



The Ridgeways... began housekeeping in shanty.—Frontier Photo.

Ridgeways Reared in Same Locality

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. ("Ross") Ridgeway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Monday, November 11, at their home, 218 South Second st. Their four sons and two daughters are dispersed throughout the western part of the United States. The celebration was a quiet affair. A few of the neighbors interviewed them for presentation on Wednesday's "Voice of the Frontier" program (WJAG, 780 kc). Mrs. Ridgeway's maiden name was Florence Wrede. She was born in Butler county and her parents came to Holt when she was six-months-old, purchasing a ranch in the Agee community in northern Holt county.

When she became eligible she filed for a homestead on land adjoining her father's ranch—and was successful in obtaining the tract.

Mr. Ridgeway was born at Ripley, Ia., near Des Moines. His father came to Holt in 1883 and was among the early settlers in the Agee community. Ross, his mother and other members of the family followed here in the spring of 1884.

The Ridgeway and Wrede families lived only a mile and a half apart.

Mr. Ridgeway and Miss Wrede were married at Sioux City. They spent a year on her homestead, living in an improvised shanty.

Later they moved into the Blackbird neighborhood where they spent four years and where several of their children were born.

In 1913 they moved onto the farm which they still own. Ridgeway's eyesight began to deteriorate in 1940 and by 1947 he had lost virtually all vision. It was at that time they retired and moved into O'Neill.

The couple recently returned from a trip to Colorado Springs where they visited two of their children.

Both enjoy good health. Mr. Ridgeway is 74; his wife, 75. Their sons and daughters are: Jack, who lives in Sheridan, Wyo.; Donald of Casper, Wyo.; Mrs. Dan (Gladys) Sullivan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charles ("Chuck") of Colorado Springs; Joseph of Denver, Colo.; and Miss Marguerite of Redwood City, Calif.

They homesteaded in New Mexico, where they lived several years, coming to Boyd county 44 years ago. The couple lived on a farm in the Grass community until their retirement six years ago, when they moved into Spencer.

The Reels would have celebrated their 63d wedding anniversary this month.

Survivors include: Widower—George; sons—Roy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ray of Salem, Ore.; Paul of Spencer and Claude of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters—Mrs. R. L. (Ruth) Spahr of Dixon and Mrs. Leo E. (Dorothy) Adams of Spencer; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Fred Pawling of Fremont.

WEATHER SUMMARY

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November 7	45	34	
November 8	39	23	T
November 9	43	14	T
November 10	55	23	
November 11	49	35	T
November 12	51	40	
November 13	52	39	T

The trace of precipitation on Friday, November 8, was in the form of snow and sleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox moved Thursday, October 31, to 128136 So. Erwood, Norwalk, Calif. Mr. Fox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox of O'Neill. Mrs. Fox is the former Kathy Seger of Stuart.

Auction Calendar

Friday, November 15: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, 19 miles south of O'Neill, eight miles east, one south; 320-acre ranch and 120-acre school land lease, at auction, on premises, 1 p.m.; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer-broker.

Saturday, November 16: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Strojehann, 19 miles north of O'Neill and five miles west, complete farm close-out, 146 head of cattle, full line of farm and haying machinery, some household goods; Weller, Fleming and Pearson, auctioneers; First National bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 9.)

Wednesday, November 27: Merlin and Gladys Grossnicklaus and Gladys Fittje, owners, 966-acre Holt county ranch, 30 head of Hereford dairy cattle, 35 head of Hereford stock cows, some household goods, some miscellaneous items; Col. Merlin Grossnicklaus, auctioneer; Virgil Laursen of O'Neill, broker. (Details in next issue.)

Mrs. Atah Fosberg CREIGHTON—Mrs. Atah Fosberg, 77, died Saturday morning in the Creighton hospital. She entered the hospital the day before.

Flu Fatal to O'Neill Teacher

Mrs. John Murphy, 53, Holt's First Victim of Current Epidemic

Holt county's first death attributed to the influenza epidemic occurred at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, November 9, when Mrs. John Murphy, 53, O'Neill public school teacher, died in St. Anthony's hospital.

She had been hospitalized four days. Her condition deteriorated rapidly and unexpectedly. Death was caused by complications of influenza and pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers were William Murphy, jr., Calvin Murphy, Francis Murphy, Donald Murphy, Richard Braun, Arlen Miles, Robert Miles, and Thomas McDonald. Rosary was held Monday evening at Biglin's chapel.

The late Mrs. Murphy's maiden name was Mildred Marie Trobaugh. She was born January 23, 1904, at Tobias, the daughter of Dell Trobaugh and Ada Tindell Trobaugh. The family came to Holt county in 1908.

The Trobaugh family lived near Atkinson and Marie was graduated at Atkinson high school in 1923. She attended college at Nebraska State Teachers colleges at Cedar and Wayne, also Concordia college at Seward.

She married Mr. Murphy at Emmet, June 30, 1934. They farmed in the Emmet and Opportunity localities before moving to O'Neill.

She was a member of St. Patrick's church, Nebraska State Education association, and Simonson unit 93 of the American Legion auxiliary.

