

St. Patrick's Day

Ed's note — With St. Patrick's Day coming Saturday the Frontier believes it would be good to give serious thought to this special day.

Having this in mind we asked the Rev. Robert Duffy to submit an explanation of the religious honor paid St. Patrick.

By The Rev. Robert Duffy

At 9:00 o'clock, the morning of March 17, 1962, a Solemn High Mass will be sung in Saint Patrick's Church, O'Neill, in honor of the Patron Saint of the parish. On this day each year, many honors are paid to the man called the Apostle of Ireland. A brief look at his life from ancient history books will give us a clue as to the reasons of the festivities of March 17.

According to the most reliable of sources, Patrick was born in Kilpatrick, near Dunbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387 AD. At the age of sixteen he was captured by marauding Irish pirates, carried away from his home land, and sold into slavery in the land we now call Ireland.

For almost six years, Patrick was in the service of a Druid chieftain, acting as any slave would act. Getting an opportunity to escape, he did so and returned to his native country now filled with the desire to enter a life of service to God and especially to the people of Ireland, the people who had been his masters. After years of spiritual and intellectual preparation, Patrick was sent back to the island by Pope Saint Celestine I, with the mission and the task of gathering the inhabitants into the one fold of Christ. He and his companions landed once again on the shores of the hostile land in the year 433.

The actual work among the pagans was difficult and tedious. But by the grace of God and the efforts of Patrick and his followers the paganistic rites and practices of the people were slowly changed, and they learned of the existence of the true God. Patrick went the length and the breadth of the island, unfolding Divine Truth as he travelled.

On the 17th of March, 493, after the last sacraments had been administered, Patrick received the summons to his eternal reward. He was buried in a chieftain's fort-the place where, in later years, the Cathedral of Down arose. Such was the life of Patrick.

Why is the color green so associated with the Irish? Green is the color of a shamrock and with this simple stem and its three leaves, Patrick taught the pagans of the existence of the One God and the Three Divine Persons-the mystery of the Trinity.

Saint Patrick's Day then is principally and primarily a day of religious honor and respect to a man, a saint now enjoying the vision of God in heaven. We honor the man, the saint who, with the help of God, Christianized a pagan nation so thoroughly that it has remained true to the Church through all succeeding generations.

Armory Building To Be Started In Few Days

Construction will be started in a few days on the National Guard armory building, according to word from Joe McCarville.

Washington officials approved the contract and it has been returned to Lincoln where it was presented to the low-bid contractors. Construction is to start within 10 days from Monday.

Federal participation in the cost of the armory will amount to \$49,737.

The Geer-Melkus Construction company, Grand Island, was the low bidder for the contract, at a total of \$141,843.

School District Merger Doesn't Get Approval

Merging of Districts 60, 70 and 100 has been disapproved at this time by the Antelope County Reorganization board.

The school districts proposed for the merger are located southwest of Clearwater.

Sale Dates Claimed

MAR. 19 — REFEREE'S SALE, 400 ACRES LAND, 2 1/2 miles west and 2 miles north of Chambers. Sale at 2 p.m. at the courthouse in O'Neill. John R. Gallagher, referee. Wm. W. Griffin, attorney. See ad for complete details.

Child Bitten by Dog Friday at Newport

MEEK — Debbie, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell, Newport, was bitten by a dog Friday and three stitches were required to close the wound located near her eye.

Her doctor advised taking shots for 14 days and not wait for test returns on the dog as the wound was near the brain. Mrs. Connell is the former Vera Ernst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst, O'Neill.

Adam Tindalls Observe 50th Wedding Date

ATKINSON — Mr. and Mrs. Adam Tindall sr., will observe their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, Mar. 17, by holding open house at the Edaville Evangelical United Brethren church near Akron, Ia., from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Tindalls are presently at Atkinson but are going to Iowa this week. Their son and two daughters reside near Akron and will be present for the reception.

They take this means of inviting their friends and relatives to attend the open house Saturday.

County's Red Cross Quota Is \$2,091

Holt county has been given a quota of \$2,091 to be raised during the Red Cross fund drive in March.

The campaign was officially opened Wednesday, Mar. 7, by Governor Frank Morrison who proclaimed March as "Red Cross Month".



FOR HIRE—One "do-it-yourself" rescue kit, complete with cask. You furnish the ingredients.

