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FRESHMEN CLASS officers at SMA are (l. to r.) Dick Laursen, president; Sue Cavanagh, vice president; Robert Devoy, secretary, and Denny Wolfe, treasurer.



SOPHOMORE CLASS officers at St. Mary's academy have been elected by class students and are now officiating at their duties. They are: (l. to r.) Marilyn Donohoe, president; Terry Tomjack, treas.; Sue Gonderinger, sec., and Charles Corkle, vice president.



JUNIORS ELECTED following class officers for this year at St. Mary's: (l. to r.) Judy Sullivan, secretary; Mildred Schmitz, vice president; Carmen Benze, president, and Ruth Muff, treasurer.



SENIOR CLASS officers at St. Mary's are: (l. to r.) Dick Pongrats, vice president; Kathy Weller, secretary; Rita Corkle, treasurer, and Steve Higgins (not shown), as president.

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Elmer Juracek Named President Of State Soil and Water District

Elmer Juracek of O'Neill was unopposed in the election for president of the State Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts held at the annual meeting in Lincoln Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Juracek, who has been a member of the local board of supervisors since 1952, has displayed a keen interest in conservation work and has been very active in local, state and national meetings. He served as an area director in Nebraska prior to becoming vice president of the State Association and has held that post for the past two years.

Attending the convention from Holt county in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Juracek were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. French sr., Page, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vogel, Stuart, and Walter Fick, Inman. Also attending as guests of the District and recipients of the Photo Award were Mr. and Mrs. Thilo Poessnecker, Atkinson.

Each year the local supervisors choose an outstanding farmer or rancher and have an aerial photo taken of their place. It was co-sponsored this year by the First National Bank of At-

kinson. Similar winners from each District in the State were guests at the State Association meeting and were honored at a banquet Monday evening.

Over 400 seventh and eighth graders from Holt county, both rural and town schools are expected to spend Friday, Oct. 6 in O'Neill attending a Conservation Day.

In the morning the program will include a talk by Duane Chamberlain, assistant executive secretary of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, a demonstration by Harold Gillman, extension conservationist, a talk and slides by Dick Gavit, Extension forester and a representative of the Game, Forestry and Parks Commission will discuss wildlife conservation. 4-H Conservation Clubs will also be discussed, and explained.

There will be a selection of films concerning soil conservation practices.

In the afternoon the group will be divided into smaller groups to view the district equipment and learn more about soils, grass, trees and survey equipment.

Fees Increased for Auto Registration

The Holt county clerk and register of deeds has been notified of the raise of prices for certificates of title and registration effective Monday morning.

LB 324 was passed by the legislature last session making this change in price. Certificate of title on cars has been raised from \$1 to \$2, and duplicate titles now cost \$3 instead of \$2. Car liens remain the same as before, 50 cents. Chattel mortgages are raised from 50 cents to \$1. The cost of deeds, mortgages, etc. which have various charges, was raised about one-third of the present cost.

Promotor for Highway 20 Speaks Here

Thirty members of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce attended a dinner meeting Monday evening at Anderson's Tropical Gardens.

A talk was given by Willard Murfin, Cheyenne, Wyo., executive director of Highway 20 Association Promotion. A goal has been set to raise \$35,000 from Chicago to Yellowstone National park for the promotion of tourist travel along the Highway. O'Neill has a goal of \$2,000 as its share in the promotion.

Future plans call for the obtaining of 250,000 brochures, many small and large signs and the producing of four or five major travel shows to advertise Highway 20. Mr. Murfin told the members the ultimate aim of the promotion is to increase traffic along this Highway by 300 additional cars a day.

A. L. Patton, retail trade committee chairman, announced the following special dates for O'Neill stores: Prohibition closed, November 16, 17 and 18, with Mrs. Winnie Barger as chairman; window unveiling, November 24, Garland Schoenrock, chairman; stores remain open each Thursday evening, December 7, 14 and 21.

