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Seven Cents

Mary Gonderinger, Patricia Poese
Win Bicycles In Safety Contest

Winners in the first O'Neill bicycle safety program were announced last week by Mrs. Louis Wray, publicity chairman for VFW auxiliary 926, sponsors of the program with the cooperation of Police Chief Chris McGinn.

Mary Gonderinger, 7th grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gonderinger, won first place and a bicycle for her essay on bicycle safety. Carol Lowery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery, won second and Cheryl Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson, won third.

Patricia Poese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Poese, won first prize and a bicycle in the slogan division with her slogan: "Keep to the right when riding your bike."

Judy Horner, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Horner, won second with the slogan "To stay alive, keep alert." Judy won a Cinderella doll.

John Richter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richter, won third prize of a basketball and goal set with his slogan "Make your brakes stronger and you'll live longer."

Poster winners announced by Mrs. Wray are: Grades 1, 2, and 3, Jim Melena, 1st; Jerry Wray, 2nd; and Debra Sivesind, 3rd. Grades 4, 5 and 6: Virginia Walker, 1st; Nancy Harshfield, 2nd; Linda Coates, 3rd. Dick Clyde, Linda Hunt and Nancy Longnecker received honorable mention.

Grades 7 and 8: Jolene Stutz, 1st; Margaret Conway, 2nd; and Duane Winkler, 3rd. Ellen Artus

and Patrick Benze got honorable mentions.

The Thursday parade winners were, for funniest bike, Jim Humrich, 1st; Joe McLeish, 2nd; and Terry Cleveland, 3rd. Prettiest bike winners were Marilyn Peters, 1st; Janet Speltz, 2nd; and Virginia Walker, 3rd.

Earl and Mike Peterson won 1st in the children's marching. Jerry Wray was 2nd and David Olmstead was 3rd.

Mary Gonderinger's winning essay is printed as follows:

"Safety is important to everyone. Bicycle safety is important mostly to children. Children must always obey the rules of safety. Rules are necessary so people will not be injured. Some rules you should follow are:

"Have only one person riding on a bike at one time. Make sure your bike is in good condition. Ride on the right side of the road. Have a light in front and a red tail light in back. Wear something white if you ride at night. Never hitch rides on cars or trucks.

"These rules are very necessary because if we follow them carefully we are not as likely to get hurt. Many children are injured or even killed every year because they did not practice bicycle safety at all times.

"You may have fun on bicycles if you do it safely. When a group gets together with their bikes, a bike ride is fun. But some of the most dangerous accidents result

from clowning with a group. They may show off by swerving out across the street and back again. Or they may duck in and out of cars or other parked automobiles.

"Another danger is hitchhiking rides on moving cars or trucks. You should not hitch rides because if the car or truck stopped suddenly you would keep on going and run into the automobile. You could also be swept under the wheels.

"One of the most common reasons for accidents is two or three on a bicycle. This is dangerous because the person riding cannot see and thus could run into something. Two or more on a bike also is dangerous because it throws the bike off balance.

"Keeping your bike in good condition is very important. For example if you are coming down a hill with a car coming and your brakes don't work, there is danger of an accident. If you cannot steer, you could easily run into something and injure yourself.

"Having lights is also important. Lights in front allow you to see any holes or objects that could cause an accident. Red or yellow tail lights allow cars approaching from behind to see you. Wearing a jacket or shirt that is white is good because light on it will show it.

"Bicycle safety is important to all, whether they ride a bike or not!"

Don't Forget!

Deadline for renewing drivers licenses is noon, Oct. 31. County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock said that there are about 1,000 licenses that have not as yet been renewed. He said that all licenses issued between September 1, 1957 and September 1, 1959 expired the first of September.

An examination is necessary to obtain a new license if drivers forget to get their license before October 31.

Church Installs
Automatic Set
To Help Pray

The Presbyterian church of O'Neill has added a new service for its parishioners and friends. An automatic prayer answering device designed to allow friends to call the number and have a prayer read to them over the phone was installed Tuesday.

It was pointed out by Rev. John Hart, pastor, that the device is not in any sense to replace personal prayer but rather to supplement such prayer.

At times the automatic device will only suggest things to pray for. The majority of prayers recorded will be for personal and spiritual growth, designed to meet the needs of everyday living.

