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Homer Lowerys Honored On Golden Anniversary

EMMET — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lowery, Oakdale, formerly of Emmet, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with open house at the Emmet Methodist church.

The honored couple greeted over 100 guests, relatives and friends who called during the afternoon to extend congratulations.

Their daughter, Mrs. Grant Peacock, O'Neill, baked and decorated the four-tier wedding cake that centered the serving table. Serving the coffee and punch were Mrs. Lowery's sisters, Mrs. Esther Harris, O'Neill, and Mrs. Allen Fricke, Oakdale. Mrs. John Conrad cut and served the wedding cake, assisted by Mesdames Wayne Roelle, A. Neil Davies, Custer Johnson, Henry Kloppenborg and Charles Abart. The flowers were arranged by Mesdames Leon Beckwith, Agnes Gaffney, McGinnis and Conrad.

Mrs. Vernon Lowery, Burwell, was in charge of the guest book, and Mrs. Kenneth Ruggless, Emmet, and Mrs. Allen Fricke, Oakdale, took care of the gift table.

During the afternoon a short program was presented by the grandsons, Kenneth, Curtis and Carroll Peacock, assisted by Miss Ruth Ann Watson and accompanied by Mrs. Peacock. A tape recording was made by the guests. The honored couple was presented with a golden "money tree."

Loran Kruse Named to Cattle Assn. Board

Loran Kruse, rancher from O'Neill, was elected to the board of directors of the Sandhills Cattle association at their recent annual convention held at Bassett May 23.

Kruse, whose term is for a three-year period, will work with 29 other ranchers located throughout the Sandhills range area to guide the activities of the promotion-minded organization during the coming year.

Graveside Rites Planned for Hansen Infant

Graveside rites will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Paddock Union cemetery near Meek for Johanne Lynn Hansen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kennis D. Hansen of O'Neill.

Johanne Lynn was born May 19 at Lynch and died Wednesday, May 31, in the Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. Her mother is the former Theresa Belle Sharp of Spencer.

The Rev. V. R. Daniels will officiate at the services.

Clearwater Marshall Suffers Bullet Wound

CLEARWATER — Willis Hague, village marshal, is recuperating in Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh from a bullet wound in his leg near the ankle.

The injury occurred when his revolver slipped from its holster while Mr. Hague was on duty May 23. The revolver discharged and the bullet struck him, causing serious bleeding. He managed to get to his home and his son, Ara, took him to the hospital.

Security Agent Slates O'Neill Visit May 23

Gail Robart, field representative of the Norfolk social security office will be in the assembly room in the basement of the courthouse in O'Neill June 7.

Interested persons will be able to see Mr. Robart from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that day.

Orchard Girl Struck by Car; Seriously Hurt

ORCHARD — Lynette Classen, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Classen, is in the Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh receiving treatment for a severe brain concussion, a fractured leg, second degree burns, cuts and bruises, suffered when struck by a car Saturday.

The youngster was injured when she ran into the street while helping sell poppies. Her mother is general chairman of the Poppy Day committee.

Nora Paxton, 69, Stuart, was driver of the car which hit Lynette.

Mrs. G. Fauser Services Planned At Spencer

SPENCER — Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Wesleyan church at Spencer for Mrs. George Fauser, 56, who died Monday at her home.

The Rev. M. H. Budensiek will officiate. Burial will be at the Rosebud cemetery at Bonesteel. The body will lie in state at the Jones Funeral home until the funeral hour.

Lottie Jane Tarr was born March 12, 1905 at Bonesteel to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tarr.

Survivors include her sons, Floyd and Burt; four sisters and one brother.



Gary Carver has arrived in O'Neill to take over his duties as assistant manager of the Lee store. Mr. Carver and his wife, Elaine, are residing at 316 South Fifth street. When he has any spare moments Mr. Carver devotes his time to his hobbies, collecting old coins and guns. The newcomers are attending the Christ Lutheran church.