"She taught in rural schools," also the Ewing, Stuart and O'Neill public schools. For the past three years she taught fourth grade at O'Neill public school. Previously

she had also taught at St. Mary's academy.

Survivors include: Widower—John; son—Ronald Edward of Yermo, Calif., who arrived late Sunday; daughter—Mrs. Leo (Maureen Carole) Laible of O'Neill; brothers—Claude Trobaugh of Atkinson; James D. Trobaugh of Sacramento, Calif.; Deville Trobaugh of Chula Vista, Calif.; and Norman Trobaugh of Sidney; one grandson.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trobaugh and Mrs. Clarence Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Braun all of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trobaugh of Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, jr. of Rushville, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Murphy and family of Wood Lake; Mrs. Marie McDonald of St. Louis, Mo.; Ronnie Murphy of Yermo, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murphy of Sioux City; Miss Corrine Murphy and Miss Lillian Fritton of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wedige, Clarence Murphy, Frank Foreman, Mrs. John Conard and Mrs. G. McGinnis, all of Emmet.

Vet Program Is 'Big Success' CHAMBERS—Veterans day program and turkey supper, sponsored by the American Legion post 320, was reported by those participating, as a "big success".

In spite of sickness in the community a large turnout was on hand to enjoy the roast turkey and also the Old Farm House Quartette which entertained during dinner. Film was shown and a dance and show in the evening.

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Louis Neilson of Chambers has a meditation in "The Upper Room" devotional booklet for December. This is the second time Mrs. Neilson has written a meditation which has been printed in this magazine. Since the publication has a world wide circulation this is considered quite a honor.

54 Turkeys Bought for Nov. 30 Event The Chamber of Commerce turkey day committee reports that 54 turkeys have been purchased for turkey day which will be Saturday, November 30. Concentrated effort is being made to call on O'Neill businesses, but if anyone would like to cooperate, contact either the First National or the O'Neill National bank. Committee Chairman William W. McIntosh said.

Persons will register at the C of C office for the turkeys, which will be distributed at three different times during the day.

College Duo Feted in Church Affair PAGE—The young people of the Wesleyan Methodist church met at the Otto Terrill home Friday evening for a party honoring Miss Faye Rutherford and Miss Marilyn Terrill, who were home on vacation from Miltonvale college at Miltonvale, Kans. Miss Alice Sondaz of Gordon and Harvey Neal of Sidney were guests.

Attend Clinic Dr. and Mrs. Merlin L. Sucha attended the 25th annual assembly of the Omaha-Midwest Clinical Society at the Fontenelle in Omaha last week.

Family of 3 Overcome by Gas Fumes



This is the cabin-type Grimes home in which three members of the Bruce Grimes family were overcome by gas fumes. The dwelling is a short distance from the home of Mr. Grimes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes.—The Frontier Photo.



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all were found unconscious.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Pool Gets Four Absentee Votes But Atkinson Issue Stymied

ATKINSON—The second bond issue try in six months in an effort to acquire a municipal swimming pool here apparently has failed.

Following the Tuesday, November 5, balloting, the proposal lacked six votes of getting 60 percent voter approval. The unofficial ballot count was 308 "for" and "216 against".

Monday the city council convened and canvassed the voting record. Four absentee votes were counted, all favoring the 33-thousand-dollar bond proposal. This narrowed the margin to two votes.

In June the proposal lost by 21 votes. It'll be another six months before the issue can be raised again.

There was speculation some of the negative votes might be formally challenged but Wednesday there were no indications there would be court action.

Some irregular voting practices were charged in street-corner talk, but none became a matter of record.

Holt Native, 62, Expires in Idaho

EMMET—Mrs. Birdie Delong Hickey, 62, of Boise, Ida., died in a Boise hospital Friday night, November 1, following a brief illness.

She was born at Redbird January 3, 1895 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton. She has been a resident of Boise for 20 years.

She was united in marriage to Peter J. Hickey December 17, 1921. Six children were born to this union. They lived in Holt, Boyd, Pierce and Cedar counties for 27 years before moving to Boise, Ida., where she had made her home until her death.

Survivors include: Widower—Peter J. Hickey; sons—Robert F. Hickey and Arthur M. Hickey both of Boise and Frank H. Hickey of St. Maries, Ida.; daughters—Mrs. Etta McDonald of

Belzer, Veteran of World War I, Dies

Carl K. Belzer, 68, a retired O'Neill farmer and World War I veteran, died at St. Anthony's hospital Thursday, November 7. He became ill Tuesday evening, November 5, and entered the hospital the following morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Belzer who had been ill about two years, farmed southeast of O'Neill. He retired in 1950. Funeral services were held Monday, November 11, at 9 a.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

A rosary was recited at Biglin's chapel Sunday at 7:45 p. m. Pallbearers were Joe Nekolite, Hurley Jones, Andrew Wettlauf, Peter Donohoe, Harry Jolly and Emil Adamson.

