lloyd Thurlow of Stuart was a passenger.

John J. Riest, 72, of Page, was the driver of the other machine in the intersection accident. Estimated five hundred dollars damages to the Lockman machine; three hundred dollars to the Riest car.

Flu Slows Scout Fund - Raising

Incomplete returns on the Boy Scout finance drive in the Sandhills district show O'Neill raising \$550 with some solicitations not yet recorded.

It has slowed the drive in some localities, according to Larry Martin of Bassett, Scout official in this area.

Other incomplete figures: Stuart \$282.00, Newport 47.50, Bassett 315.00, Ainsworth 254.00, Valentine 525.00, Merriman 119.50, Springview 209.50.

New Date Set for Held-Cooke Trial

A new date has been set for the William Held vs. Herman Cooke jury trial in Holt county district court. Earlier the trial was postponed because of illness of Judge D. R. Mounts.

District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neigh will preside in the absence of Judge Mounts, who is recuperating at his home.

Held alleges false arrest and is suing Cooke for 50-thousand-dollars in damages.

Addition Okayed by Amelia Voters

AMELIA—At a meeting of patrons of the Amelia school district 228 held Monday evening, 84 percent of the eligible voters were present and voted in favor of building an addition onto the present building.

The addition would be used for recreational purposes. The board of education was authorized to proceed with the project as soon as feasible.

DIES AT NORFOLK

BRUNSWICK—Mrs. Minnie Coldiron of Brunswick died Monday at the home of her son, Floyd, in Norfolk. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) at Brunswick. Mrs. Coldiron is a sister of Dean and Clyde Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reimer and family of Nebraska were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reimer.

Smith Rites to Be Held at Stuart

Woman, 73, Dies in Atkinson Hospital; Ill Many Years

STUART—Mrs. Walter K. Smith, sr., 73, long time resident of the Stuart community, died at 1:15 a.m., Wednesday, October 30, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been in poor health for a number of years and had been hospitalized in recent months at both O'Neill and Atkinson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, November 1, at the Community church here. Burial will be in the Stuart cemetery under the direction of the Coats funeral home. Reverend Gates of Atkinson will officiate.

Fullbearers will be L. A. Roberts, Donald Krotter, F. P. Wilson, Mahlon Shearer, H. L. Cowles and Clifford Nelson.

The late Grace Laura Francisco Smith was born June 10, 1884, at Avoca, Ia., a daughter of John Francisco and Eliza Schaff Francisco.

On November 22, 1905, at Council Bluffs, Ia., she became the bride of Walter K. Smith, sr. In December of that year the couple came to the Stuart locality. Except for one year spent in Keya, Paha county, they have spent the intervening years here. In 1915 they moved into town.

Mr. Smith was a county supervisor many years.

The Smiths became the parents of six children. One daughter, Gladys, died in infancy. Survivors include: Widower; son—Walter K., jr., of Stuart; daughters—Mrs. Fred (Janell) Frater of Coatesville, Pa.; Mrs. Don (Pauline) Schafer of Stuart; Mrs. Ernest (Grace) Smith of Bassett and Miss Marguerite of Stuart; 10 grandchildren; sister Mrs. Virginia Hawk of South Sioux City.

Merrimans Have Look at Queen

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman accompanied by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lyons of Winner, S.D., returned Friday from an eastern sightseeing trip, which included points of interest at the Garden of Eden, D.C., and a view of Queen Elizabeth II of England.

They visited in the home of the latter's daughter and family Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. M. J. Danielson of Falls Church, Va. Mrs. Danielson is the former Angela Lyons, who is a graduate of St. Mary's academy.

Among the highlights of their trip was witnessing the placing of a wreath by Queen Elizabeth on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The Merrimans were about 25 feet from the queen and her husband, Prince Philip of Edinburgh.

Petersen Finishes 40 Years with Bell

Harry Petersen, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company here, was honored at a dinner party at the Town House Monday evening. He was presented a pin by Harry Cook of Grand Island, district plant superintendent for 40 years of service.

E. B. Wilson of Grand Island, district commercial manager, was master-of-ceremonies. Mr. Petersen was presented an electric razor by associates who came from O'Neill, Spencer, Atkinson, Ainsworth, Holdrege, Grand Island and Spalding. Al Wood played several selections on his electric guitar.

Mrs. Petersen and daughter, Miss Jane, were presented corsages and Mr. Petersen, a boutonniere.

'58 Chevrolet Is on Display Here

The 1958 Chevrolet goes on display today (Thursday) at the A. Marcellus company showrooms.

Goos Below Aboard Sub—EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunaway returned home Thursday, October 24, from a two weeks vacation visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dunaway and family in Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Dunaway had the experience of being on a submarine submerged 12 feet under water. They toured a large battleship and viewed an atomic submarine, but were not allowed to board it. From the battleship they could see the inmates at Alcatraz.

Approximately \$2,200 was netted at Saturday's benefit auction in behalf of St. Mary's academy. Scores of items were contributed for the sale.