Blain Life Story Tells Of Early Life in County

Plans Progressing for Big Three Day Rodeo

Pioneer days in Holt county have been described in a recent publication entitled "Rev. Bartley Blain, Circuit Rider," printed by the family of the Rev. Blain's son, the late Charlie Blain.

Mrs. Charlie Blain and family still live on the family homestead near Middle Branch.

The book is available from the Harold Blain family at Middle Branch.

The booklet, printed by The Frontier, tells the story of Bartley Blain born March 5, 1832 in Pultney, New York. The material for the booklet was written with the pencil by the Rev. Blain and since the original was fading with time, it was decided to preserve it through printing.

His early life in Michigan and his religious trainings in both Michigan and Minnesota are told in detail.

When a doctor prescribed a change of scenery for his health he moved his family to Holt county, Nebraska in about 1880.

He was responsible for the building of the first Methodist church in O'Neill, Nebraska, dedicated December 16, 1883. His papers mention church members, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Benner, Miss Sadie Coykendall, Miss Mary Sackett, Mrs. Ellen Patterson and Mrs. H. M. Utley.

James H. Riggs, publisher and editor of the Frontier in 1883, said: "Bartley Blain might be justly called the father of the schools in Holt county." While he was county superintendent, he formed 120 school districts and changed the boundaries of 40 others.

Of interest to readers will be the following excerpt from the booklet.

"In the spring of 1881 the Missouri River was so high that it became necessary to move the town of Niobrara onto higher land. Several men who could use

Applications Now Open For Several Academies

Senator Roman L. Hruska today urged prompt action by high school students or other young men desirous of entering the Army, Navy, Air Force or Merchant Marine academies in the summer of 1962.

One appointment each will be made by Senator Hruska next year to the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and the Air Force academy at Colorado Springs; also two to the Military academy at West Point. Three appointees are chosen from the state for the Merchant Marine academy.

Applicants should be in his office, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C., early in June for a candidate to take the July examinations. Appointments are open to boys who will have passed their 17th birthday but not reached their 22nd birthday by July, 1962, and who meet mental and physical requirements.

Beverly Meyer Wins Honors At Atkinson

ATKINSON — Twenty high school students were presented their diplomas at the 74th commencement exercises held at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, May 23.

The presentation was made by Dr. James E. Ramsey, board of education president. Jack Stevens, superintendent, presented the class for graduation and also presented the 16 members of the eighth grade for promotion.

William Edwards, principal, presented scholarship awards. Dr. Loren Bonneau, University of Nebraska, delivered the commencement address on "Geraniom."

Beverly Joyce Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herron Meyer, is valedictorian of the senior class, and winner of the regents scholarship, Roma Jean Fundus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fundus, was named salutatorian. Scholarships to Nebraska State Teachers college and Creighton university were presented to Miss Meyer. Miss Fundus was awarded the honor of excellency in leadership and in scholastic ratings, and Paul Adams, alternate, received the regents scholarship.

Graduates are Paul Adams, Dale Borgue, Charles Braun, Rita Ann Braun, Shirley Kay Braun, Kenneth E. Butterfield, Janette Florence Clemens, Robert Clifford, Rodney Dobias, Ruth Evans, Sandra Kay Frisch, Roma Jean Fundus, Stanley Hayden, Mary Alice Hill, Mary Lavon Keithly, Robert Wayne Knutson, Beverly Joyce Meyer, Sharon Jane Prewitt, Twila Jean Rossman and Marjorie Sue Winings.

Eighth grade graduates are Carl Buck Janice Christiansen, Clyde Davis, Linda Davis, Richard Dvorak, Judy Embody, Dora Ellen Ferris, Craig Funk, Rita Kotrous, Gerald O'Connell, Cheri Paddock, Melvin Rossman, JoAnn Scripper, Gayle Sparr, Sandra Stransky and Marvin Thurlow.

Burglers Enter Pinkerman's TV; Loot Register

Pinkerman's TV service was broken into last Thursday night and between \$4 and \$5 was taken from the cash register.

The thief gained entrance by chopping two holes in the back door. They apparently tried to open the safe with no success, but used a can of spray paint which they applied to the door of the safe. Files were also disturbed.

