



**THE VERDIGRE HAWKS**, Knox county basketball champions, have 15 wins and only four losses during the season thus far. They are playing in the class C tourney at Plainview. Shown here (left to right) are: front row, Dennis Mott, John Mastalir, Mel Sukup, Ken Maly and Tracy Thrapp. Second row, Coach Gene Nott, Ken McElhose, Leland Timmerman, Jerald Tichy, Arlie Nelson and Allen Boelter.

### Verdigre News

By Vac Randa

### Marlene Soucek Named Verdigre FFA Sweetheart

A junior at Verdigre high school, Marlene Soucek, was chosen Monday as sweetheart by members of the Verdigre Future Farmers of America. Her attendants were JoEllen Farnik and Marvella Ickler. Arlie Nelson escorted Miss Soucek to the royal throne and Marvin Vonasek placed the crown on her head and presented a sweetheart jacket to her. Escorts for the attendants were Wallace Tuch and Marvin Soucek. Gifts were presented to the attendants by Melvin Sukup and James Ickler.

The FFA chapter will observe National FFA week February 18-25 with a radio broadcast at 12:30 over KBAX at O'Neill February 18, and during the week will conduct a good will tour to Verdigre business men.

On Sunday afternoon at the Verdigre ZCBJ hall basement Mr. and Mrs. Soren Sorenson, formerly of the Verdigre community, were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary. They are now residents of Fremont. Open house was held from 2 to 5 p.m. A wedding cake centered the honored couple's table, and it was baked by Mrs. Thomas Lloyd. The honored couple was presented with gifts. The Sorenson children had charge of the affair. Guests attending the open house came from Center, Walnut, Creighton and Platte, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Chalupnik arrived home Thursday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they had been in a health resort there for two weeks. They went to El Paso, Tex. and Phoenix where they visited for several days and from there they visited with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Collins in San Francisco, Calif.

### A Tribute to Doctor Ira

Dr. Ira, a soft spoken, modest man, will always be remembered for his loyalty to his friends, his readiness to help promote any project that would benefit the community and for his care and compassion for the folks of his community. He enjoyed the visits from his friends (whether young or old) through his sunset years, would chat readily covering a variety of subjects. He carried a genuine interest in children and effectively spread cheer all through the years he carried "the little black grip." Dr. Ira helped bring 2,000 babies into the world during his practice.

Many hobbies were enjoyed by Dr. Ira during his lifetime, among them were fishing, hunting, golf, baseball, working jig saw puzzles, reading books, and was keenly interested in politics, even including the 1960 campaign. He was connected with the Farmers State Bank until the depression of the thirties caused it to close. He was in partnership with the late Dr. R. E. Kris and together they operated the old General hospital at Lynch where the hotel is now located. He assisted many "newcomers" into Lynch's business section during the years and was a steady booster of his town.

The following reflections of the early days, given by Dr. Ira to Mrs. Merrill Anderson a few years ago, reprinted here, tell of his rich treasure in memory of a colorful career which as we see it, closes the era of the "old country doctor."

There was no drug store at Lynch in the early days, so trips had to be made to Niobrara for medicine. Trips into Holt county made it necessary to ford the Niobrara River, as no bridge was yet spanned across; so Dr. Ira would drive to the river and the late Bill Wilson sr., would meet him on his saddle pony. One trip to the Tuch home on Steel Creek was made in a blizzard by bobbed over the ice on the river and it was three days before he was back to his office.

Dr. Ira was the owner of the first automobile in Lynch—a snappy two-cylinder Holman with a rope drive; top speed 20 miles per hour. The doctor found it practical to take his mechanic along. There was always a risk of runaway if a team of horses were met in traveling. The sputtering two-cylinder job also overheated easily, which meant more delay. A Dr. Hoover was the first medical man in Boyd county after it was opened up to settlement. He had homesteaded north of Bristow.

Telegrams, cards and letters of sympathy have been sent to the family from far and near. Among them, the following sentence from a favorite niece is appropriate: "I love to think way back when I was a little girl (visiting in Lynch) seeing him drive up in his buggy, get out with his bag and greet us in his quiet way and with his sweet smile—the manner and smile I am sure he kept all of his life; but how everything else has changed during that time!"

