



Gerald Wichman seems unconcerned with his fate as he posed Wednesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital with his mother, Mrs. Marlin Wichman. Gerald was born on February 29, insuring himself few birthdays, but lots of attention.

Birthdays To Be Special For Gerald Wichman

Gerald Vernon Wichman one of O'Neill's newest arrivals, doesn't care right now but he won't celebrate his first birthday for four years.

Gerald is the 8 pound, 3 ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wichman and had the fortune, good or bad, to be born on February 29 at 1:30 a.m.

Mrs. Wichman isn't complaining about the date, however, Gerald rounds out the Wickman family to an even three girls and three boys. The other Wickman children are Michael, 11, Joan, 8, Julie, 5, Jim, 3, and Dorie, 2.

Perhaps little Gerald can someday make-up for lost birthdays by becoming a member of an international organization of people born on February 29 who every leap year celebrate their birthday's with a national celebration.

Mrs. J. Reimers Services Set for Today at Inman

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) for Mrs. John H. Reimers at the Methodist church at Inman at 2 p.m. Rev. Glenn Kennicott, pastor of the O'Neill Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Inman cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Coveny, Louis Kopecky, Jr., Fred Moore, Freleat Pribil, Don Noring and Charles Young.

Ida Isabell (Pronneke) Reimers, daughter of William and Caroline Bucholz Pronneke, was born at Oceola March 29, 1881. She moved with her family to Pierce county in 1893 where they resided on a farm.

She was graduated from the Pierce high school in 1898 and taught in a rural school west of Pierce for three years. In February, 1903, she was married to John Reimers.

The couple farmed 2 1/2 miles west of Pierce for seven years. They then moved to Foster where they lived for one year, then to Madison county where they lived for the next seven years. In 1918 they moved to Holt county and lived near Inman since.

An attack of the flu along with a heart condition and other complications brought about her death.

She was preceded in death by one son, Herman, who died on New Guinea during World War II; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Edna) Zimmerman and Edith. She is survived by her husband, John; two sons, Reinhold and Chris, both of Inman; three daughters, Mrs. William (Etta) Serck of Emmet, Mrs. Elmer (Dorothy) Krueger of Woodward, Ia.; and Mrs. Lyle (Bonita) Pyle of Bayside, Va.; twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Award Farmers At Corn Meet

Regional corn producers were honored Friday night at Atkinson at the Regional Corn Program Reception dinner. Lyle Barnhart, president of the Nebraska Fertilizer Institute, presented the awards and certificates.

Frank Svoboda, Atkinson, won first place yield in the highest yield division, with 150 bushel per acre. Second place went to Darrel Bower, Ainsworth, with 126 bushel per acre yield.

In the most profit per acre division Edwin Rentschler, Atkinson, won first place with \$64 per acre, and Darrel Bower of Ainsworth won second with \$62 per acre.

In the lowest cost per bushel division, Darrel Bower of Ainsworth won first place, with Edwin Rentschler, Atkinson winning second.

Fred Lindberg, O'Neill, was the only producer in the dryland division and received the awards for dryland production.

Seniors Convene Here

Over 200 Holt County seniors were in O'Neill Wednesday for Career Day, sponsored by the O'Neill town teachers association.

Talking with the seniors were representatives from all branches of the armed forces; representatives of business institutes in Lincoln, Rapid City, S. D., and Omaha; and officials of 10 Nebraska and South Dakota Colleges.

Rodman on Dean's List

Betty Rodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Rodman, is on the Dean's Honor List at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The compilation lists the scholastic standing of the top five per cent of the Wesleyan student body for the first semester this year.



The Page basketball team, winners of the Class D. district tournament held last week here are shown above. Pictured are, front row, Ronnie Parks, Dennis Ickes, Jon Cork and Ronnie Asher. Back row, Coach Ron Park, Gene Harvey, Dennis Kemper, Fred Cronk and Norman Wettlaufer.