The device was installed after a meeting of the church session at which members felt that many people feel the need to have their thoughts led in prayer.

The prayers, strictly non-sectarian in content, will also be for events of the civic year, such as national holidays.

The number to call, 800, may be used anytime, day or night.

Schaffer Gets Award

David Schaffer, son of Mrs. Clara Schaffer, O'Neill, has been awarded a scholarship by the Lewis and Smith Drug Co. Schaffer is a pharmaceutical student at Creighton University. Schaffer has also been named vice-president of the student branch for the American Pharmaceutical Association.

McGinley Can't Visit
Holt County Now

Congressman Donald F. McGinley informed the Frontier yesterday that he will not be able to visit Holt county as scheduled on October 29. McGinley stated that unforeseen personal problems and congressional work make it necessary to postpone the visit.

Congressman McGinley did not say when he might visit the county, but stated that he hopes to be in Holt county to tour proposed reclamation projects sometime in December.

Sale Dates
Claimed

FRIDAY, Oct. 23—Livestock, furniture, machinery. Mrs. Stanley Chmell, 16 miles south of O'Neill on highway 281 and 5 1/2 miles east; 12:30 p.m. Col. Ed Thorin and Col. Al (Pug) Horn, auctioneers.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24—Land auction, 320 acres, Nicholas Ries, administrator, 4 miles north of O'Neill Drive-In theater on highway 281 and 1 mile west; 1:30 p.m., Col. Wallace O'Connell, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, Oct. 27—Registered Hereford Bulls, H. A. and R. E. Van Horn, 16 miles southeast of O'Neill on highway 20 to sign and 2 1/2 miles southeast; 1 p.m. Charles Corlie, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, Oct. 27—Livestock and machinery sale of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blair located 1 mile east and 5 1/2 miles south of Chambers, Col. Ed Thorin, real estate broker and auctioneer in charge. Chambers State Bank, clerk.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 28—90 head of Herefords, hay and feed, machinery, furniture, Fred Lornez, 1 1/2 miles southeast of Inman along highway 275 on south side of railroad 12 noon sharp; Ed Thorin and George Coleman, auctioneers.

SATURDAY, Oct. 31—D. J. Murphy furniture sale of complete household goods. Located at the corner of 9th and Douglas. Col. Wally O'Connell, auctioneer.

MONDAY, Nov. 2—Livestock and machinery farm sale of Robert and Emma Krokauger, Verne Reynoldson, auctioneer and Virgil Laursen, broker. See next week's Frontier for big ad.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4—Livestock and machinery sale of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fullerton located 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Amelia. Col. Ed Thorin, real estate broker and auctioneer in charge. Chambers State Bank, clerk.

SATURDAY, Nov. 7—Holt County Hereford Breeders Association sale of 49 registered Herefords. Show at 10 a.m. Sale at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 17th—Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffrey, 3 miles west 4 miles north and 3/4 west of Chambers. Selling livestock, machinery, hay, grain and furniture. Col. Wally O'Connell and Merlin Grossnicklaus, auctioneers. Ed Murphy, clerk.

Dickerson Trial
Delayed; Doctor
To Study Body

Defense attorney in the Sadie Dickerson trial, William Brennan, has filed a motion to exhumate the body of 20-year-old Frank Vanderlinde.

District Judge Lyle Jackson has granted permission for the body to be exhumed for further study into the cause of death.

Brennan and another defense attorney, George Johnson of Gregory, asked for the action during a three hour meeting here Monday. Boyd County Attorney William Wills questioned the right of the court to order the body exhumed.

Wills said that a complete autopsy was performed at the time of the death and should be sufficient to determine the cause of death.

Brennan says that he has contacted a Dr. Holyoke of Omaha who has conducted experiments from which he can tell, by the hole in the boy's head, whether the hit was thrown or drilled into the head.

Consequently, the trial of Mrs. Dickerson, originally set to begin Monday, will be delayed.

Testing Service
Will Ask Families
To Record Shows

Beginning October 25 a number of Holt county families will be keeping special diaries of their television viewing habits.

The testing service, American Research Bureau, will select the families which will begin to keep a week's record of the programs they watch, which members of the family view each program and how long they watch the show.

The information received will be compiled and will give the major networks an indication of the type of programs being viewed in Holt county.

