



These O'Neill FFA boys attended the DeKalb banquet held at Norfolk last week. The boys, from left to right, Donald Skopec, Harvey Colfack, John Strong and Fred Rosenkrans, received awards for their outstanding FFA work.

Carl Nelson's Honored Sunday At 50th Wedding Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Nelson entertained friends and relatives Sunday at the Creighton Municipal Hall as they observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Following a dinner for 60 friends and relatives the Nelsons were honored during the afternoon at an open house with about 100 guests. Rev. Walter Siefeldt gave a short talk at the dinner. The table was centered with a large bouquet of yellow and bronze caryanthemums. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were married on March 23 in 1910 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloomquist, near Wausa. They lived for eight years on a farm near Wausa and in 1918 moved to their present farm home in the Walnut community.



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Naper Men and Women Play Game for Drive

Men and women of the Naper community put their hearts in the Heart Fund Drive. A basketball game, sponsored by the Lion's club, pitted the men of the community against the women in a thriller that went into overtime and netted \$66.50 for the drive. The men, playing in oversized overalls and husking items, finally won the game, 21 to 19. The ladies were given a free throw at the end of regulation play when the score was tied 19-19, but they missed and the two teams again took the court.

Participating in the game were Mrs. Russell Whitley, Vivian Alexander, Velda Stahlecker, Lorraine Hermansen, Lea Bennett, Sarah Schmitz and Joan Stoltenberg. The men were Dean Broekemaier, Leonard Schmitz, Harley Nicolous, Harold Fischer, Chuck Hermansen, Supt. Carter and John Schoenbaum.

The first game of the evening saw the town team beat the high school, 54-39.

Area Youth Elected Wayne Class Officers

Fred Fetrow, O'Neill, and Larry Kramer, Stuart, were elected to class officers in campus elections at Wayne State Teachers college Monday. Fetrow will serve as vice president of the junior class and Kramer was voted secretary of the senior class.

Accident Reported

An accident involving a 1950 Chevrolet pickup driven by Charles G. Kalina, 36, of Inman and a 4 door 1959 Chevrolet driven by Dorothy Graves of O'Neill occurred at noon Monday at Madison and Douglas west of the Nu-way cafe. The right side of the Graves car was damaged some.

Page Teacher Wins Science Scholarship

Page-Thomas Goodart, mathematics-science instructor at the Page high school, has won a scholarship for graduate work in mathematics at the University of Nebraska this summer. The scholarship, sponsored by the National Science Foundation to encourage math and science teachers, pays tuition, materials and living allowance for the term of 8 weeks at the University.

Cars Collide on Flooded Road

Deputy sheriff James Mullen reported an accident Sunday afternoon about 3:45 between Inman and O'Neill when the water ran across highway 20-275. Involved were a 1955 Cadillac driven by Robert Nohovic of Neigh and Wayne Sanders of Ewing, driving a 1954 Chevrolet. A string of cars traveling east sent a shower of water and mud over the Sanders windshield and he could not see that the Nohovic car had stopped to take a look at the water in flood stage.

The Sanders car hit the Cadillac with enough force to send it into the ditch where it filled with two feet of water. The occupants took refuge on the back of the seats until a wrecker came to put it back on the highway. Both cars were damaged extensively.

Three From Here On Capital Tour

Mrs. Guy Cole, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren were among the Nebraska women leaving today on chartered busses for the Nebraska Republican Women's Tour to Washington, D. C. The group of women will stop in Chicago and Philadelphia before their four days tour of the capital city. A highlight on the schedule of activities will be a tea with vice-president and Mrs. Richard Nixon. The women also hope to arrange a reception with the President and his wife.

Mrs. Cole attended the Republican Founders Day earlier this week in Lincoln where Mr. Nixon was a special guest. She is the Holt county Republican chairman. The three O'Neill women plan to be gone for 10 or more days on their trip as they will return home by a southern route.

Chamber Meeting Set

The O'Neill chamber of commerce will meet Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the L&R cafe for their regular meeting. The board of directors meeting is to be Friday (tomorrow) at 2 p.m. at the M & M cafe.

Ball Team To Organize

A town team baseball meeting has been scheduled Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Legion Hall to organize for the coming season. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

THE WEATHER

	HI	LO
Thursday 24	38	14
Friday 25	38	17
Saturday 26	45	28
Sunday 27	61	40
Monday 28	44	31
Tuesday 29	47	35
Wednesday 30	54	29

On Tuesday there was 45 perc.

Census Count Begins Friday

During the next two weeks, the "nose count" will be taken as the 18th decennial census of the population gets underway tomorrow. Mrs. Frank Cronk, crew chief from Page, concluded today her census enumerator training school for the 13 enumerators working under her in this area. The enumeration will begin Friday and should be concluded in two weeks. Forms have been sent to all residents and should be filled out to avoid delay. Additional questions will be asked at every fourth home. To count transients, the census this year is holding a "Tonight" at hotels and motels where transient guests will be asked to fill out forms on Thursday night. The Golden Hotel is planning their "Tonight" with the enumerators in charge of the arrangements.

