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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 contoneaster hedge 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 wax-wings. 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

The Bohemian wax-wings 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

#### **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'-

The group wil 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, 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 school 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

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

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 Mc-Kim, 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

Members of the 34 Scouting units in the Sandhills District of the Covered Wagon council have planned a full program of activi-ties 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

#### **Brothers** Receive Sentences

District Judge William C. Smith jr., Ainsworth, Monday sentenced Rolland and Dale Culsentenced Rolland and Dale Cul-len, brothers who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Page schoolhouse January 22. Rolland Cullen, 33, Page, re-ceived a 10-year sentence in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln. Dale Cullen, 35, O'Neill, was sentenced to the Men's Reforma-tory at Lincoln for a period of tory 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 in-

to 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. Twila 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

- 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 and Roberta juniors, Asher, Andrea Wettlaufer, Randy Shaw and John Crumly, fresh-

#### Armory 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.



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 Fundus, Atkinson and Vernon Thompson, Amelia. The officers are for a term of four years.



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 \$600 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 pre-sent 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 meet-

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 Paddock, 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 Yancey hotel. Tape

recordings of the area meeting

held in Fremont were played be-

#### fore 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.

# Wilson to Give Report At Annual REA Meet

Ed Wilson, manager of Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, O'Neill, will take part in the program of the 26th annual meeting of the Ne-braska Rural Electric association in Lincoln next Wedneslay and Thursday.

Mr. Wilson is chairman of the Managers' association and will report to the delegates on the activities of the organization.

#### Land Bank Assn. **Plans Meeting** Here Tuesday

More than 500 farmers and ranchers are expected in O'Neill Tuesday for the annual meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of O'Neill.

The event begins with registration at 10:30 a.m. in the American Legion hall. Frank C. Kruntorad. Ewing, association president, will be chairman for the meeting.

Principal speaker will be Dave Livingston, Washington, Ia., acclaimed as America's widest traveled and funniest farmer.

The Ladies Aid of the Christ Lutheran church will serve the noon meal in the church parlor. Lyle P. Dierks, O'Neill Federal Land Bank association manager. said that two association directors will be elected to 3-year terms during the business meet-

The O'Neill Federal Land Bank association makes long-term farm real estate mortgage loans in Boyd, Garfield, Holt and Wheeler

In addition to Kruntorad, directors include Wilbur L. Moon, Stuart, vice president; and Ralph Hoffman, Ewing, Don Kehn, Butte, and E. J. Revell, O'Neill

#### **Essay Contest Open** To High School Seniors A \$100 scholarship is being of-

fered to the high school senior who writes the best essay on Nebraska's greatest novelist, Willa Cather. Only high school seniors may

compete. Not more than three entries will be accepted from a school. The essays are limited to 2,500 words. Further information may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Miriam Mountford, secretary to the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial, Red Cloud.

#### Inman Band Concert Planned Tuesday INMAN - The annual Mid-Win-

ter band concert will be held at the school auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m. under the direction of Leonard Sawyer. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds of the evening will go to the March of Dimes. Pie and

coffee will be served by the Band

#### Four Named to Royal Honor Roll

also on the honor roll.

ROYAL — The school honor roll released the first of this week includes three seniors. They are Tom Rundquist, Marlene Rader and Jean Peterson. Barbara Henry, a sophomore, is

# Announced

**County Fair** 

**Dates Are** 

The dates were announced fol lowing the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Fair Managers held in Lincoln January 21 and 23. Attending the meeting were Vern Sageser, Amelia, vice presilent 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 Gleed, Chambers, president; Jim Gibson, Chambers, secretary; Ray Hoffman, Ray Beed and Henry Wood, all of Chambers, Clyde Widman and George Fullerton,

# 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, Spring-view, Dean Fleming, Atkinson, D. C. Evans, Springview, and Edward Rentschler, Atkinson; Central division, Tony Asimus, Dale Wilson, Alfred Drayton and Louis J. Kliment jr., Atkinson; East division, Fred Frerichs, 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 in the briefing of the board on the purpose of the district and duties of the board.

This meeting completed the information needel 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 Wil-

# 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 Pongratz, Mary Richards, James Spitzenberger 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 Bosn, Margaret Conway,
Charles Corkle, Marilyn Donohoe, Cecilia Dziowgo, Helen Gokie, Sue Gonderinger, Jeanne Lo-haus, Helen Musil, Joe Shoemaker, Suzanne Stewart, Linda Stuifbergen, Jolene Stutz and Terry Tomjack, sophomores.