This is the second break-in within the past two weeks. The O'Neill Salvage and Exchange was entered May 13 and about \$45 was taken from the cash box. A window on the east side was broken in order to enter the building.

Sod House Society To Meet June 11

An annual meeting and dinner at the Arrow hotel in Broken Bow June 11 will be held by the Sod House society and all persons interested in the preserving of memories and history of the sod house days are invited to attend, according to Carl E. Smith, chairman.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with luncheon at 1 p.m., followed by a program. The film, "Land of Their Own," will be shown after which a talk will be given by Senator Albert A. Kiar. Reservations may be sent to Carl E. Smith, 1138 North C Street, Broken Bow.

O'Neill Library Several New Non-Fiction Books

Several new non-fiction books have been received at Grattan Township Library in O'Neill which offer interesting reading on many subjects.

Among the new books are the following: "Complete Handbook of Bowling," "Cokesbury Stunt Book," "Sports and Games" by Keith; "Fun Encyclopedia" by H. A. B. I. n; "Electronics Made Simple" by Jacobowitz; "Book of Game Rules" by Hoyle; "Commercial Mathematical Tables and Formulae"; "Heroic Age of American Invention" by DeCamp; "U. S. Coin Book" by Fell; "Guns and Hunting" by Brown; "Why you Lose at Bridge" by Simon; "Here's How in Golf" by Morrison; and "Golf for Women" by Suggs.

In the "Made Simple" series are books on American history, art appreciation, astronomy, biology, bookkeeping, chess, electricity, everyday law, physics, world history and world literature.



Seminary student, Roger Harano, North Platte, arrived in O'Neill Sunday and will spend the summer months here serving an internship under the supervision of the Rev. John Hart of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hart with youth activities at the O'Neill church, and also camping sessions. He will also assist Rev. Mr. Hart with a religious survey of Holt county.

Mr. Harano is a senior at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Sister M. Koenig Returns from Duty In Japan Mission

Sister M. Dorothy Koenig, a niece of Mrs. Fred Fritton and Mrs. D. L. Bohn, returned to Norfolk May 15 after 14 years of missionary work at the Immaculate Convent of the Sisters of St. Benedict, Japan.

Sister Dorothy worked in two kindergartens, at Osaka-Tanabe and at Hasimoko. She was one of the pioneers in helping establish the mission work there.

She spent the past week with her father, J. C. Koenig, and her sister, Agnes, at Neligh. Mr. and Mrs. Bohn and Max and Mrs. Fritton and Bob attended a reception given in her honor by the Neligh parish Sunday afternoon at the parish hall.

Dr. J. P. Brown Dies at 61; O'Neill Physician Since 1929



Dr. J. P. Brown

Dr. J. P. Brown, 61, a long-time physician and surgeon at O'Neill, died Monday at 10:30 a.m. from a heart attack suffered while walking in the yard at his home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian church with the Rev. John Hart officiating. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Julius Phillip Brown was born May 20, 1900 to Joseph Phillip and Antonia Kysela Brown in Omaha. He was graduated from Central high school at Omaha and received his pre-medical training at the University of Omaha. In 1924 he received his medical degree at the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska. Dr. Brown interned at the Swedish Lutheran hospital and the Methodist hospital in Omaha.

On November 27, 1928 he was married to Sophia Wefso of Stuart in the Congregational church in Stanton. The couple met during his internship in the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where she was in nurses' training.

Dr. Brown first started practicing medicine in Stuart in 1925 and in 1929 the couple moved to O'Neill where he practiced medicine until three years ago when he retired due to ill health.

He was a member of the American Medical Association; the Knight Templar Masonic lodge; honorary member of Holt County Northwest Medical Society; the Chicago North Western Railway, and served as physician for the Served Service.