Another message from a brother-in-law, Clifford Whipple: "He seemed to be bigger than any set of circumstances to the contrary. I have often wished that I had the ability to face problems head-on as he could and then turn his attention to other things, other people or some of his many young friends who came to visit him. I believe he could lose himself and his misfortune in the visit of a child whom he knew and who knew and loved him, better and more quickly than anyone I ever have known. I have wondered if he ever in his life felt sorry for himself. His immediate attention to the physical needs of all of us has been an inspiration to me and I am sure all of us have shared this view. At a time like this my mind travels with a great surge of memory back through the years. There never was one just like him that I can recall."

and Pam called at the Gordon Barta home Friday evening.

Mrs. George Calkins was a business caller at the Harold Osborn home Friday.

Mrs. Gordon Barta was a caller at the Cecil Miller home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osborn were Sunday evening supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hoffman in Lynch. They were celebrating both couples' wedding anniversaries. Mrs. A. W. Alm and JoAnne visited at the Pickering home Sunday.

### Hospital Notes

**ST. ANTHONY'S ADMITTED:** Feb. 14—Mrs. Arthur Tangeman of Chambers. 15—Janet Honke of Butte; Max Wanser and Larry Juracek, both of Ewing; Kathryn McCarthy of O'Neill; Mrs. Lynn Prewitt of Chambers; Gerald Hawk of Orchard and Mrs. Michael Gallagher of Naper; Kenneth Klabenes of Chambers; Fred Lorenz and Mrs. Ira Kinney, both of O'Neill. 17—George Latzel of Ewing; Donald Adamson, Mrs. Mary Dusatko and Mrs. Edward Campbell, all of O'Neill. 18—Mrs. J. C. Parker and Mrs. Donald Burival, both of O'Neill; Mrs. Gary Lockmon of Stuart and Mrs. A. O. Weber of Page. 19—Bernard Fulberth of Ewing; Larry Gokie of O'Neill and Mrs. Victor Pickering of Lynch. 20—Mrs. Thomas Gilder, George Porter and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson, all of Chambers and James Donohoe of O'Neill. 21—Grace Wood of Page. 22—George Jefferies of Ewing and Nick Ramold of O'Neill.

**DISMISSED:** Feb. 14—Mrs. Alvin Kotrous of Spencer. 15—Mrs. John Cassidy of Lynch; Mary Jay Kinney, both of O'Neill. 17—Mrs. Sanders, both of O'Neill and Ronald Carson of Lynch. 18—Mrs. Michael Gallagher of Inman; Terri Lynn Kirkpatrick of O'Neill; Larry Juracek of Ewing and Janet Honke of Butte. 17—Mrs. Bertha Downey and R. V. Crumly, both of Page; Mrs. Casper Winkler of Atkinson; John Gallagher of Inman and John Stahlecker of Naper. 18—Mrs. Joe Milacek of Bristow and Mrs. Donald Schommer of O'Neill. 19—Kenneth Klabenes of Chambers and Hans Sasse of O'Neill. 20—Max Wanser of Ewing; Mrs. Lynn Prewitt, Ed Dewey and Lyle V. Cooper, all of Chambers; Gerald Hawk of Orchard; Kathryn McCarthy of O'Neill; Harry Moore of Inman and Mrs. Emma Kennel of Page. 21—Larry Gokie of O'Neill and George Latzel of Ewing. 22—Mrs. Victor Pickering of Lynch; Mrs. Gary Lockmon of Stuart; Mrs. Arthur Tangeman, Mrs. Elwyn Robertson and George Porter, all of Chambers.