Linda Eacker Dies Enroute To Hospital

EWING — A 13-year-old girl Linda Eacker, died Sunday night in a car while enroute to the Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eacker, became alarmed at her sudden illness and the young girl was taken immediately to the hospital. However, Linda was pronounced dead on arrival and cause of death was attributed to a "quick" pneumonia.

Linda is survived by her parents; two brothers, Gary and Lonnie; two sisters, Mary Lynn and Laurie Jo, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eacker, all at Ewing.

Five Candidates Announced for Third District

CLEARWATER — John A. Hoffman, Clearwater, has filed for the Democratic nomination to congress from the third district.

Jack Brogan, Keystone, Democrat, will also be on the primary ticket for this district. Don Gland and Dave Martin, North Platte, have filed for the third district on the Republican ticket.

Another filing for the third district is Dr. John A. Campbell, Central City, physician and surgeon, former medical missionary to the Congo. Dr. Campbell is a republican. He formerly lived in Omaha where his father was a railroad conductor, and he graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

The O'Neill Public School pep band will play during the launching of the rocket.

Leprechauns to Invade O'Neill St. Pat's Day

If the tradition luck of the Irish holds O'Neill will be filled with leprechauns Saturday as the "little people of Erin" come to town to see the Fenian moon shot.

A big day is planned in the observance of St. Patrick's day and will go off as scheduled if the weather permits.

First on the slate for the day will be the contest for the best-dressed leprechaun with a total of \$30 in prizes. First place will win \$10, second, \$7.50, third and fourth, \$5 each, and fifth, \$2.50. This contest is open to all children under 13 years of age residing in the O'Neill trade area.

Youngsters should meet at the K. C. hall at 10:30 a.m. Saturday for the leprechaun event. Weather permitting the judging will be at the site of the moon shot north of the traffic lights. In case of bad weather, judging will be in the K. C. hall.

Each youngster who enters will receive ice cream treats from Meadow Gold and balloons from Old Home bread and perhaps other gifts.

The Fenian moonshot is scheduled to follow the leprechaun judging contest. The last shipment of fuel has been received and the missile now is standing in the gantry. Countdown will start early Saturday morning in O'Neill's first attempt to get an Irishman into orbit.

In the afternoon two free showings of the film "God's Own Cow Country" are slated in the K. C. Hall. The film tells

the story of cattle industry in the sandhills.

The film does not dwell on any particular phase of the ranching industry nor in any particular place or ranch in the area. Footage was taken at a number of ranches in the Sandhills region.

Following the showings at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. free coffee and doughnuts will be served by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

Other events of the day include an old fiddlers contest and a blarney stone exhibit at Joe Langgan's tavern, green horses and some as yet unannounced attractions.

An extra added attraction will be the winning of Paddy's Pig, a Kelly green porker that will be given to the person guessing closest to the pig's weight as of 5 p.m. Saturday.

Entry blanks will be available at local business places. Weighing of the pig will be at 5 p.m. and his actual weight posted, near the stop lights.

Money for the prizes in the leprechaun contest and to defray expenses was contributed by O'Neill Livestock market, O'Neill drug, Schaffer Ranches, Inc., L. D. Putnam, John R. Gallagher, Norb Uhl, Fred Saunto, Bill Murray, Lindberg's Firestone, McCarvilles, S. & S Farm Supply, J. C. Penney Co., J. M. McDonald's, Mac's Bar, O'Neill Auto, Virgil Laursen Insurance, Joe Grutsch, O'Neill National bank, Coast to Coast store, Don's Bar, Johnson Jewelry, Dick's Bar, Gillispe Appliance, Fritz's Tavern, Fourth Street Garage, Bill Belik's Tavern, McIntosh Jewelry, T. M. Harrington, Pete Herford, Johnson Drug, Apparel Shop, Coyne Hardware, Joe Langgan Pool Hall, Joe McLeish.

Herman Holcombs Feted At Chambers Sunday

CHAMBERS — Approximately 90 persons braved the snow storm Saturday afternoon to attend an open house observance held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holcomb on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The affair was planned by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb, and was held in the Chambers Methodist church.

Seated at the honored couple's table were six persons who had been present at Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb's wedding 50 years ago. Present were Arthur Tangeman, Mrs. R. M. Burtwistle, Alvin Tangeman, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Miller and Mrs. Dell Wintermote, all of near Chambers.