Surviving him are his wife, Sophia; three sisters, Mrs. A. W. Mason, Lincoln, Mrs. John T. Brice, Miss Emily Brown, both of Omaha, and one brother, Adolph Brown, Omaha. One sister, Mrs. John Hawk, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were his nephews, John Hawk, Jack Brice, and Richard Hawk, all of Omaha, and Julius Burke, Hastings, and Brook Stuart and Jim Burke, Lincoln.

Pool to Open Here Sunday

Weather permitting the O'Neill swimming pool will be opened Sunday, according to Allan Jaskowski, chairman of the park committee.

It had previously been announced that the pool would not open until later in June due to the cool weather and also, to the complete overhauling of the filtering system.

Joe Tomjacks Plan 60th Anniversary

EWING — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tomjack will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday at St. Dominic's hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

A family dinner will be served at noon at the hall. Expected weekend guests at the Tomjack home are their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Tomjack and family of Melbeta.

Bob Worths Plan 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth will hold an open house observance of their 45th wedding anniversary June 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home in O'Neill.

They take this means of inviting their friends and relatives to attend.

Methodists Hold Consecration At Atkinson

Consecration rites for the new \$120,000 Methodist church at Atkinson were held Sunday. Preaching the sermon was Rev. Robert L. Embree superintendent of the northeast district of the Nebraska Methodist Conference. Rev. Embree also delivered the sermon at the cornerstone laying ceremony held later in the day.

The old building, in service since 1914, will be torn down in the near future.

The new structure is an "L" shaped building 120 feet long and 36 feet wide extending from east to west along the north side of the old church building which has been used during construction of the new church.

Included in the new building are a seating capacity of 225, a fellowship hall with seating for 200 and a kitchen and utility building.

Construction on the new building began about a year ago.

Former Spencer Woman Dies in South Dakota

SPENCER — A former Spencer resident, Mrs. Edna Thompson, died at Hot Springs Sunday.

Funeral services will be held Friday at the Jones Funeral home in Spencer at 2 p.m. with the Rev. V. R. Daniels officiating. Burial will be in the Union cemetery at Spencer.

Pallbearers will be Emanuel Prokop, Cecil Malcom, Dale Muller, Orchard Friedrish, Leo Ohri and Howard Miller.

Attend Homemakers Recognition Day

LYNCH — Mrs. Herb Price, group chairman of Boyd county, Mrs. A. T. Crumly, Holt county chairman, and Mrs. Elma Evans attended the Rural Homemakers Recognition Day recently held in Sioux City at the Mayfair hotel.

There were conducted tours and informative lectures throughout the day. A luncheon was served at noon by the Grain and Feed club and a banquet was given in the evening by the Chamber of Commerce.

Area Scholars Graduate At Wayne Friday

Wayne State Teachers college Friday bestowed bachelor's degrees on 148 seniors in the 70th anniversary commencement at which time seven seniors from this area were graduated.

They are: Michael G. Batenhorst, Stuart; Charles C. Chocholeusk, Verdigris; Larry D. Kramer, Stuart; Gary L. Minarik, Verdel; Gaylen N. Montgomery, Royal; and Kay M. Myers, bachelor of arts in education; and Ronald L. Lau, Clearwater bachelor of science in education.

John Bowen Hired To Teach at Burwell

John Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bowen of O'Neill has been hired to teach music in the Burwell schools during the next school term.

Bowen has been teaching in the Lynch school this past school year.



APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS attended the annual alumni banquet held Monday evening at Orchard. Shown here at the speaker's table are Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwager, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bruce, Estherville, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hill. Alan Hill gave the welcome and Robert Hill gave the response. Gene Bruce served as toastmaster.



"YOUNG HAWAIIANS" are portrayed in this dance which was presented Sunday evening in the St. Anthony Hospital Dance Revue, given by Mrs. W. D. Melena's pupils. Shown here are (front row, l. to r.) Michele Funk, Atkinson, Jeanne Pruss, O'Neill, and Makayla Svoboda, Atkinson; back row, Mary Howard, O'Neill, Cindy Miles, Chambers, Debbie Clements, O'Neill, Mary Spangler, O'Neill, and Sue Miles, Chambers.

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