Ellen Artus, Mary Gonderinger,
Owen Shoemaker, Renee Spittler, Mary Ellen Beha, Sue Cavanaugh, Gayle Murphy, Vere Thom-Francis Zakrzewski, Reynold Bosn and Robert Devoy,

#### Off-Campus Class to Register Saturday

An off-campus class, English 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 superinten-

#### 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 Dates have been set for the Holt County Fair to be held this year—August 13, 14, 15 and 16. The dates were set for the For Articles on Nebraska

#### **Eight Youths Charged** In County Court

Eight area youths appeared in county court Monday to answer charges resulting from a spotcheck 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, RoDean Rice, 19, Clearwater, Ronald Loewe, 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 plaqued by burglars as the vault of the Ericson State bank was blasted open early Tuesday with about \$150 taken in silver and an undertermined 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

Fortunately, the burglars were unable to force a safe inside the vault where the major portion of the bank's money was kept. Mc-Lain 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 morn-

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

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.



A brother, Brenton, who attends school in California, was unable to be present. Sister Mary Anastasia is teaching in Council Bluffs, Ia., this

# year. She is the former Rosalie Kay Wabs. **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 par-

ticipated in the house to house 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

# Mrs. Prescott **Dies Wednesday**

Mrs. Bertha Prescott died unexpectedly Wedneslay at 9:30 a.m. at the home of her son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. had lived for sometime.

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.

No funeral arrangements have

# In an effort to attract attention to places of interest in the O'-Neill area. The Frontier will make its columns available to

readers who wish to participate

in a state wide contest. Articles not exceeding 500 words will be accepted starting immediately from readers of The Frontier telling about places of interest, things to see and do, things that would at-tract people, old and young alike, to see our area and know Nebraska and Holt county

The Frontier will print the most worthy and most interesting articles during the period of March 1 to April 15. The one which, in the eyes of the news-paper, is the best will be submitted to the judges in the state contest which is sponsored by the Nebraska Press Association and Ak-Sar-Ben. From those submitted four district winners

will be chosen. District winners will win a free trip to Omaha to the Awards Luncheon May 4. They will be presented with a bronze plaque and a check for \$50. The Sweepstakes winner will be chosen from the four district winners and will receive a Sweepstakes Plaque and a check for \$150. Editors of the newspapers in which the winning articles appeared will receive like prizes and will at-

tend the Awards Luncheon. The contest is to be known as "Know Your Nebraska Better." Should the district or Sweepstakes winner be a school stu-dent (up to and including the 12th grade), his school will receive a bronze plaque for the trophy room or trophy case, as well as a corresponding check to be used for a school pro-

To be eligible for a district prize, the author must write about something of historic or scenic interest within the district and must reside in that dis-

Pictures may accompany the article, and, if deemed of interest and of good enough quality to add to the story, the newspaper will print them along with the story. All pictures submitted must have complete identi-

fication. The editor of this newspaper believes that there are many things of interest to write about the area, probably many things that even local residents are not familiar with. If, through these stories, we can educate our own residents as to what is of interest around them, they in turn will be able to educate

# Site Chosen For Rural **Schools Meet**

tourists passing through.

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 re-

gistration 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 re-

# Sale Dates Claimed

FEB. 9 - CARL & HATTIE NELSON CLOSING OUT FARM SALE. 36 head of cattle, full line of farm machinery, hay and grain. 15 miles north and 1/4 mile west of Orchard. Rudloff Bros., auctioneers, American National Bank of Creighton, clerk. See complete listing in issue of the Frontier.

FEB. 9 — NIELSEN & Mc-CLURE-WILLIAMS DISPER-SION SALE. 123 head cattle, good line of machinery, hay and grain, miscellaneous and household goods. 18 miles south, 3 east and south of O'Neill. Ed Thorin, Roy Kirwan, Chuck Mahony auction service. See complete listing

in this issue of The Frontier. FEB. 15 — OAK VIEW PARK LAND AND PERSONAL PRO-PERTY SALE, 320 acres land. buildings and personal property at the park 19 miles east of O' Neill and 4 north. Ed Thorin and Roy Kirwan realtor and auctioneers. See complete listing in this issue of The Frontier.

FEB. 17 - L. V. Gant & Sons Polled Hereford sale, at Geddes,

FEB. 20 - HOLT COUNTY HEREFORD BREEDERS AS-SOCIATION Silver Anniversary sale. Selling 53 bulls, 5 females O'Neill Livestock Market. Write Kieth Abart, sale manager, for catalog.