Amelia Girl Wins College Scholarship

AMELIA—Miss Marcia Widman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Widman has been awarded an \$800 scholarship to study music at Morningside college, Sioux City, Ia. Miss Widman received the scholarship as a result of her performance in competitive auditions held at the college. She is a pianist. Announcement of the award was made by Dr. James H. Wood, head of the Morningside music department.

Andrew Jackson Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Ashburn chapel at Plainview for Andrew Jackson, son of Rev. Clarence Hanson, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Burial was made in the Enterprise cemetery near Venus.

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Carmen Meusch Capped

Carmen Meusch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Meusch, Stuart, was one of 25 students receiving their caps Sunday in a ceremony held at the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Lincoln. Receiving the Cap signifies successful completion of the pre-clinical period, and their official acceptance into the School of Nursing. Those student nurses will complete their Nursing education in August 1962.

Senior Play Scheduled

O'Neill high school seniors will present their senior class play "No More Homework," next Thursday and Friday nights April 7 and 8. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Tompkins, co-sponsor of the senior class. The play will be at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

School Dates Changed

Page school officials announced some changes in dates of school events as follows: the track meet in O'Neill, set for April 7, will now be held on April 27 and the Spring Band Concert has been rescheduled from April 14 to Tuesday April 5. Also coming up for Page students is the high school athletic banquet to be April 13 at the Methodist church. Featured speaker will be a former Page superintendent and coach Ralph Brostrom, Grand Island.

Grace Bible Band At Chambers Friday

CHAMBERS—The Grace Bible Institute of Omaha will present its 25-piece band Friday night at the Chambers high school gymnasium. Under the direction of Marlene Langosch various instrumental numbers will be given by the band including a brass quartet and trumpet trio. There will also be a vocal quartet and testimonies from members of the group. The public is invited.

4-H Club Has Sale

Members of the Eagle Hustler's 4-H club will sponsor a food sale at the Cork cafe Saturday, April 2. Each 4-H family is requested to bring two or three items for sale. Contributions will be welcome.



THE FRONTIER

"The Voice of the Beef Empire"

Former Resident's Child Drowns At Lincoln

Donald Austin (Sammy) Green, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donald Green, former O'Neill residents, now of Lincoln, lost his life Sunday afternoon when he fell into an unprotected sewer at 73rd and Avon in Lincoln.

The body was found about 6:45 Monday a.m. near where the stream channel joins Dead Man's Run. A posse of eight state game commission employees and two neighbors made the search. The body was lodged in debris and water which was about 3 1/2 feet deep.

The Green family moved from O'Neill to Hartington and later to Lincoln. Mr. Green was an employee of the State Game Commission and served as game warden for this area.

Survivors are: Parents; sister, Deborah; brother, John; grandparent, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Anderson, Ingwood, Fla. and John Green of Sargent. Burial was at Sargent.

Ira L. Watson's Leave for Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Watson, Inman flew from Omaha Tuesday for New York City as they began their trip to Frankfurt, Germany. They were driven to Omaha Monday by their son from O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson.

The Watson's will fly from New York to Frankfurt where they will meet their daughter and son-in-law, Col. and Mrs. Clifford Oppen. Col. Oppen's headquarters in Air Intelligence are in Rheinmain which is near Frankfurt.

The Oppen's live in Weisbaden where the Watson's expect to stay. From there they will visit Italy, Switzerland, Holland, France, Belgium and other European countries. They expect to be gone for a month or more.

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Floods Destroy Many Holt Bridges; Quick Thaw Melts Snow in Two Days



O'Neill Legionnaires lead the caravan of North and South Dakota and Nebraska legion members in O'Neill Monday night to help dedicate the American Legion Memorial Highway—highway 281.

Legionnaires Stop Here Monday; Three from Area Join Caravan

A three car delegation of Holt County legionnaires met the North and South Dakota delegates Monday as their 20 car caravan came through O'Neill enroute to Great Bend, Kans. for the dedication of U.S. Highway 281 as the "American Legion Memorial Highway."

A color guard of four men from each post in the county met the cavalcade at the west edge of O'Neill about 6 p.m. and escorted them to the Legion Hall for a banquet in their honor.

The dedication ceremony was Wednesday in Great Bend, where a caravan that began in Mexico met the northern states delegates. Joining the caravan in O'Neill to attend the dedication ceremonies were Senator Frank Nelson, Dr. J.M. Pucelik and John Krotter, both of Spencer. The caravan was also scheduled to stop in Hastings.

Over 100 guests attended the Legion Hall Monday night. Legion commander Jim Early gave the welcome address and introduced the district commander, George Wettlaufer, and visiting state officers from Nebraska, South and North Dakota.

The weather in North-Central Nebraska during the past week can easily be described in one word. WET! Temperatures which soared as high as 68 degrees, melted the near-record snowfall in just two days causing major flooding in all parts of the state.