Ten Homes Seen
By School Group
At Open House

The Sunday open house sponsored by the Friends of St. Mary's was a success, Mrs. Rynold Cimpel, chairman, reported this week. The open house was a fund raising project for the organization.

O'Neill homes open to the public for the day were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Don Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mullendore, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gilg, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wichman, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berigan.

In addition to these homes, St. Mary's Academy held an open house, with sisters and teachers in the rooms to receive and talk to the parents. A tea was served at the Academy, with Mrs. George Hammond in charge of the table. Mrs. D. A. Kersenbrock was in charge of the open houses.

PTA Carnival Planned
For Saturday Night

O'Neill PTA members are completing arrangements this week for their carnival to be held in the high school auditorium Saturday at 6:30.

Everything selling everything from candy to magazines will be set up and a variety of games are planned, including a dart throw, string pull, fish pond, basket throw and many others. A white elephant auction will be held and a freak show is planned. For the children, movies will be shown.

Lunch will be served throughout the carnival. Everyone is invited to attend.

Petsche Leaves Frontier

Jerry Petsche, editor of the Frontier, has left the employ of this newspaper and has given his address as Lincoln.

Until another editor can be hired, Jim Champion, present copublisher, will act as editor. Petsche had been with the Frontier since February.

Ericson Woman Shot

A 33-year-old Ericson woman was shot to death Sunday at an Ericson cafe where she worked.

Her estranged husband, Virgil, who was arrested and held in connection with the shooting, slashed his wrists yesterday at the Wheeler county jail where he was being held. Ronzo is in critical condition at a hospital at the present time.

O'Neill Coed To Tour

Fifty-three singers have been named to the 1959-60 Hastings College touring choir. Included in the altos in the choir are Jane Peterson of O'Neill and Gary Dolbins of Burwell. The organization will make a three-state tour the end of March during the spring recess, according to director Allen Lehl.

Miss Betty Shultz is a flutist in the college symphony orchestra. The first concert is scheduled for February.

4-H Camp Money Raised
At Achievement Day Here

Pictured above are some of the Holt County extension council officers. They are, front row, 1 to r, Mrs. A. T. Crumly, vice chairman; county chairman; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, Page, secretary; treasurer; Mrs. J. L. Pruden, Ewing, new county chairman. Back row, 1 to r, Mrs. Harold Milner, 4-H chairman; Mrs. George Mellor, music chairman; Mrs. Donald Nissen, health chairman; Mrs. Fred Roberts, Atkinson, publicity chairman.



Here are more of the Holt County extension officers presented at Achievement Day Tuesday: Front row, 1 to r, Mrs. G. H. Grimes, Chambers, past county chairman; Mrs. Gene Zimmerman, Ewing, group chairman; Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, Atkinson, county extension board. Back row, 1 to r, Mrs. George Kiedel, Stuart, group chairman; Mrs. Dale Stauffer, Page, group chairman; Mrs. Don Cleveland, group chairman; and Mrs. Norbert Clark, reading chairman.

T. D. Hutton, Inman,
Logs 45 Years with
Railroad as Agent

Mr. T. D. Hutton, Inman, passed another milestone in service to Inman residents and Chicago and Northwestern Railroad this month when he logged 45 years as agent at the depot there.

Mr. Hutton will receive a gold-and-enamel lapel pin designating the number of years he has been in the railroad's employ.

William Roberts, president of the C and NW veteran's association, said that the railroad takes great pleasure in presenting this mark of distinction to Mr. Hutton.

FIREMEN MEET

Loup Valley Firemen met Monday night at Chambers with representatives from Burwell, Ord, North Loup, Scotia and Chambers present.

Bishop Watts Critical

Bishop Bascom Watts of the Methodist church is reported to be in critical condition at Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln.

Bishop Watts suffered a stroke early in the year. Then a diabetic condition became acute and now he has suffered a series of heart attacks.

No other information was available at press time concerning the Bishop's progress.

Retail Sales Increased

Holt county retail sales for the month of August showed a decided increase over that of the same month for the preceding year.

The county had a 10.9 per cent increase over August of 1958 and a big jump of 19.8 per cent over the month of July.

About 300 women attended the Holt County Achievement Day here Tuesday at which \$128 was raised to go toward the building of the State 4-H camp at Halsey.

