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Rare Birds Sighted Near Ewing Home

Perhaps the cause of the flu epidemic in parts of the country has now been discovered. There is a flock of birds rarely seen in this area feasting on the berries of the contorter hodge around the Stanley Lambert home at Ewing. According to superstitious peasantry in Europe the appearance of these birds is regarded as signs of some visitation of war or pestilence to follow.



The Lamberts consulted several birdbooks before they were able to identify them as Bohemian waxwings. This type of bird makes its home near the Arctic coasts of both continents and breeds there long before the snow has disappeared in the spring.

Sometimes the birds are not seen in the United States or Central Europe for a number of years then will appear in large numbers.

The Bohemian waxwings are distinguished by their shrike-like beaks, gray plumage, tall erectile crests and bright cinnamon colored patch under the base of the tail as well as yellow tips on their tail feathers.

Four Couples To Attend Convention

The local Holt Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be well represented at the national convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., February 4 through the 9. Attending from Holt county will be Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vogel, Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fick, Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French sr., Page, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Juracek, O'Neill.

The group will leave this weekend on a commercial jet plane from Omaha. Nearly 60 people interested in conservation will be in Philadelphia to represent Nebraska at the convention. Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, will be one of the numerous guest speakers at the meeting.

Extension Clubs Plan Lectures On Protection

"Home and Family Protection" is the subject of the first demonstration lesson of the year for Home Extension clubs and both preventive and remedial measures will be discussed.

The lessons are scheduled to be given as follows: January 26, H. Harper residence, Page; 29, J. L. Pruden, Ewing; 30, Leo Kramer, Atkinson; 31, lunch room in Stuart high school; February 1, assembly room in courthouse annex, O'Neill, and 2, G. H. Grimes, Chambers.

Two lessons will be given in the O'Neill center. The first one will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening session will be at 7:30 p.m. All other meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m.

College Tests Slated In O'Neill Feb. 24

Examinations for the American College Testing Program will be administered at the O'Neill high school February 24. The ACT examination will be given at 22 test centers in Nebraska. These tests are required or recommended for admission to more than 650 private and public colleges, universities and schools of nursing. Seniors should register for the tests before the February 3 deadline.

Services Held Saturday for Ruth Harnish

Funeral services were held Saturday for Ruth M. Harnish, 73, life-long resident of O'Neill, who died Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Plainview where she had been a patient in the hospital for two weeks.

The Rev. Glenn Kennicott officiated at the services in Biglin's Chapel. Interment was in Prospect cemetery where Eden Rebekah Lodge 41 held graveside services.

Ruth Harnish, daughter of James C. and Jane Henrietta Jacobs Harnish, was born December 30, 1888 in O'Neill. She was a member of the First Methodist church and Eden Rebekah Lodge 41. Miss Harnish lived at home with her parents, caring for them until their death.

Because of failing health she went to live at Rest Manor in Brunswick two and one-half years ago. She had been bedfast since breaking her hip one year ago.

Survivors are a brother, Frank D., Norfolk and three sisters, Mrs. Edna Carnes, Omaha, and Mrs. Della McKim, Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Mrs. Naomi Pearson. Pallbearers were Melvin Klingler, Ralph Lindberg, Lyle McKim, Ralph Young, Ed Hancock and Bennett Gillespie.

Verdigre Carrier Retires After Serving 34 Years

VERDIGRE — Dan Kelly retired Wednesday, Jan. 31, after serving about 34 years as Winnetoon rural mail carrier, and in appreciation of his service, and birthday his patrons sent Kelly more than 150 cards and gifts.



Kelly started delivering mail in 1928 with team and buggy. To keep his feet warm he used a lantern and later, a foot warmer of heated bricks. He progressed to a Model T Ford which worked quite well in the buggy and wagon tracks which passed for roads at that time. Sometimes he switched to horseback to get the mail through the heavy drifts of snow or mud caused by rains.

The retired mail carrier had accumulated 318 days of sick leave which he did not use.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have three sons and three daughters, M/Sgt. Kenneth D., Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Leonard, Creighton; Donald, Omaha; Mrs. Terry Doyle, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Vince Messina, La Puente, Calif., and Mrs. Vac Ondracek, Verdigre. They also have 18 grandchildren.