Turkey Day, December 9, John Enke, chairman; Santa Claus Day, December 16, Harry Peterson, chairman; Dollar Days, February 22, 23 and 24, Bill McIntosh, chairman; Crazy Day, April 27, Joe Stutz, chairman; and St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Joe McLeish, chairman.

Joe McLeish asked support from the Chamber on the Boy Scout financial drive. At the next meeting of the board of directors, the members will decide the amount to give to the drive.

Larry Rice gave a report to the members concerning a future Pancake Day.

School Board Meets Tuesday; Discuss Problems

A variety of subjects occupied the Board of Education of the O'Neill public schools Tuesday night.

A new cover was approved for the basketball floor and the FEA chapter offered to contribute \$800 or \$900 for industrial arts equipment at the school if the school board would supply matching funds.

Supt. McCoy told the results of a survey to determine the number of "excess students" when measured on the basis of 30 square feet per student. The figures show, he said, 183 excess students in elementary and 248 in high school.

The "excess" is determined by calculating the number of square feet in a class room and comparing that with the number of students times 30.

The results have been requested by the state department of education and the Federal department of education.

An engineers survey of the present building showed that some maintenance and repair was needed including downspout repair, adding to strength of some door openings and tuck pointing of the brick.

"We were not able to detect any major structural failure in any part of the masonry bearing walls. There has been no apparent settlement of footings or foundations. We believe that with the corrections suggested above, along with regular maintenance, can maintain a sound structural condition indefinitely," the report concluded.

In other action the board approved granting the use of the school for meetings of Holt County Rural Teachers association, charging \$2 per meeting for off-campus courses held in the building and approved a follow-up survey of school needs.

George Latzel Dies Friday At Atkinson

EWING — Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at St. Peter's Catholic church in Ewing for George Latzel, 79, who died Friday, Sept. 29, in the Atkinson hospital.

He, Rev. Jacob Bauer, Spalding, and the Rev. P. F. Burke, Ewing, officiated at the rites. Burial was in the Miller cemetery of Ewing.

George John Latzel was born February 18, 1882 in Austria. He came to America when a small child and settled in Holt county where he spent his entire life.

In the early part of his life, Mr. Latzel worked at blacksmithing and was an expert iron worker. He helped construct St. Peter's Catholic church in 1913 and 1914 and was responsible for the placing of the bell in the church tower.

After his marriage to Mollie Babutzke in 1919, he spent many years on a ranch southwest of Ewing. On retiring from active work, he and his wife moved to Ewing. Ten children were born to this couple. One daughter, Delores, died in infancy.

Mr. Latzel suffered a stroke in April, 1961 which left him paralyzed. He was cared for at St. Anthony's hospital and at a rest home in Stuart until he became ill from pneumonia and was admitted to the Atkinson hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie; three daughters, Mrs. Lorena Bazelman, Mingo, Ia., Mrs. Virginia Kresl, Mallard, Ia., and Darlene Latzel, Omaha; six sons, George Jr., William and Fred, Omaha, Clarence, Ewing, Lewis, French Gulch, Calif., and Francis, Newport; 16 grandchildren; two brothers, John and Adolph, Ewing.

Funeral services were held at St. Peter's Catholic church in Ewing, Monday, Oct. 2, 1961, at 10:30 a. m. Burial was in the Miller cemetery of Ewing.

Mrs. Bob Clifford Named Rodeo Queen

Cattlemen and their families were honored by Ak-Sar-Ben September 27 during the rodeo performance in which Mrs. Robert Clifford, Atkinson, president of the Nebraska CowBelles, reigned as rodeo queen.

Accepting Ak-Sar-Ben's salute to the ranchers were Mrs. Clifford on behalf of the CowBelles, and Chester Paxton, Theford, president of the Nebraska Stock Growers association. They were introduced to the crowd presented in brief arena ceremony.

Kaups Honored On Anniversary At Stuart

STUART — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaup sr., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 27, by holding open house at the Stuart auditorium.