North-Central Nebraska and especially the Holt county area, was first hit and more than 70 families in the area have been forced to leave their homes in the face of raging creeks and fast-rushing run-off waters.

Flooding began Saturday night on Ponca creek located just over the Holt county line to the north. Bristow and Lynch were hard hit and by Sunday afternoon as many as 60 families in that area had been forced to evacuate.

Officials watching the Niobrara river at the Spencer dam feared that the dam would not hold Saturday night. More than 23,000 cubic feet of water per second poured over the top of the dam putting the structure in danger as late as Sunday night.

The 23,000 cubic ft. per second flow at the Spencer dam can be contrasted with the normal 9,000 cubic flow at Gavins Point dam on the mighty Missouri river. During the flooding Randall dam flow was almost halted and the Gavins' Point gates were opened to accommodate a flow of 47,000 cubic feet per second.

Ice break-up caused the only serious flooding on the Niobrara when the river backed up and spewed out over the Niobrara Park at Niobrara. The bridge over highway 12 there finally gave way early Monday morning dropping two 100-ft. spans and one center support into the river.

No area casualties have been attributed to the flooding and officials have not yet been able to determine the amount of damage the raging waters have caused.

Countless numbers of bridges in Holt county have been destroyed adding to the already high costs of the snow removal during the winter. Roads in the lower areas which had dried some Thursday and Friday were again inundated by the water which turned many areas into giant lakes.

Inman was the most hard-hit of Holt county towns when runoff water from south and west of town descended late Saturday and early Sunday. As much as three feet of water rushed through the streets washing big holes in the roads. Forty feet of railroad track was washed out east of town.

The Elkhorn river was over its banks Sunday and Monday and water flowed over 275-29 just two miles east of O'Neill. Highway crews threw up a sand dike along the highway and traffic was reduced to one lane by Sunday night. A town-by-town report of the flooding follows.

INMAN—

Snow and ice south and west of town melted Saturday and by Sunday morning the "run-off" inundated Inman with in a few hours. At the highest point of the flood, the houses on the south edge of town were surrounded by two or more feet of water and the Bert Kopejka family had to evacuate. Water ran into the home of Joe Peters, a shop by the school and Pete's Bar. Travel in town was reduced to tractor, horseback, boat or waders as water covered every street. All the bridges were washed out.

Residents in Inman say that it was the worst flood in 35 years and many could not remember when the water had run so fast in the streets.

PAGE—

The greatest damage at Page was done at the Glen Stuart home when a culvert became ice-logged and the overflow crossed the road into the Stewart yard. The water filled the basement and cracked



23,000 cubic feet of water was pouring over the Spencer dam Sunday as officials feared that the dam might collapse. All the gates were open and the flooding Niobrara river raced to its Missouri river mouth.

Hattie Smith Funeral Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Smith, 77, of Clearwater were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Christian church in Clearwater with Elder Joseph Coon of Beemer officiating. Burial was in the Clearwater cemetery.

Mrs. Smith died Thursday in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Norfolk where she had been following a heart attack.

The late Hattie Smith was born December 21, 1882 at Mondamin, Ia. Her parents homesteaded near Clearwater where she grew to womanhood and spent her entire life. She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Ralph.

Survivors are: Daughters—Mrs. Glenn (Juanita) Elsberry of Norfolk and Mrs. Esther Nissen of Ontario, Ore.; Sons—Mervin Craig of Ontario, Ore. and Ray Craig of Grand Island.

Pallbearers were Buss Yaryan, Lawrence Schnabel, Ted Alemany, Earl Flowers, George Mummert and Bennie Prater.

Cancer Drive In April

The Cancer Crusade for 1960 will be held in Holt county during April according to Mrs. Otto Herre, county Cancer society chairman.

Community chairmen are Mrs. Ralph Rees, Amelia; Mrs. Inez Hayes, Atkinson; Mrs. Ken Werner, Chambers; Mrs. John Conrad, Emmet; Mrs. Thomas Hutton, Ewing; Mrs. James McMahon, Inman; Mrs. Mike Landreth, Page; Mrs. Dana Bigelow, Stuart; and Mrs. William Claussen, O'Neill.

Five From Area Attend Education Conference

Five Antelope and Holt County Farm Bureau representatives attended the first Nebraska Farm Bureau Rural Education conference in Lincoln last week. The conference featured discussion of rural educational problems in workshop sessions.

Attending from this area were Mrs. Dilver Hauptman, Neligh; Lawrence Schnabel, Clearwater; Mrs. Max Schroor, Tilden; Mrs. Ralph Shrader, Orchard; and Mrs. Marvin Stauffer, Page. In addition to the workshop, four nationally recognized speakers discussed their views on education.



A gigantic ice jam blocks a road on Redbird Creek Sunday. The ice jammed up at the bridge and flowed over the road depositing the big ice cubes.