Boy Scouts To Observe Anniversary

The 52nd anniversary of the establishment of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed here beginning Wednesday, Feb. 7, and continue through February 13.

Members of the 34 Scouting units in the Sandhills District of the Covered Wagon council have planned a full program of activities involving their parents, community leaders and heads of local institutions that sponsor the groups.

The observance has as its theme "Strengthen America—Character Counts," with a special emphasis on Scouting's new program of national purpose through which 5,235,000 boys and adult leaders pledge, "I will do my best to build, to serve and to achieve."

"This year Boy Scout Week will focus on the Boy Scout Family," said Judge William Smith, Ainsworth, chairman of the Sandhills District of the Covered Wagon council.

Brothers Receive Sentences

District Judge William C. Smith Jr., Ainsworth, Monday sentenced Rolland and Dale Cullen, brothers who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Page schoolhouse January 22.

Rolland Cullen, 33, Page, received a 10-year sentence in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln. Dale Cullen, 35, O'Neill, was sentenced to the Men's Reformatory at Lincoln for a period of from one to three years. This was Dale Cullen's first offense.

Rolland Cullen was apprehended January 24 near Central City by state troopers after Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack issued a pickup on charges of stealing a car owned by his brother, Dale.

During questioning of the two men, they admitted breaking into the schoolhouse and taking about \$250.

Inman School Closed By Furnace Trouble

INMAN — The Inman school was closed Monday, Jan. 22, but not because of the flu which is affecting so many schools in the state. Furnace trouble caused the closing.

There have been very few absences at Inman due to illness this week. Mrs. Tyvita Sobotka and Mrs. Lewis F. Kopecky were substitutes last week for brief periods for Mrs. Mae DeLong and Mrs. Card.

Group pictures were taken of the entire school Tuesday, including the classes, band, pep club and chorus.

Seven Students Named To Page Honor Roll

PAGE — Seven Page high school students were named on the first semester honor roll.

They are: Alvin Crumly and Aletha Rutherford, seniors; Connie Nissen and Caroline Max, juniors; and LuAnn Nissen, Donna Smith and Linda Thompson, freshmen.

Honor roll students are Charlene Fusselman and Bonnie Heiss, juniors, and Roberta Asher, Andrea Wettlaufer, Randy Shaw and John Crumly, freshmen.

Army Bids To Be Opened February 27

Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. February 27 at O'Neill on the new National Guard Armory, according to an announcement by Howard Strong and Associates, Norfolk architects.

The estimated cost, to be paid by both the federal and state government, is \$140,000, and the building is to be 100-by-150 feet.



K. L. VAN VOORHIS, manager of the O'Neill District of Consumers, displays the safety award presented to the District in recognition of their outstanding safety record for 1961.

Safety Award Presented to Consumers

From December 2, 1960 to January 1, 1962, the O'Neill District employees of Consumers worked a total of 241,723 hours without a lost-time injury.

In recognition of this outstanding record the O'Neill employees were honored at a dinner Monday evening at the Town House at which time an award plaque was presented to the District.

In 1960 employees had a total of 14 personal injuries requiring medical attention including one lost-time case. Injuries in 1961 totaled only four with medical expenses of \$48 as compared to an estimated amount in excess of \$800 for the year before.

The O'Neill District also earned a vehicle safety record by driving 43 vehicles a total of 588,765 miles with only three preventable accidents during the year. Safe Driver Award cards were issued to the 56 employee drivers in this district.

At Monday night's dinner there were 48 Consumer personnel present from the O'Neill and Neligh areas. Columbus officials attending were R. L. Schacht, general manager; H. L. Carson, operating manager; L. H. Lundin, personnel director, and M. M. Mehring, safety supervisor. Ralph Foreman, general manager of the generation and transmission district, was a guest.

Two other recognition dinners were held for the balance of the employees of the O'Neill District.

NSIA Members Meet Friday; Name Officers

NSIA members met Friday evening in the Legion hall at O'Neill for the annual county meeting.

