



RICH HILL tosses in two points for the Eagles during the final game of the NCNC tournament at Ainsworth. Darold Ermer stands by in case the shot is no good. Also shown are Valentine players Ron Vanneman (15) John Mullin (23) and Dick Smith (21).

Eagles squeak by Valentine 67-66 To Repeat NCNC Tourney Champs

For the second year in succession, the O'Neill High Eagles won two thrilling battles to repeat as NCNC Champs in the annual tournament held at Ainsworth. The once "High Flying" Eagles won first place honors in much the same style of last year's tourney games.

Captain Chuck Smith's Eagles advanced to the finals with a 79-77 squeaker over the Ainsworth Bulldogs Thursday night. High scoring honors for the winners were shared by senior Jerry Dexter and sophomore Rich Hill, who racked up 22 points each. John Kurtz followed with 21.

O'Neill held a 43-37 lead going into the second half, but victory hopes dropped when co-captains Ronnie Schmeichel and John Kurtz fouled out. Schmeichel left the game early in the third quarter and Kurtz followed with six minutes remaining in the game. But this was only the setting for a remarkable show of cool floor play and steady nerves by the Eagle's reserve squad in particular a 5'10" senior by the name of Jim McClellan. It was McClellan's three free throws that tied the trailing Eagles with, and then pushed them ahead of the Bulldogs in the final 45 seconds of play. Junior Stan Schmeichel also played the part of a veteran as he scored 9 points, all in the second half.

George Jacobs led Ainsworth with 23 points, followed by Gene Hamilton and P. G. Morgan with 20 and 16 points respectively. The under dog O'Neill lads then won championship honors when they defeated the Valentine Badgers Friday night 67-66. John Kurtz was high scorer for the Eagles with 22 points even though he fouled out late in the third quarter.

O'Neill jumped to a 21-9 first quarter lead and held the advantage at halftime 35-25 as Kurtz collected 15 of his points in the first two quarters.

The last eight minutes of basketball proved to be the type of play that the fans came out to see, as the lead exchanged hands three times and the score was deadlocked at numerous times.

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Page 83 - Elgin 60

The Page Eagles sailed to an 83-60 win over Elgin Friday night in a game played at Elgin. Rod Kennedy scored 28 points for the victors, followed by Cronk with 22.

Fauble and Busted were the top scorers for Elgin with 24 and 17 points respectively.

RESERVES
The Page reserves handed the Elgin second team a 38-31 loss Friday evening. And to complete the evening for Page, the Page volleyball girls won their game 41-38.

Page 68 - Lynch 45

The Page Eagles handed Lynch a 68-45 defeat last Tuesday night. The Eagles jumped to a 14-6 lead in the first quarter and never relinquished the lead.

Rod Kennedy was high point man for Page with 19 points followed by Fred Cronk with 15 and Gene Harvey with 13.

Darnell and Schollmeyer led the Lynch crew with 13 points each.

The Page reserves also won their tilt, 39-26.

St. Ludger's Nip Cardinals 49-37

The St. Mary's Cardinals dropped a second game to the St. Ludger's 49-37 Friday night. As in previous losses it was a third quarter defeat for the Cards as they managed only 4 points compared to 17 for the Comets.

Spitzenberger and Mudloff were high point men for the O'Neill crew with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Jerry Closter was the top scorer for St. Ludger's with 26, followed by Meyer with 10.

RESERVES
The junior Comets matched the varsity as they rolled over the St. Mary's second team 62-46. Steve Higgins managed 12 points for the Cards, followed by Jerry Oetter with 11.

Maly of Creighton garnered 22 points to lead the junior St. Ludger's crew, followed by Gregory and Wenge with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Eagle Reserves Place Third in Junior Tourney

The O'Neill Junior Eagles, coached by Don Kokrada, won third place honors in the NCNC freshmen-sophomore tournament Thursday evening with a 48-44 overtime victory over the Ainsworth Reserves.

Sophomores Gary Plessell and Terry Kurtz shared scoring honors for the winners with 18 points each. The two teams were deadlocked 44-44 when the buzzer ended the regulation four quarters of play. In the following overtime, game captain Terry Kurtz hit four free throws to provide the Reserves with the points needed for the victory, and third place honors.

In the local reserves first tournament outing they were defeated by the Bassett reserves 32-29. Witnessing an extremely cold night from the floor, the Junior Eagles fell behind in the second half of the game played Tuesday evening. The score at half time was 15-15.

Valentine's Junior Badgers won first place honors in the Reserve Tournament with a Friday night victory over the Bassett reserves.

Verdigre - Butte

VERDIGRE — The Verdigre Hawks, Knox county champions, played the Butte team on the Verdigre court Friday evening, defeating the visitors 80-56.

High men for the Hawks were L. Timmerman with 16 points and John Mastalir with 12 points. Allen Boelter and Mel Sukup each scored 10 points. High point man for Butte were Russ Anderson with 18 and Randy Anderson, 16 points.