WEATHER

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Friday 26	13	-2	-
Saturday 27	13	-10	.05"
Sunday 28	9	-10	-
Monday 29	23	-14	-
Tuesday 1	12	-2	-
Wednesday 2	10	-4	-

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Alfred Martens, Atkinson Rancher Takes Own Life Tuesday At Home

Alfred Martens, Atkinson rancher, took his own life at 10 a.m. Tuesday in a machine shed on his ranch. The death weapon was a 30-30 caliber rifle.

According to the two men who were at the ranch loading cattle that morning Alfred walked past them, spoke, and continued on to the machine shed.

A short time later the shot was heard. Authorities investigating the Atkinson say that it was a definite suicide.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Seger Funeral Chapel at Atkinson with Rev. Charles Gates, pastor of the Atkinson Methodist church, officiating.

Pallbearers are Bob Cole, G. Owen Cole, Elmer Schaff, John O'Connell, Clarence Gilg and Charles Cole.

Alfred W. Martens, son of Fred P. and Margaretha Friedt Martens, was born June 21, 1902. He was married Dec. 14, 1934, to Lois Ann Kuehler at Reno, Nev. To this union seven children were born.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; four daughters, AC Jacqueline A. Cole with the air force in Puerto Rico, Miss Jaralay, RN of North Platte, Jean and Shelley; two sons, Bryan and Thomas.

Bryan and Jean attend Wayne State Teachers College. Thomas and Shelley are at home.

Two sisters and three brothers also survive—Mrs. Alice Cole, Richmond, Calif., and Mrs. Carrie Elk of Denver, Colo., Charles of Newcastle, Wyo., J. C. of Roswell, N. Mex., and Robert of Atkinson. A daughter Joyceelyn, preceded him in death.

Earl Collins and his daughter Mrs. Pat Krum, will be vocalists with Mrs. Bonnie Jungman, pianist.

L. Swanson, Chambers, Is named to Boys State

Larry Swanson of Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swanson, has been chosen to represent Chambers at Boy's State, held in Lincoln in June. The trip is sponsored by the American Legion Post at Chambers.

Larry is a member of the junior class, excelling in both football and basketball.



Larry Swanson

School Battle Seen Tomorrow At Public Meet

A hot fight between members of the Nebraska School Improvement Association and County Superintendent Miss Alice French is shaping up here and a public meeting has been called for March 4 at the Legion Hall in O'Neill.

The open discussion will revolve around the recent reorganization plan which was submitted to the state.

For interesting sidelights to the meeting, see page 10 under the Letters to the Editor column.

Cub Scouts Begin Clothes Drive Saturday

The Cub Scouts of Covered Wagon Area Council, will begin their Good Turn Day Clothing Drive for the handicapped Saturday.

Roy E. Hurrich, O'Neill, cubmaster, will have charge of the bag delivery March 5 and will be assisted by the Den Mothers.

Articles solicited include discarded clothing for men, women and children; unwanted garments to be repaired; all kinds of shoes tied in pairs; curtains, drapes, linens and bedding. Also small toys, electrical appliances and all other household articles and utensils.

Newspapers and magazines will not be included in this drive and will not be picked up.

March 12 will be pick-up day for the collection of the filled bags.

Student Council Clothes Drive Continues Thru 23

March 23 is the last day for the clothing drive sponsored by the student council of the O'Neill high school. The drive has been in progress for some time.

Those having clothing to contribute will please call 63 during school hours and give their address. Clothing is being picked up Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

Clothing will be distributed to underprivileged children of our nation and overseas.

Mrs. August Pospichal Unhurt in Car Upset

Mrs. August Pospichal upset her car Friday evening as she was en route to Amelia to get her son, Michael, from school.

The car, a 1960 Corvair, was badly damaged but Mrs. Pospichal received only slight bruises.

The car wheels got into an old rut, causing her to lose control. It turned over twice and landed on its top. She was able to get out of the car without help.

The accident occurred just west of the road going past the Elmer Colledge home about two miles west of Amelia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Porter Vacate Pioneer Farm

ORCHARD—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter moved Monday from their farm five miles northeast of Orchard to the residential property they purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Fox moved to the C. B. and Q. depot where he is agent.

The farm vacated by the Porters has been in the Porter's possession since it was homesteaded by his grandfather. His father, Fred Porter, lived on the farm all his life and it has been Edwin's except for some ten years or so when Mr. and Mrs. Porter lived on an adjoining farm and on a farm near Hay Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stelling are moving to the Porter farm.