**ATKINSON MEMORIAL ADMITTED:** Feb. 13—John Schorn of Atkinson. 14—Charles Roland Peterson of Amelia, Mrs. Kenneth Huston of Emmet and Benjamin Shaffer of Atkinson. 15—Ellen O'Donnell of Atkinson and Rerain Ergler of Stuart. 16—Herman Benoit of Long Pine, Fred Stolte and Mrs. E. J. Kil-murry, both of Atkinson. 17—Mrs. Richard Young and William Ulrich, both of Atkinson; Mrs. Lyle Damero of O'Neill and Richard Davis of Stuart. 18—Mrs. Jay Dobrovolsky and Michael Shonka, both of Atkinson. 19—Mrs. Larry Donlin of O'Neill. **DISMISSED:** Feb. 14—Mrs. Wilby Ashly of Stuart; Duane Emerson of Newport; Mrs Orion

Higgins of Jamison and Benjamin Shaffer of Atkinson. 15—Clem Disterhaupt and Mrs. Leo Monahan and daughter, all of Atkinson. 16—Fred Stolte of Atkinson. 17—Mrs. Paul Johnson and daughter of Newport. 18—Mrs. Kenneth Huston of Emmet. 19—Richard Davis of Stuart.

**SACRED HEART PRESENT**—Mrs. Guy A. Barnes, Thomas Courtney, Frank Cranford, Carl Gnewuch, Dr. J. A. Guttery and Mrs. Edward Whetman, all of Lynch; Mrs. Emma Fiala and John Schommer, both of Spencer; Baby Ronald E. Hansen of O'Neill; Mrs. Onie Hood of Butte; Erick Ohman and Mrs. Chester Kinzie, both of Anoka; Mrs. William Zeisler of Naper and Baby Mark Weidner of Fairfax, S. D.

**DISMISSED:** Feb. 14—Miss Mabel Mulhair of Lynch and Mrs. Rosetta Wheeler of Butte. 15—Mrs. Bertha Cooper of Lynch. 16—Mrs. Mary Seiler of Butte and Mrs. Floyd France of Lynch. 17—Mrs. Leo Kalkowski and baby of Lynch and Mrs. Roger Roth and baby of Spencer. 19—Alfred Stanek of Spencer and M. J. Stmitz of Naper. 20—R. P. Jones of Spencer.

**EXPIRED:** Feb. 15—Dr. G. B. Ira of Lynch.

### Education Committee To Visit Holt Schools

A special committee from the US Office of Education will soon visit the O'Neill public school and also rural schools in Holt county. The committee will also visit Lincoln, Omaha, Nebraska City, Grand Island and Bellevue school systems.

Members of the committee are Dr. Merle A. Stoneman, specialist in school plant administration of the School Housing Section of the US Office; Benjamin T. Teiter from the Office of Standards Bureau of Budget; and George G. Tankard, specialist for Educational Records and Reports.

### Representative Here

Gail H. Robart, field representative of the Norfolk social security office, will be in the assembly room in the basement of the courthouse at O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 1. Severely disabled people under 65 who have had at least five recent years' under social security should inquire.

### Chambers Volley Team Wins Final Home Game

The Chambers High Girls Volley-ball team played their last scheduled home game with a win over Clearwater high Friday night, 35-16, leaving the Chambers girls undefeated for this season. The girls will be participating in two tournaments during March. The Conference Tournament will be at Clearwater and the Holt County Tournament at O'Neill.

There will be a big double header for the girls Saturday night, at the Chambers Gymnasium when at 7:15 the married women play the reserves and the high school team tangles with the Alumni All-Stars at 8:00.

### O'Neill Bowlers to Compete at Columbus

Members of the O'Neill Cleaners bowling team, winners of second place in the O'Neill city bowling tournament, will participate in the WNAAX six-state tournament at Columbus Sunday. Making the trip will be Ben Hanlon, Tom Cronin, Dr. Rex Wilson, Mike Burney Vern Gorgen and Jack Everitt.

### At The Courthouse

**JUSTICE COURT**—February 13, David H. Miles, driver for H. D. Patrick, Columbus, Nebr. Overweight on capacity plate. \$20 and costs, officer, Donald Richardson.

February 15, John F. Sterns, driver for Shelhamer Equipment, O'Neill. Overweight on capacity plate \$10 and costs, officer, Donald Richardson.

February 16, Lorine Smith, Chambers, night speeding, \$10 and costs, officer, R. L. Gude.

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February 20, Patrick Langan, O'Neill, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, \$25 and costs, officer, E. M. Hastreiter.