The theme of the meeting was centered around bread. Featured guest was Mrs. Peggy Walles, Lincoln, of the wheat institute. Mrs. Walton showed films of her trip to the International Trades Fair at Lucerne, Switzerland, at which she prepared and demonstrated the use of convenience foods.

Also a guest speaker was Mrs. Joy Tooley, Lincoln, with Goodie Mills, who told of products prepared from wheat by their company. The money for the 4-H camp was raised from bread sales.

The day's program included group singing, led by Mrs. George Mellor, Spencer, and Mrs. Fred Roberts, Atkinson; installation of officers and skits by group centers. The skits, presented by Chambers, Ewing and O'Neill, were "The Little Red Hen," "Old Women in the Shoe," and "It Could Be You."

The following officers were installed: Mrs. J. L. Pruden, county chairman; Mrs. Joe Roche, vice county chairman; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, sec.-treas.; Mrs. Fred Roberts, publicity chairman; Mrs. Donald Nissen, health chairman; Mrs. George Mellor, music chairman; Mrs. Harold Milner, 4-H chairman; Mrs. G. H. Grimes, past county chairman; Mrs. A. T. Crumly, reading county chairman; Mrs. Norbert Clark, reading chairman and Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, extension board member.

Group chairmen are Mrs. Fred Roberts, Atkinson; Mrs. G. H. Grimes, Chambers; Mrs. Gene Zimmerman, Ewing; Mrs. Dale Stauffer, Page; Mrs. Dale Kiedel, Stuart.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. Tom Lambert, Ewing; Mrs. Charles Bellin, O'Neill; Mrs. Joe Roche, Atkinson; Mrs. Dan Troshynski, Page; Mrs. Veal Tuttle, Clearwater, and Mrs. Jerome Weber, Stuart.

Corsages and centerpieces were made by Mesdames Charles Bellin, Norbert Clark, Richard Bower, Carl Schenkel, John Bellin, Jay McConnell, Don Wecker and Ed McManus.

The Scott Community and Elkhorn Extension clubs had charge of the tables and noon luncheon.

Skit participants were as follows: Mrs. Gene Zimmerman, Mrs. R. Albers, Mrs. Florence Hahlbeck, Mrs. Bud Wright, Mrs. Jerry Rotherham and Mrs. Dean Polahl, all of Ewing; Mrs. G. H. Grimes, Mrs. Frank Tracy, Mrs. Edwin Hubbard, Mrs. Stan Lambert, Mrs. Shirley Svato, Mrs. Melvin Bell, Mrs. Richard Sunderman, Mrs. Bernard Hoffman, Mrs. Verne Sageser and Mrs. Bill Crawford, all of Chambers; Mrs. Martin Luber, Mrs. Clay Johnson Jr., Mrs. Duane Philbrick, Mrs. Frank Eppenhach, Mrs. Dale Perry, Mrs. Donald Cleveland, Mrs. Carol McKay, and Mrs. Joe Sivesind, all of O'Neill.

Robert Murphy Paroled
For Two Years by
Judge Mounts Monday

Robert Murphy, 16, was put on parole to area parole officer E. E. Cummings as a result of motor vehicle homicide charges filed in connection with the death of Miss Lois Schaaf September 13.

Murphy, the driver of the car in which the accident occurred, was placed on parole for two years by District Judge D. R. Mounts. Another case heard by the judge was that of Vernon Strong, who was sentenced to the Boys' Industrial School at Kearney until he is 21. Strong was charged with parole violation.

Elwin Smith, Inman Telephone
Operator, On Job 36 YearsBy Sarah Michaelis
Special Correspondent

Down at Inman there is a gentleman whose interests are many and his jobs varied. He is Elwin Smith, who most of you know as the local telephone exchange operator. He is a genial fellow—always ready "with a bit of a joke" as the occasion arises.

Elwin has been with the exchange since 1923, starting out by helping his mother, Mrs. Charles Smith, who operated the locally owned operation at the time.

At present, Elwin acts as operator, line foreman, engineer and clerk for the exchange which has about 85 subscribers.

Though many of the surrounding towns have gone to the dial system, Elwin feels that the Inman exchange will stay the same, although many subscribers are putting in new desk type phones with the ringer mounted on the front of the phone.

He says, however, that many still have the wall type phone with the ringer on the side.