Mrs. Cronk Named Counter

PAGE—Mrs. Frank Cronk is head of the 1960 population and housing census as crew leader.

Mrs. Cronk will attend a Monday school of instruction in Grand Island and the following week will attend a four day session there.

She held an enumerator's test in the supervisors room at the Holt County courthouse at O'Neill Tuesday afternoon. Other tests will be held until the quota of enumerators is filled.

Butte Clubs To Hold Hereford Field Day

The Butte Community Club and the Niobrara Hereford Association are co-sponsors for the 1960 annual Hereford Field Day at the Butte Livestock Market Monday, March 7.

Registration will commence at 9:30 a.m. with the cattle judging contest at 10 a.m. A total of 42 ribbons and cash awards totaling \$124.00 will be distributed, according to age, by the judges.

Larry is a member of the junior class, excelling in both football and basketball.

To Bid for Police Car

Bids will be opened April 6 for a new police car as was announced Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the city council. Mayor Schaffer presided.

April 6 has also been set as the date for the hearing on liquor and beer licenses within the city. The election which falls on April 5 has postponed the next council meeting to April 6.

Firms Sought For School Building Plans

Members of the O'Neill public school board met Tuesday night and commissioned superintendent M. J. Baack to contact four architectural firms to attend a special school board meeting March 21.

An attempt will be made at that time to select a firm to assist in setting up the machinery for the school's building program. Baack said he expected to contact firms from Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk.

The board also instructed the school board's attorney, J. D. Cronin, to go ahead with preparations for acquiring land needed for the building program.

World Prayer Day Friday

The World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday afternoon in a joint meeting of O'Neill churches in a 2 p.m. service at the Methodist church. Mrs. Glenn Kennicott will open the meeting.

The day's offering will go to Missions, both foreign and home.

Conservation Directors To Be Elected March 11

Two Supervisors will be elected to the Holt Soil and Water Conservation District board on Friday, March 11.

Polls will be open at the basement of the Courthouse Annex from noon until 6 p.m. and at the American Legion Hall from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The election will be held in conjunction with the Conservation Awards Program. All land owners are eligible to vote.

In addition to the polling places which will be open on March 11, mail ballots may be secured from any of the following places: Atkinson—First National Bank; Ewing—Farmers State Bank; Stuart—Tri-County Bank; Chambers—Chambers State Bank; Holt County Extension Office; Holt SWCD District Office, Page—Cooperative Credit Association.

The five candidates for the office of Holt Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor are: Russell Bareelman—A 25-year old rancher living 17 miles south of O'Neill. He has lived on this place for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Bareelman have 3 sons. He operates 720 acres and entered into a Great Plains contract last year. He feels that this is one of the best and easiest ways to develop a complete conservation program on his own place. His plan includes such things as grass seeding, tree planting, cross fencing, wildlife improvement, livestock water well and pit and proper range use.

Elmer Juracek—Mr. Juracek has been a district supervisor for 8 years and at the present time is vice president of the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Elmer is 44 years old, has 2 girls and one boy. He operates 1440 acres some 25 miles northeast of O'Neill. He has lived on this place since 1942 and has been a cooperatively with the district since 1947. In addition to strip cropping, diversion, contour farming, livestock water and erosion control dams, tree planting and grass seeding, he has developed a range management program that has improved the condition class of his pastures an entire class or more.

Thilo Poesnecker—He operates 400 acres 8 miles north of Atkinson. He is 52 years old, married

Devoy To Head Creighton Alums

Bob Devoy has been named new president of the O'Neill Creighton Alumni club, replacing retiring president Dr. E. M. Gleeson. Devoy is owner of the Rexall Drug Store here.

The O'Neill club, along with the Atkinson club, will be among those participating in the annual all-Creighton Alumni Communion Mass and breakfast Sunday.

The Atkinson mass will be at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's church followed by breakfast at Dorothy's Cafe with Dr. Frank J. Maneuso, chairman.

In O'Neill, the mass at St. Patrick's will be at 9 a.m. with the breakfast at the M & M Bakery and Cafe.