February 20, Thomas Zakrzewski, jr., O'Neill, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, \$30 and costs, officer, E. M. Hastreiter.

February 21, George Odden, Minneapolis, Minn., overweight \$50 and costs, officer, Clifford Kizzire.

State of Nebraska vs. Allen H. Walter of O'Neill, night speeding, fined \$15 and costs, February 16, arresting officer, Donald J. Fiala.

State of Nebraska vs. Marlin C. Kidd of Ainsworth, night speeding, traveling 90 miles per hour through radar, fined \$70 and costs, February 16, arresting officer, Donald J. Fiala.

State of Nebraska vs. Maurice W. Schmadere of Stuart, failure to stop sign, fined \$10 and costs, February 16, arresting officer, R. L. Gude.

State of Nebraska vs. Gary G. Wostrel of Chambers, no brakes, fined \$10 and costs, February 20, arresting officer, R. L. Gude.

State of Nebraska vs. Don F. Hutcheson of Long Pine, night speeding, fined \$10 and costs, February 21, arresting officer, Donald J. Fiala.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Norman Wayne Kopejtko, 19, O'Neill, and Bonney Louise Lawrence, 18, O'Neill, February 16.

Donald Louis Mikkelson, 20, Chambers, and Alberta Catherine Miles, 19, Chambers, February 16.

Paul M. Focken, 21 Atkinson, and Margaret Rose Wisker, 18, Hastings, February 16.

### Herbert Jansens Honored on 57th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jansens, who reside at 212 North 8th street in O'Neill, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary February 9.

A quiet observance was held February 12 when three of their children and family members joined them for dinner at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Winchel. Magdalene Jansens of Fremont and John Jansens of O'Neill were the other children present.

Unable to be with their parents that day were Mrs. Nick Ries of Scribner, Mrs. E. H. Baldwin of Fremont, Mrs. H. H. Buchanan and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, both of Twin Falls, Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. Jansens moved to Holt county 57 years ago following their marriage at Exeter. They resided on a farm about six miles north of O'Neill until approximately 10 years ago when they moved to their present residence.

### Rites Held for Mrs. C. J. Taylor At Moscow, Ida.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Moscow, Ida., for Mrs. C. J. Taylor, former Holt county resident, who died February 20 at the age of 92.

Anna Mary Moore, daughter of John and Hester Moore, was born April 5, 1868 at Iowa City, Ia. Her father was a Civil War veteran. When a small girl her family moved to Nebraska where she spent most of her life.

She was married November 16, 1886 at Odell to C. J. Taylor of Nebraska City. To this couple 11 children were born. They came to Holt county in 1911 and settled in the Mincola vicinity having purchased what was then known as the Walter Tullis place.

They continued to live in Holt county until 1940 when they sold their farm and moved to Fort Collins, Colo. From there they moved to Chandler, Ariz., for Mr. Taylor's health. He died in 1945.

Mrs. Taylor has made her home in Idaho the last seven years.

She is survived by four sons, Jack of O'Neill, Ralph of Newcastle, Wyo., Max of Pullman, Wash., and Bill of Moscow, Ida., and four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Siders of Inman, Mrs. Ida Sorensen of Sandpoint, Ida., Mrs. Chloe Henifin of Bellingham, Wash., and Mrs. Ellen Romero of Holt county. Two daughters and one son preceded her in death. They were Mrs. Maggie Bruce, Mrs. Mary Kruse and Lee Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor leaves 21 direct descendants including 55 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

### Services Held Tuesday for Miss T. Finley

Teresa L. Finley, 83, died Friday at her home in O'Neill following four years of illness caused by a heart condition.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in St. James Catholic church in Rising Sun, Wis. Burial was in the cemetery at Rising Sun.

Teresa Finley was born February 12, 1878 to Timothy and Mary Finley at Rising Sun. She came to Holt county in 1954 from Chicago. Miss Finley was never married.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Rose Frances of O'Neill, and three brothers, Dr. W. F. Finley of O'Neill, James Finley of Gays Mills, Wis., and Laurence Finley of La Crosse, Wis.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Green of Chambers; a son, Roland E. of Chambers, one sister, Anna Frisch of Atkinson, and one brother, James Rehak of Anoka.