New members were elected for the board of directors and they are: Eugene Sobotka, O'Neill, Area 2, and Evan Garwood, Atkinson, Area 6.

Mrs. Vera Padock, Atkinson, was elected secretary and treasurer, replacing Florence Boettcher who has served four years in that capacity.

Minutes of last year's meeting were read and a financial report was given. Delegates were chosen for the state convention to be held in Grand Island February 8-9 at the Yancy hotel. Tape recordings of the area meeting held in Fremont were played before the business session.

Smith Farm Home Burns

Local firemen were called to the August Smith farm 16 miles northeast of O'Neill Friday but the fire had progressed too far before they were notified and they were unable to save the building from being completely destroyed.

Mr. Smith was in O'Neill when the fire broke out. A Verdigre resident passing by saw the fire and went to the Berger farm across the road but the Bergers were also away from home. He then drove to a nearby schoolhouse where he placed the call.

County Fair Dates Are Announced

Dates have been set for the Holt County Fair to be held this year—August 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The dates were announced following the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Fair Managers held in Lincoln January 21 and 22. Attending the meeting were Vern Sageser, Amelia, vice president of the Holt County Fair Board, and Steve Shavlik, Chambers, treasurer.

Members of the board have contacted with Ervin Korkow, Blunt, S. D., and James Sutton, Onida, S. D., to stage the rodeo at the 1962 Holt County Fair. Korkow & Blunt have produced the rodeo at the South Dakota State Fair for the past three years.

Frontier Shows of Garretson, S. D., have been engaged for the carnival midway at this year's fair. It is the same outfit that appeared at Chambers last year.

In addition to Sageser and Shavlik, other members of the fair board are Lloyd Glead, Chambers, president; Jim Gibson, Chambers, secretary; Ray Hoffman, Ray Beed and Henry Wood, all of Chambers, Clyde Widman and George Fullerton, Amelia.

Reclamation District to Meet Feb. 9

The first meeting of the new board of directors of the North Central Nebraska Reclamation district was held Friday evening at the Tropical Gardens.

Dale Wilson was elected temporary chairman of the board of directors until election of officers is held. Wilson appointed Harvey Krugman as East Area chairman; Alfred Drayton, Central Area chairman, and Dean Fleming, West Area chairman.

Following are the directors who were elected for six-year terms: West division, F. H. Carr, Springfield, Dean Fleming, Atkinson, D. C. Evans, Springfield, and Edward Rentschler, Atkinson; Central division, Tony Asmus, Dale Wilson, Alfred Drayton and Louis J. Kliment Jr., Atkinson; East division, Fred Friche, Harvey Krugman, Paul Zakrzewski and Paul Krugman.

At the Friday night meeting much of the time was spent bringing the board up-to-date on happenings of the irrigation project and the briefing of the board on the purpose of the district and duties of the board.

This meeting completed the information needed for petitioning the Nebraska Water Resources department to officially form the district.

The petitions will be ready to sign in mid-February at which time landowners will be notified of meetings which will be held so they can go over the project and sign the petitions.

A meeting is scheduled for February 9 at the Tropical Gardens for election of officers, arranging of by-laws and further discussion of plans. The local committee of Chamber of Commerce members will carry on the educational phase of the project. Anyone seeking additional information may contact Dale Wilson.

St. Mary's Names Honor Students

St. Mary's academy honor roll has been announced for the first semester of school.

Following are the names of the students who had high scholastic averages: Steve Higgins, Richard Fongratz, Mary Richards, James Spitzberger and Kathleen Weier, seniors.

Barbara Beelaert, Carmen Benze, Joan Hoffman, Rosemary Mahony, Ruth Muff, Marvin Peter, Mildred Schmitz, Beverly Steskal, Judy Sullivan and James Wilson, juniors.

Kathy Bosa, Margaret Conway, Charles Corike, Marilyn Donohoe, Cecilia Dziozgow, Helen Gokie, Sue Gonderinger, Jeanne Lohaus, Helen Musil, Joe Shoemaker, Suzanne Stewart, Linda Stufbergen, Jolene Stutz and Terry Tomjack, sophomores.