Mrs. E. M. Beaver Dies in Wyoming

Word was received Monday by Mrs. Hugh O'Neill of the death of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Beaver of Deaver, Wyo. She died suddenly at her son's home following a long illness. Mr. Beaver died May 12, 1957.

Survivors include two sons, one daughter and several grandchildren. Burial will be made today (Thursday) at Powell, Wyo.

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Two-Room Home Scene of Tragedy

Bruce Grimes, 24, Is 'Critical'; Mother, Babe Recovering

CHAMBERS—A family of three, including a 20-month-old baby, was overcome with propane gas fumes late Tuesday in their two-room cabin-type dwelling one mile east of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grimes and their infant daughter, Patsy, were found unconscious about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The three were rushed to St. Anthony's hospital at O'Neill where attendants described their condition as "critical" for several hours.

Late Wednesday afternoon oxygen was removed from Mrs. Grimes and the baby. Both had regained consciousness, but Mr. Grimes showed no reaction and his condition was described as "very critical".

Wednesday night he was given a blood transfusion. Doctors held little hope for his recovery.

Bruce had been ill with influenza Tuesday and was confined to his home, situated about 60 feet from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes.

His mother had called at the cabin-home about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. When she saw no activity early Wednesday, she assumed the family was sleeping late because of Bruce's illness. However, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning she went to investigate and found the mother and baby lying on the floor, unconscious, and Bruce on the bed, also unconscious.

Some blood had been lost and there were other signs of sickness. At 9 Tuesday eve a light was burning in the tiny home and the same light was burning Wednesday morning when help arrived. It was theorized the family had been overcome by fumes from one of three gas appliances—refrigerator, cook stove and space heater. The bulk tank is situated about 35 feet from the dwelling and the gas is piped into the house.

The space heater has an outside vent, Gerald Grimes, 26, function. No official investigation of the appliances and found the refrigerator and space heater "on" and cook stove "off". He also said he could detect no malfunction. No investigation of the had been conducted up until Wednesday night.

Bruce, 24, is a three-year veteran of the marine corps. He was aboard ship Korea-bound when hostilities ended. During his high school days he lettered three years in both football and basketball.

He was graduated from Chambers high school in 1950.

Married in 1955 His wife, Bonita, 19, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Osborn of Burwell, who recently moved from Chambers.

The couple was married in April, 1955, at Chambers. His wife attended Chambers high school until their marriage.

Upon his separation from the marine corps, they established housekeeping at the home place where Bruce is in partnership with his father.

Bruce was born November 26, 1932, at Chambers. Chambers firemen who came to the scene with oxygen helped remove the unconscious persons to the O'Neill hospital. Ralph Adams, Duane K. Miller and Bill Thomson took Bruce; Ed Cody and Tim Reed took the 19-year-old mother to the hospital, and Gerald Grimes took Patsy.

Mr. Cody was at the Grimes home when the tragedy was discovered.

Bonita was confused late Wednesday and could not recount just what had happened.

Relatives theorized the "inverted" air pressure condition Tuesday night might have restricted the ventilation in the tiny dwelling. The area was enveloped in fog, which moved in around 9 o'clock. It is believed a leak or a malfunction caused the tragedy.

Former Verdel Youth Killed

VERDEL—Funeral services were held Tuesday in Verdel for Edward Moravec, 18, a Bellevue youth, who was killed in an auto accident at Bellevue.

Young Moravec was a high school senior, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moravec, sr., former residents of Verdel.

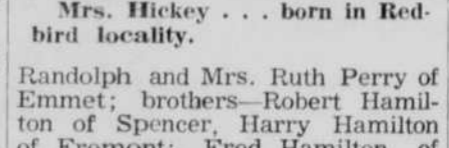
The Moravacs are related to the Hanzlik families at Verdel. The services were held at the Presbyterian church at Verdel. Burial was in the Verdel cemetery under the direction of the Jones funeral home. Rev. Joseph Walstad officiated.



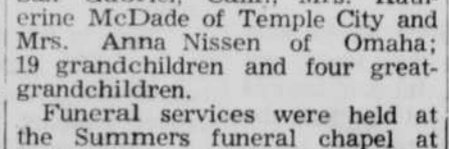
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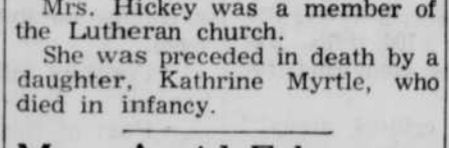
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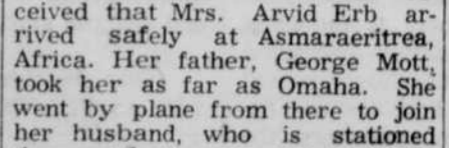
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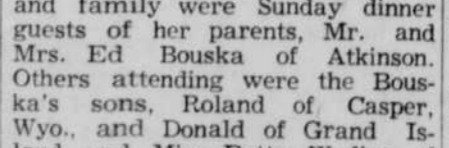
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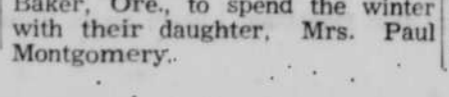
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