All Creighton alumni and their families are invited to attend these events. Non-Catholic alumni are invited to the mass.



The O'Neill high volleyball team is shown accepting second place trophy at the close of the tournament held this week at O'Neill. Pictured are from, left, Paula Reed, Bonny Lawrence, Mr. Boesen, Kathy Brady, Ileen Nelson, Marie Schaff, Mary Jo Curran, Sonita Wilson, Bonnie Reigie, and Irma Juracek. Chambers won the tourney.

Services Friday For E. Weyhrich

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Christ Lutheran church for Emil J. Weyhrich, an O'Neill resident for 20 years. Rev. A. S. Gedwilo officiated the 2 p.m. service. Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery at Randolph.

Mr. Weyhrich died at the age of 62 last Wednesday following an illness of six months.

Pallbearers were Melvin Schoor, Martin Magdanz and Kenneth Magdanz, all of Norfolk; Marvin Weyhrich, Randolph, Vern Schoch and Gordon Magdanz, Wayne. All were nephews of Mr. Weyhrich.

Emil J. Weyhrich was born on October 20, 1895, to Peter H. and Elizabeth Schuller Weyhrich, in Tassell county, Ill. He lived in Pierce for some years with his parents, before his marriage to Elsie Marie Magdanz on November 4, 1924 in Yankton, S. D.

Mr. Weyhrich came to O'Neill in 1949 with his wife and three children and has lived here since.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Mrs. Marlene Spry Pender, Mrs. Pat Gallup, Stratford, Okla., and Roland, South Sioux City; three brothers and two sisters.

Dixie Lee Nissen Capped at Lincoln

Dixie Lee Nissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nissen of Page is one of 21 students at Bryan Memorial School of Nursing at Lincoln who will be capped Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., at Christ Memorial church signifies the completion by the students of their first six months in nurse's training. After receiving their caps they are officially recognized as freshmen.

Additional study for two and one half years is required to complete the course.

Tom Hanaberry Found Dead At His Home

Thomas F. Hanaberry, 76, was found dead about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon by a neighbor, Herman DeGroof, who went to Hanaberry's home to fill the oil burner and check the needs of the deceased and his sister.

It is not known how long Mr. Hanaberry had been dead but indications were that he had been dead for some time. He was in seemingly good health Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 when DeGroof made his last visit for that day.

Mr. Hanaberry was found sitting in a reclining chair. He had a heart ailment and had been under a doctor's care for two years.

A sister, Eliza Hanaberry, 81, lived with Tom and another sister Mrs. Millie Borthe, lives at Bayard.

No funeral arrangements had been made at press time last night.

Elks Meet Friday

An organizational meeting of the Elk's service fraternity will be held tomorrow night (Friday) at the Golden Hotel with Bernice DeLay, Norfolk, on hand.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine if enough interest is shown in the organization to warrant an order here. All interested parties are invited.

Athletes Feted Tonight

The annual Ewing high school athletic banquet is scheduled for Thursday night at the school auditorium. Athletes, pep club members and senior class parents will participate.

A dance will follow the banquet and a sports king and queen will be crowned.

Telephone Users Work Together For Dial System Under Bell Program

Ranchers and farmers northwest of O'Neill were hard at work last week installing new telephone lines in conjunction with Bell Telephone's "Farmer Assistance Program."

Under the program, the telephone company furnishes the poles, line and other equipment for the new lines but the farmers using the service do the work.

Harry Peterson, local telephone company manager, says that the work is coming along just fine and that the new lines should be ready when Bell changes over to dial systems in this area.

The change-over is scheduled for next year. Rural subscribers would not have been serviced under the new system because only good metallic lines are capable of carrying the dial signals.

Now that these lines are to be in service for the dial system the farmers and ranchers shown working in the pictures on this page are assured, through cooperation, of having telephone service.



Farmers and ranchers living northeast of O'Neill are shown putting in their own telephone line. Pictured putting up a pole are, from left, Ed Thomas, Lloyd Ritts, Leonard Dusatko, Bill Mullen, Louis Clanson, Bernard Pongratz, Ray Thomas, Tom Clark and Albert Heeb.