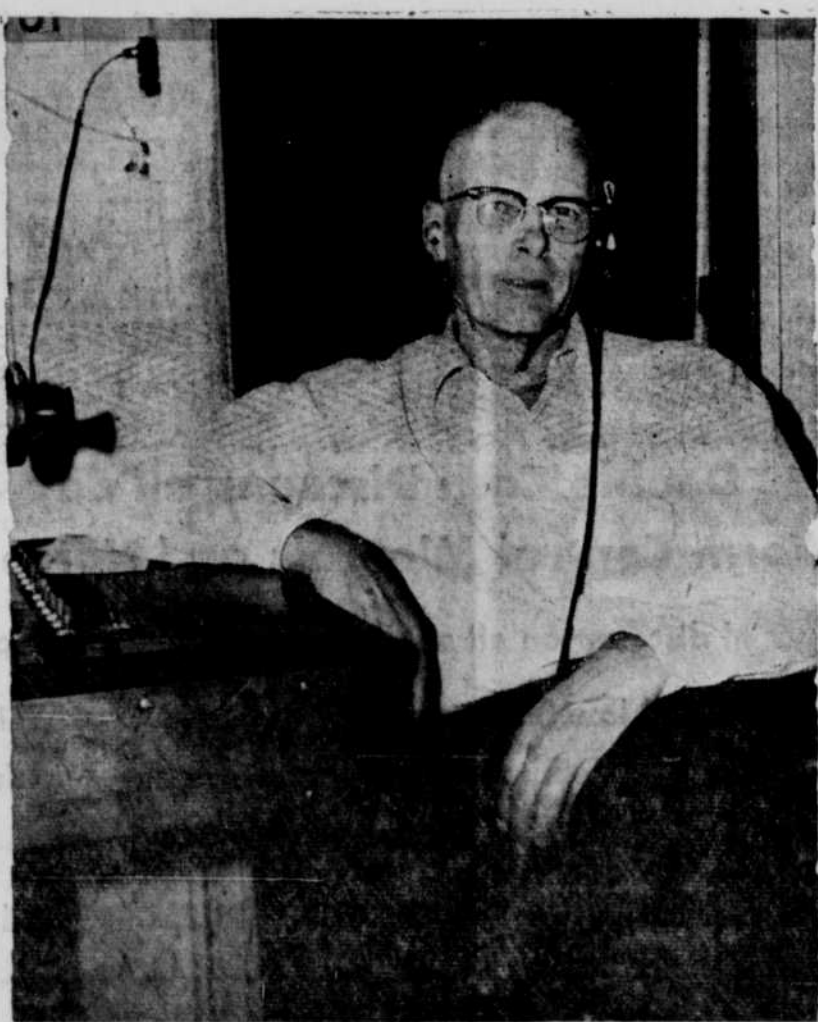
A great improvement to the exchange has been the carrier system added to the long distance service. With this improvement, several conversations may be carried at the same time over the same pair of wires.

Elwin says that he doesn't use climbers anymore to service the line and has switched instead to the ladder in making repairs.

Mr. Smith is assisted in his work by his wife, the former Maurine Harkins, who he married in 1939. In addition to his duties at the exchange, Elwin has many hobbies to keep him busy. Gardening occupies a good share of his time and since he completed his greenhouse a few years back he has turned it into a profitable hobby at that.

In the winter months he builds boxes—big boxes and little boxes. Then in the spring he starts tomato plants and other vegetables, transplants them to the boxes and sells them to many grocery stores and private customers.

He likes to experiment in his greenhouse and last year he even



Elwin Smith . . . 36 years on the phone at Inman. Frontier photo and engraving.

grew some tobacco which he claims a fellow over by Page gets and really smokes.

He also has a very large garden and during his spare moments you will find him there.

In earlier years Elwin did considerable photography and photo finishing work.

At present, Elwin is interested in old photograph records and has quite a collection of the tubular type of years gone by. He has an old photograph on which he plays

the records and I listened to one by "Uncle Josh" telling about buying his first car.

Another collectors item is a home-made radio dating to the early '20s. In those days of few radio stations, Elwin says that he could pick up Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, California, Cuba and Canada on the set. It has been 36 years since Elwin has taken a vacation and as he puts it he "probably wouldn't know what to do with my time if I did have one."