After Mr. and Mrs. Kaup were married September 27, 1911 at West Point in St. Mary's Catholic church, they moved to the ranch one and one-half miles east of Stuart where they still reside. Mr. Kaup has retired from ranching and he and his wife are building a new house on the place.

The Kaups have two children, James, Ainsworth, and Mrs. Doug Schaal, Beemer. A daughter, Anna, died earlier this year.

Handicapped Complete Rehabilitation Course

Ninety-one physically handicapped persons in Northeast Nebraska which includes Holt county have completed their rehabilitation course with the help of the rehabilitation agency.

This week has been designated as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week by President Kennedy. The purpose of the national recognition is to start employers to the fact that handicapped persons, properly placed, can make better employees than the non-handicapped.

The Rehabilitation Services office for Northeast Nebraska is located at 129 North Third Street, Norfolk.

Masonic Lodges Plan Area Meeting Oct. 13

Twelve Masonic lodges in Holt, Brown, Cherry, Boyd, Rock, Hooker and Thomas counties will hold an area meeting on Masonry at the Norfolk Social Security office, Monday, Oct. 13, at the Masonic temple at Valentine.

Separate meetings for secretaries, and masters and wardens, will be held from 11 to 12 a. m. A general meeting for all Master Masons will follow from 2 to 8 p. m.

Contract Let for Verdigré School

VERDIGRE — The contract for the new addition to the Verdigré school has been awarded to the Hoising Construction company, Hartington, for low bid of \$87,047.

John Hospodka, secretary of the board of education, states that bids will be allowed separately for the electrical and mechanical contracts. The new addition will be started in the near future.

Registered Nurses Meet at Ainsworth

Registered nurses met last week at Ainsworth to organize the Eighth District of Professional Registered Nurses in Nebraska which will include Holt, Cherry, Brown, Rock and Boyd counties.

Mrs. Talma Allen, Bassett, was elected as president. All professional registered nurses in these counties are eligible to join and may contact Mary John, Bassett, membership chairman.

Fall Term of Court Opens Monday; Juries Deliberate on Two Verdicts

LP Fuel Truck Burns At Naper

Fire Wednesday evening destroyed an LP gas truck and caused damage to a ranch home about 16 miles southwest of Naper.

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Fire damaged the sides of the house and the kitchen and burned the prairie around the home and truck.

Stahlecker said he had delivered about 150 gallons to the storage tank when the fire started. About 1200-1400 gallons were still in the truck.

The truck was owned by Gus Wilson, Burke, S. D. Firemen from Burke responded to the alarm.

Safety Patrolman Gene Hestretzer, who was investigating an accident in the area, was called to the fire.

One-fourth of Town Past 80 Years Old

AMELIA — This small town nestled in southern Holt county will probably never make headlines as a center of population or great industry but it can no doubt lay claim to some sort of record when it comes to bragging about the merits of living in its healthful climate.

And to those who doubt that a fountain of youth exists in the flowing well country around Amelia they offer these statistics. Nearly 25 per cent of the population of Amelia have passed their 80th birthday.

Frank Pierce observed his 83rd birthday Saturday. S. C. Barnett was 82 on the same date. Other residents include Effie Withers, 85, Mrs. Emma Lindsey, 84, Mrs. Della Ernst, 83, Mrs. Link Sageser, 83 and Mr. Sageser, 93.

That's seven persons past 80 of the town's total population of 29.

Two Men Suffer Injuries In Car Crash at Naper

Two men were brought to St. Anthony's hospital by ambulance Wednesday at 6 p. m. for medical care following a two-car accident which occurred five and one-half miles west of Naper.

Injured were Dwaine Lockmon, Stuart, and George Alexander, Naper. The cars collided at the top of a hill. The extent of the injuries were not known at press time.

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M. Sehi Named President of Rural Teachers

Merle Sehi, Ewing, has been elected president of the Holt County Rural Teachers association which met last week in the O'Neill Legion club.