Mrs. Don Reeder, Casper, Wyo., and Mrs. E. C. Wintermote cut and served the tiered anniversary cake. Mrs. Roy Miller poured punch and Mrs. Vernon Smith presided at the coffee service. Gale Holcomb, a grandson, had

charge of the guest book.

Vocal entertainment was provided by Mrs. Sam Burtwistle, Jerry and Danny McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McClellan. Gary Holcomb, another grandson, read a poem. Many congratulatory cards and telephone messages were received by the couple.

Herman and Pearl Holcomb were married March 10, 1912 at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tangeman, near Chambers. The bridegroom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Holcomb.

The couple have lived on a farm two miles east and two miles north of Chambers all their married life. They enjoy fishing and traveling, and have taken vacation trips to all parts of the United States except the extreme northeast.

The Holcombs have the one son, LeRoy, and two grandchildren, Gary and Gale Holcomb.

Blizzard Conditions Hit Area; Digging Out Process Begins

Continued snow and strong winds added to previous snow troubles which hampered communications, traveling and working conditions and plagued Holt county residents the past two weeks.

Farmers and ranchers were snowbound the first of the week due to the high drifts which blocked the roads. Relentless winds made clearing of the roads impossible.

By Monday night O'Neill was cut off from the outside world by closed highways in all directions. Communication was limited with the exception of short wave operating stations and the local radio station which were able to transmit emergency messages.

Harry Peterson, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at O'Neill, reported local service was uninterrupted during the latest storm but out-going circuits have been causing lots of trouble. There was no phone service west of O'Neill from Sunday until the storm ceased. By Tuesday circuits had been restored to Norfolk, Chambers, Spencer, Lynch, Butte and Ewing when mother nature lent a hand and the phone wires cleared without aid from the repairmen. Inman and Page service was still out by Tuesday.

The trouble, apparently caused by ice covered wires whipping about and freezing to the other wires, could not be investigated and corrected as the servicemen were unable to get into the country.

Consumers district manager at O'Neill, K. L. Van Voorhis, said Tuesday that the office had encountered no difficulties in service during the storm. There was some relaying of messages through the office transmitting service but outside of that the storm had added no weather complication for the district personnel.

Harold Humrich of the REA office reported outages in the Butte area Monday. Crewmen reached Butte about 5:30 p. m. and got the power back at 9

Funeral to be Today at 1 p.m. For Mrs. Stamp

INMAN — Mrs. Leta Stamp, 65, died Thursday, Mar. 8, at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Funeral services, originally scheduled for Monday, were delayed until today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. due to the snow-blocked roads. They will be held at Big Lins chapel and burial will be in Enterprise cemetery near Orchard.

Leta Stamp was born November 2, 1896 at Walnut to Fred S. and Belle Vorce Butterfield. She came to Holt county in 1928 from Knox county and in 1930 was married to Emmet Stamp at Center.

Survivors are her children, Viola Maple, Natrona, Wyo., Mervin and Alvin Stamp, Casper, Wyo.; Raymond Stamp, Inman; Mary Lou Fessler, Beatrice; Loralee King, Roy, Utah, and Lillian Davidson, Inman.

Palbearers were Boyd Boelter, Leonard Boelter, Francis Boelter, Kenneth Eyer, Willis Boelter and Delbert Boelter.

p.m. The men worked all Monday night to restore power south of Atkinson and Emmet and one crew was able to get south of Chambers to help a family there.

Ice whipped lines which disconnected the power was the greatest cause of REA trouble. Humrich expressed his gratitude to the county maintainer operators for getting the crews to the trouble spots, and to Matt Beha and short wave operators for their assistance in getting calls for assistance to the REA office.

For the city maintenance crews the additional storm meant a continuance of work and still more work. Marcellus SchAAF, city supervisor of the street department, stated Tuesday that there are three shifts working night and day clearing parking and loading snow to be dumped at the park.

By Tuesday the workmen had been able only to keep the downtown section open as shifting snow filled in roads in just a few moments. When the storm abated Tuesday evening the crews started immediate clearance of all city roads.

City workers opened a road to the Jack Taylor residence Sunday to allow the ambulance through to take Mr. Taylor to the hospital. They also cleared hospital roads, cemetery area and the fire department approach, as well as answer emergency calls during the storm.