Pallbearers were William Turner, Edwin Carpenter, James Platt, Wade Davis, Thomas Engleheart and Glen Grimes.

### Riley Armstrong Dies; Services in California

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Death was due to a brain injury sustained four months ago.

Mrs. Armstrong is the former Dorothy Perry, graduate of Stuart. She is the daughter of the late Clayton Perry and Mrs. Clayton Perry of Fremont.

Persons wishing to send expressions of sympathy may address them to the Merle Armstrong, 5785 Kelton Avenue, La Mesa, Calif.

### John Mastalir to Attend Boys State

VERDIGRE—John Mastalir has been selected to attend Boys State under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post No. 259.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mastalir.

### Services Held In Nevada for Mrs. C. W. Cuddy

Mrs. Margaret Cuddy was born in Ewing April 17, 1917. She was the wife of Clement W. Cuddy, a construction contractor in Carson City. The couple had lived in several Nevada communities for the last 20 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Joseph Cannon of Auburn, Wash., and James Cannon of Iowa City, Ia.; Mrs. Mildred Stone of Yuma, Ariz.; her grandmother, Mrs. E. Borgelt of York, and two aunts, Josephine Borgelt and Elizabeth Borgelt of York.

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Ed Harvey, 52, of Chambers who died February 16 at St. Anthony's hospital where she had been a patient for a week.

The Rev. Charles Cox officiated at the rites and at burial in the Chambers cemetery.

Mary Rose Harvey was born August 21, 1908 at Clarkson to Vaclav and Mary Rehak.

She was married February 23, 1928 at Neligh to Ed L. Harvey. Two children were born to this couple. The family came to Holt county in 1941, moving here from Antelope county. Her husband preceded her in death July 17, 1956.

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### Teachers Hear NEA Field Representative

Thirty three teachers from O'Neill and Neligh heard Bill Semrad, SNEA field representative, discuss legislative proposals affecting education at the O'Neill public school Monday night.

The bill receiving the most discussion was LB 362 pertaining to the sale of school lands. Senators supporting this bill are, generally speaking, from the western section of the state, Semrad said.

Consensus of the group was that the school lands should not be sold. They were urged to write their senators regarding the bill.

### Attend Parents Day At Nebr. Wesleyan

Saturday and Sunday were Parents Days at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Among those from O'Neill visiting at Lincoln over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reed who visited their daughter, Paula Ann, a freshman; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins with their son Roger, freshman, and daughter Linnelle, a junior, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie who were with their son, Gary, a freshman.

### World War I Auxiliary Re-elects Officers

Election of officers was held Monday evening when members of World War I auxiliary met at the Legion hall.

All present officers were re-elected. The president, Mrs. Leo Moore, presided at the business meeting and introduced three new members, Mrs. Harden Anspach, Mrs. Levi Yantzi and Mrs. Archie Bowen.

The Auxiliary chaplain, Mrs. Pauline Benze, presented a red, white and blue altar cloth to the group which she had made.

Following the business session the members joined the veterans for a social hour. There were about 60 persons present. Hostesses were Mrs. Pete Herford of O'Neill, John Ahlman of Orchard, Ray Tucker of Page and Harry Jolley of O'Neill.

### Verdigre Club To Meet With Highway Board

VERDIGRE—Representatives of the Verdigre Improvement club will accompany Senator J. W. Burbach to Lincoln in the near future to meet with the state highway advisory board in an effort to get the road from Center to Verdigre oiled.

This decision was made at a meeting of the club Tuesday evening. The members also discussed the problem of locating a home for Dr. Carlson of Omaha, who plans to establish his medical practice in Verdigre beginning in June.

The Club went on record in favor of the erection of an auditorium-gymnasium with the following committee named to work with the school board: Henry Prokop, Mel Thompson, Otto Jedlicka, jr., and Wencel Jankiewicz. Jim Maly and Charles Schreier were named to the membership committee.

Equipment and furniture was moved Tuesday to the courthouse where offices have been prepared for District Judge William C. Smith. The equipment was transferred from the office where D. R. Mounts, former district judge, presided.

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