In the Niobrara Valley conference tourney played at Naper Monday the Verdigre Hawks were paired with Butte. Other first round plays included Niobrara and Atkinson St. Joseph's; Lynch vs. Center and Naper vs. Spencer.

St. Mary's Whips
The St. Mary's Cards pulled back onto the win trail Tuesday night as they clipped the Sacred Heart Knights 54-49.

St. Mary's held a one point lead over the Norfolk lads at the end of the third quarter but a rally late in the game and charity tosses turned the tide in their favor.

Kurtz, Dexter Named To NCNC Tourney Team
Two O'Neill High Eagles, seniors John Kurtz and Jerry Dexter, were elected to the All-NCNC Rangeland Tournament. They are along with seniors Jim Murphy of Valentine and PG Morgan of Ainsworth, and junior Valentine ace Dennis Nelson.

Rites Held for Leroy J. Wells Here Monday

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in O'Neill for Leroy J. Wells, 73, who died February 2 at the Veterans hospital in Lincoln following a three months illness.

The Rev. I. Christoffersen conducted the rites in the Assembly of God church. Burial was at Sterling, Colo., Thursday (today). Leroy Judd Wells was born March 17, 1887 to Guy L. and Julia Conant Wells at Stuart.

He farmed at O'Neill and Padroni, Colo., until he retired at which time he located at Sterling, Colo. He visited frequently during the past year with his nephew, Fred Wells and family at O'Neill, and with his brother, Walter Wells at Bristow. He was never married.

Survivors are two brothers, Walter, and Howard who resides at Aurora, Colo.

Pallbearers were Fritz Brockman, Herman Meyers jr., Merlyn Anderson, Allen Walters, Carl Krogh and Loren Libby.

Rites Held at Creighton for Mrs. D. Johnson

CREIGHTON — Funeral services were conducted January 31 for Mrs. David C. Johnson, 59, who died at her home in Creighton January 28.

The Rev. David Gustafson officiated at the rites in the Hengstler chapel at Creighton. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Thelma Mae Johnson was born January 3, 1902 at Pischeville. She lived on a farm with her parents 12 miles west of Verdigre and attended grade school there. She was graduated from Verdigre high school with the class of 1920.

On February 23, 1921 she was united in marriage to David C. Johnson at O'Neill. Four children were born to this couple. The Johnsons lived on a farm west of Verdigre until 1950 when they retired and moved to Creighton. Here Mrs. Johnson was active in extension work, serving as secretary of the Knox County Extension club. She was an active member of the Congregational Baptist church and served as president of the Women's fellowship for two years.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Archie Kreyck of Niobrara; three sons, Lysle of O'Neill, Marvin and Howard of Verdigre; eight grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Clifford Hale of Wayne.

Pallbearers were Marvin Kreyck, Gerald Hale, Walter Johnson, Clayton Johnson, Robert Sholes and John Babl.

Chambers Store Burns;

CHAMBERS — Members of the Chambers Fire department responded to a call late Friday evening when fire broke out in the W. D. Reninger Appliance store.

Family Fun Night Held Saturday; Awards presented to 4-H Members

About 460 members, families and friends attended the annual 4-H "Fun Night" in O'Neill Saturday.

The skits preceding the announcement of awards were presented by the following 4-H clubs: Happy Hollow of Ewing, Mrs. Lionel Gunter, leader; Green Meadows of Stuart, Lawrence Skrdla, leader; Eagle Hustlers of Page, Ivan Heiss, leader; Grassland Boys and Girls of Stuart, Mrs. Lawrence Kaup, leader; Phoenix Liveswires of O'Neill, Lawrence Johnson, leader; Prairie Maids of Chambers, Mrs. Wayne Smith, leader and Jolly Ramblers of Atkinson, Mrs. Byrl Beck, leader.

Awards were presented as follows: Achievement: Faye Scheer, Happy Hollow; Kathy Farrier, O'Neill Happy Helpers; Jerilyn and Mary Lou Luebecke, Eagle Hustlers.

Agricultural: Loren Blake, Prairie Wranglers. Beautification of home grounds: Margie and Jack Gilg, Clover, and Terry Brown, Eagle Creek. Beef: Kathy Fick, Victory Boys and Girls; Becky Beelaert and Tom Melcher, Eagle Hustlers.

Clothing: Rita Vequist, Eagle Creek; Kathy Fick Victory Boys and Girls; Diana George and Pamela Hammerlin, Up and At It.

Dairy: Ruth Ann Hansen, Victory Boys and Girls; Sharon Mott, Happy Hollow; Seal Luebecke, Eagle Hustlers, and Ronnie Jonas, Jolly Ramblers.

Dress revue: Marietta Perry, O'Neill Happy Helpers; Kathryn Thiele, Pleasant Brook; Faye Scheer, Happy Hollow, and Karen Farrier, Prairie Maids. Electric: Ronnie Jonas, Jolly Ramblers.