Floyd Gettert, county maintenance supervisor, has been handicapped for information from his crewmen by the lack of phone service. There are two men in each of the six districts in the county. They left with the plows in their different districts Monday morning but have not been able to contact Gettert as to what progress they had made by Wednesday morning.

Gettert reported that they would be working night and day to clear the county roads as rapidly as possible.

The state highway picture was much brighter by Wednesday morning, according to Tom Schberg, maintenance superintendent of the State Highway Department.

There are eight men stationed at O'Neill and, plus four construction engineers, a good showing was made Wednesday morning battling drifts eight to nine feet high. Two large V plows, one small V plow and one rotary snow plow are being used out of O'Neill and by Wednesday morning all highways were open for one-way traffic in this area. Attention is now being centered on the widening of highway clearance.

The state men assisted in several emergencies during the storm. One case involved Mrs. Richard Sunderman, Chambers, who needed hospitalization. Men started from Chambers with the plow followed by the Sunderman car at a little after 5 a.m. Tuesday and the O'Neill plow left here at the same time, meeting eight miles north of Chambers.

Mrs. Sunderman arrived at St. Anthony's hospital at 8 a.m. and her daughter arrived at 11:35 a.m.

Another emergency call came when Mr. and Mrs. Peterson from Broken Bow, who had been visiting in the Ken Hunt home here, were reported missing on

their trip home Sunday. State highway men located the Petersons Tuesday at the Swanson ranch south of Atkinson.

To add to the problems of the farmers and ranchers this is the lambing and calving season, and feeding and caring for the stock has been almost impossible.

Mrs. Orton Young, northeast of O'Neill, has her hands full with 105 lambs. Her husband has been in ill health and unable to help. Mrs. Young has had some harrowing experiences the past several days.

Last week she had five lambs in the house at one time and she also had a set of triplets to watch over. After these had dried off she took them back to the barn but Sunday night four ewes gave birth to eight lambs and they kept her busy all night during the howling storm.

One of the lambs died but the others survived. She only has 10 more ewes to go. Monday was the first day the sheep missed getting feed. Although she once had to haul a sack of feed on her back for a half mile she still had managed to get to the sheep and give them feed and water until Monday.

When a mother ewe died last week, Mrs. Young had to drive five miles to get milk for the lamb. This little lamb is still in the house getting hand feedings.

The Frontier reporter inquired of Mrs. Young by phone Monday if she had plenty of staples. She answered, quite cheerfully, "We're doing fine. I drove to Page last Wednesday night just as soon as the maintainer came through from there. My lights went out once on the pickup coming back but I did a lot of praying and somehow got back home."

It took two hours to drive five miles for a family in the Meek area. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Risor and daughter, Janice, started out for Butte Sunday as Mrs. Risor teaches in Boyd county and Janice goes to high school at Butte. They wanted to be closer to their schools.

Two hours later, after much shoveling and pushing, they reached Midway, and Mrs. Risor and Janice continued on by car. Mr. Risor walked back as far as Howard Rouse's house (two miles) and got a tractor ride to within a mile from his home, then went on by foot.

All this, and schools everywhere in the county and surrounding areas were closed Monday and Tuesday.

Moving operations usually in force by March 1 have been hampered by blocked roads. However, one family managed to get moved Saturday by the relay system.

Dick Fernau's furniture was moved to the top of the hill from his house northeast of O'Neill through the efforts of Fernau, Cecil Miller and Austin Searles. They were met there by a truck for the trip to Butte where the Fernaus have rented a house.

There are many stories of danger, hardships and heroism during the severe storm which will no doubt come to light in the next few days. The Frontier news this week has been curtailed to a great degree by the absence of mail and out-of-town telephone calls up to press time Wednesday afternoon.



O'NEILL BOY SCOUTS Saturday helped in the Goodwill collection of old clothes and toys despite heavy snows that blanketed the area. Here is part of the pickup operation in the residential area. Individuals furnished cars and trucks for the pickup, the bags were stored at Booth Transfer warehouse, and Valentine Motor line Sunday took the bags to Sioux City.



THE CHAMPIONS—The Spencer Pirates and their Class "C" State Basketball tournament trophy won last week in Lincoln. Coach Gerald Huesser leads off the back row followed by Roger Fisher, Paul Ohri, Ronnie and Leonard Kocovsky and Bob Haun. In front are (l to r) Lawrence Sedlacek, Duane Filsinger, Robert Olin, David Sedlacek and Paul Hargens.