Ellen Artus, Mary Gonderinger, Owen Shoemaker, Renee Spittler, Mary Ellen Beha, Sue Cavanaugh, Gayle Murphy, Vere Thomson, Francis Zakrzewski, Reynold Bosa and Robert Devoy, freshmen.

Off-Campus Class to Register Saturday

An off-campus class, English 4, English Composition II from the University of Nebraska will meet for registration and the first class Saturday at 9 a.m. at the O'Neill public school.

For further information, interested persons may contact Alice French, county superintendent.

Harry Harpers Plan Open House Sunday

PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper plan to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary February 4 with open house.

The affair will be held at the Page Methodist church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Frontier Asks Readers For Articles on Nebraska

Eight Youths Charged In County Court

Eight area youths appeared in county court Monday to answer charges resulting from a spot-check made by state liquor agents near the Summerland Ballroom at Ewing the evening of January 20.

Fined \$25 and costs for being minors in possession of alcoholic liquor were Max Wilkinson, 17, Elgin, Ronnie Wilkinson, 20, Elgin, RolDean Rice, 19, Clearwater, Ronald Lowe, 20, Clearwater, Lynn W. Cook, 19, Orchard and Gary Fritz, Niobrara.

Fined \$25 and costs for throwing beer bottles on the highway were Rodney Boelter, Orchard and Roger Nelson, 19, Niobrara.

Ericson Bank Burglarized Tuesday

This area continues to be plagued by burglars as the vault of the Ericson State bank was blasted open early Tuesday with about \$150 taken in silver and undetermined amount from safety deposit boxes.

Entrance to the bank was gained by prying a rear door, according to Art McLain, Wheeler county sheriff. An explosive was used to blast a 23-by-26 hole in the wall of the vault, the sheriff said.

Fortunately, the burglars were unable to force a safe inside the vault where the major portion of the bank's money was kept. McLain reported 75 of 100 private safety deposit boxes were rifled. The break in was discovered by Cashier Frank Carlin as he opened the bank Tuesday morning.

An investigator from the highway patrol and FBI agents are assisting in the investigation.

Carole Wabs Enters Convent

Carole Ann Wabs entered Benedictine convent at Atchison, Kan., January 28, the day her oldest sister, Sister M. Anastasia, OSB, took final vows in the Benedictine Order.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wabs, their twin sisters, Patricia and Susan, who are students at Assumption academy in Norfolk, and their brother, Michael, who is in the army at Camp Riley, Kan., attended the ceremony.

Site Chosen For Rural Schools Meet

An annual meeting of the Nebraska Rural School Boards association will be held at Burwell in the American Legion hall Wednesday, Feb. 14, starting at registration at 9 a.m.

Such topics as school reorganization, school finance, small high schools and other matters of importance to the association will be discussed. It is planned to make recommendations to the legislature in the way of resolutions for the betterment of schools and their problems.

C. S. Reece Jr., Valentine, urges all people interested in rural education to be well represented at this meeting.

Sale Dates Claimed

Mothers March Earns \$548 For Polio

A total of \$548.36 was realized for the polio fund Monday evening through the efforts of the annual Mothers March.

Approximately 61 mothers participated in the house to house canvass.

All rural and organization contributors to the Polio fund are requested to return their collection mailers this week so those in charge of the drive may complete their job. Contributors may send donations to the O'Neill National Bank.

Mrs. Prescott Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Bertha Prescott died unexpectedly Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson, with whom she had lived for sometime.

No funeral arrangements have been made at this time, pending word from out-of-town relatives. She is survived by her children, Harold Day, Johnstown; Allen Prescott, Dixon; Louis Prescott, Omaha, and his twin sister, Mrs. Marvin Anderson, O'Neill.



RURAL SCHOOL BOARDS — A meeting of all the school boards of Holt County was held Wednesday afternoon at the O'Neill Legion club for the purpose of electing a new Holt County Reorganization Committee. Named to the committee were Mrs. Florence Boettcher, non-school board member, Walter Fick, Inman, Dick Brauer, Stuart, Norris George, O'Neill, Dick Clark, O'Neill, Fred Funder, Atkinson and Vernon Thompson, Amelia. The officers are for a term of four years.