Amelia News

By Miss Florence Lindsey

Mrs. Clifford Clemens was able to return to her home Wednesday after her recent illness. She was a patient in the Atkinson hospital for some time, and then stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, a week before returning to her home. Mrs. Judy Mitchell is staying at the Clemens home to help care for her.

Dunk Peterson and Pete Frahm installed a hot water heater at the Clifford Clemens home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Prewitt were hosts at a card party Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson.

Mrs. Vernon Berry visited Mrs. Edith Anderson Wednesday evening while Vernon attended the adult farm group meeting at the school house.

Darla Waldo accompanied a group of 4-H members to fun night in O'Neill Saturday.

Wednesday dinner guests at the Dean Prewitt's were Mrs. Prewitt's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Butterfield and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt entertained at card party Friday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Berry. Prizes were won by Mr. Ray Lewis Mrs. Vernon Berry, Vernon Berry and Mrs. Ray Lewis. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. S. C. Barnett, Mrs. Emma Lindsey and Mrs. Vern Sageser visited at Mrs. Edith Anderson's Monday afternoon and helped her with quilting.

Blake Ott, Ralph Rees, Edgar Peterson and Dunk Peterson were fishing at Browns Lake Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Pokorny spent Tuesday afternoon visiting Mrs. Edith Anderson.

The WSCS met with Mrs. George Fullerton Wednesday evening. There were 11 members and one visitor present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Widman and Marcia went to Lincoln Tuesday where they attended the NSIA meeting. They then drove to Sioux City, Ia. taking Marcia back to school there.

Don Adams returned to Omaha Saturday where he will begin teaching school again Monday. He has been convalescing at home from illness since early in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton were in Sioux City Tuesday where they had cattle on the market. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilman and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doolittle accompanied the Fullertons to Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Grossnicklaus and family of Chambers were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Backhaus.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Barnett visited at Glenn Whites Sunday afternoon.



THE INMAN JUNIOR HIGH basketball team copped first place in the Sandhill Gateway conference tourney played at Clearwater last Thursday as they defeated Chambers 56-51. Other results of the tourney are: Chambers 64 — Clearwater 40; Elgin 38 — Inman 66; Elgin 38 — Page 26; Inman 40 — Orchard 25 and Chambers 65 — Brunswick 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Johnston were dinner guests Sunday at Clyde Widmans. In the afternoon they attended a Stewardship meeting at the Methodist church in O'Neill.

Joan Fullerton of Lincoln spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fullerton and sister Beth.

Bob Bailey was a supper guest with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Barnett Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldo spent Sunday evening at Frank Pierce's.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Ott went to Atkinson Sunday evening and had supper with Mrs. Gloria Landrum and Sally.

Mrs. Edith Anderson and Mrs. Emma Lindsey visited Mrs. Treasa Wagner Sunday afternoon at the Earnie Johnston home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doolittle and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilman spent Sunday evening with Dunk Petersons.

T. J. O'Connell Rites Held Feb. 8 At Atkinson

Timothy J. O'Connell, 32, son of an early immigrant family died at his ranch home 6 miles southeast of Atkinson on January 30.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8. The requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Richard Parr at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson.

Mr. O'Connell was born in Dunmanway, Ireland, April 29, 1879. He was the son of John and Ellen O'Connell. He came to America with his parents at the age of 10. The family homesteaded southeast of Atkinson where he has since resided.

On June 28, 1907 he married Alice Weller at St. Joseph's Catholic church. They became the parents of three children. His wife preceded him in death 12 years ago.

Mr. O'Connell was a prominent cattle man until his retirement four years ago.

Survivors are: Son—Wallace of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Melvin (Clara) Pettinger of Boise, Ida, and Mrs. Harold (Helen) Donohoe of Sterling, Colo. and two grandchildren.

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C of C Planning Recognition Day Here in April

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ment will share in the cost. State National Guard officials have asked that O'Neill secure a larger tract of land for the armory so the state could qualify for federal aid. The present site, purchased about five years ago, is not large enough to meet the requirements.

A tract large enough to meet requirements has been offered for sale in Gilg and Resells addition for \$7,800. A resolution asking the city to purchase the site was approved by the membership.

McCarville told the group that having the larger site would make a difference in whether O'Neill got a metal building or a masonry building for an armory.

Manson was instructed to write a letter to the city council informing them of the action. At the council meeting Tuesday action was deferred pending further information.

In other action the Chamber announced that Recognition day in April would bring a crowd of out-of-town women to O'Neill and the committee in charge is asking local merchants to give small gifts to be presented to the women at registration.

The state game commission has written asking the Chamber to submit information concerning local points of tourist or historical interest.

The Chamber also endorsed the resolution adopted by the Valentine Chamber of Commerce protesting any east-west redistricting in the state and instructed Manson to write Sen. Frank Nelson a letter carrying the information. L. B. 195 would divide the districts in an east-west direction.

O'Neill Band Boosters—(Combined O'Neill Public School and St. Mary's bands)—are sponsoring a food sale at Shelbarners Saturday, February 11th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. 42c

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