Other officers are Mrs. Alpha Kirkland, Atkinson, secretary, and Mrs. Lenora Carson, O'Neill, reporter. Five representatives were chosen and they are Mmes. Clarence Glig, K. D. Shelhase and Doris O'Connor, all of Atkinson; Bennett Sanders, O'Neill and Grace Weichman, Stuart.

Marlin Languis, instructor in elementary education at the University of Nebraska, conducted a workshop on elementary science. Wilfred Semrad, NSEA representative from Lincoln, spoke about the Nebraska State Education association.

A noon luncheon was served by the Methodist Wesleyan Service guild under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harrison Bridge.

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Council Grants Permission for Medical Clinic

CITY COUNCIL members Tuesday evening re-issued a building permit to Dr. Rex W. Wilson for the construction of a medical clinic to be located at the corner of Second and Adams streets.

A permit had previously been granted by the Council but was halted when a petition was filed protesting the location of the clinic. After a hearing in which both sides were represented, the council re-issued the permit.

Other Council business included the issuing of parking permits to the Murray Liquor store.

A representative of the Layne-Western company spoke to the Council concerning well equipment. A new well is being considered by the Council for the territory north and also west of O'Neill which is being annexed to the city.

St. Mary's Academy Homecoming Planned; To Host Norfolk Burns

O'Neill streets will resound with cheers Friday after school when St. Mary's academy students meet in the stop light intersection for a pep rally in preparation for the Homecoming game and festivities that evening.

At 6:30 p. m. there will be a snake dance by all SMA students and following this the group will meet at the school campus for a bonfire and burning the V for victory.

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Buy Presbyterian Manse

Members of the First Presbyterian and the Bethany Presbyterian church voted Sunday morning to purchase the house of Mrs. O. W. French to be used as a parsonage. Purchase price was \$18,000.

Sale Dates Claimed

OCT. 6 — ELMER TAVENNER CLOSING OUT FARM SALE, 90 head of cattle, team of horses, pony and line of farm machinery. One-half mile south, 4 west and 1/2 north of Page, Ed Thorrin, Roy Kirwan Auction service, O'Neill and Butte, with George Coleman and Chuck Mahoney.

Fund Started For Injured Ewing Youth

EWING — A fund has been started here to assist in the rehabilitation of Leon Hahlbeck who was severely injured in a one-car accident.

The fund had reached approximately \$500 last week.

Leon was transferred to St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha last week from the Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh. Special treatment is being given the Ewing youth in the Lady Victor ward at the hospital.

Donations can be left at any Ewing business place or mailed to the Ewing Chamber of Commerce.

More Members Needed For Off-Campus Class

Off campus classes, Educational Measurements and Evaluation, and English Composition will hold their first meeting Saturday. More members are required if the classes are to continue. Please contact the office of the county superintendent immediately if interested.

Security Agent In O'Neill Oct. 11

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 from 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Merna Butterfield, Jerry Kilcoin Are Homecoming Queen and King

Merna Butterfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Butterfield, and Jerry Kilcoin received royal crowns as O'Neill high school's queen and king during Homecoming ceremonies at half time in the Atkinson-O'Neill game Friday evening.

Their attendants were: Seniors, Connie Brockman and Mike Fletcher; Juniors, Diane Graves and Rich Hill; sophomores, Connie Morrow and Jay McCoy, and freshmen, Cheryl Graves and Donald Havranek. Queen candidates included Vicky Gedwillo, Irene Nelson and Bonnie Hege.

A large crowd attended the Homecoming parade in downtown O'Neill during the afternoon. First place award went to the Future Homemakers of America. The sophomores won second place, and the Pep club and Junior high tied for third place.



BEING READIED FOR SALE SATURDAY these young quarter horse colts are receiving lots of special attention lately. Orlo Rhodes, owner of the colts, is shown here with Chick Connor, center, and Mrs. G. R. Cook, who are helping groom the animals in preparation for the special sale at Atkinson Saturday.