

# 101-Acre Tract Given to Town

By a Staff Writer

CHAMBERS—A retired man and his wife who down through the years have lived industriously and thriftily on Holt county soil, this week conveyed 101.5 acres of land to the village of Chambers. The donors are Daniel B. Perkins, 83, and his wife, Louise B. Perkins, 79.

In a letter to the Chambers village board, they wrote: "It is our intention in giving this property to the village of Chambers to express, in a material way, our appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to us by the people of the Chambers community during our many years' residence among them, and to make a contribution to the future growth of our town and the happiness of the children and grandchildren of our old friends."

Ed Thorin, Chambers auctioneer, insurance man and chairman of the village board, told The Frontier that the gift represented a cash value of about 10 thousand dollars.

On March 3 the Perkins wrote the village trustees advising them that they were contemplating giving to the village the land, adjoining Chambers on the East, for "public recreational and governmental purposes."

On April 1 the Chambers board replied: "It is with a great feeling of gratitude that we, as trustees of the Chambers village, acknowledge receipt of your letter making such a remarkable gift to the village."

"We wish to take this means on behalf of the entire board, every citizen of Chambers, and everyone living in the Chambers community to render our sincere thanks for your most generous gift," the reply continued. "We seek to accept this gift in the same spirit in which it was given, i. e. that your many years' residence in the community may be exemplified by such a contribution to the future growth of our town and the happiness of the children and grandchildren of your old friends."

The letter to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins was signed by Ed Thorin, Kenneth Werner, G. F. Gillette, Walter Brown and Joe D. Daas, who comprised the board at that time.

Mr. Perkins, born in Illinois, came to Holt county in 1886 with his parents, who were homesteaders in the Chambers vicinity. He was a young man of 18 when he reached the county.

His wife was born in Northern Michigan, lived in Wisconsin for a number of years, and taught school in Wisconsin for seven years. She came to Holt county in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins earned a reputation for being industrious, prosperous and thrifty ranch people. They expanded their ranching operations regularly and own many sections of land.

Most of the hundred acres being given to the village was acquired during 1937, the Perkins recount. The land formerly was part of the Fluckey estate.

The property might be described as 80 acres adjoining the village corporation on the East, immediately South of the highway entering Chambers

### TO BE INTERVIEWED

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Perkins will be heard in an interview on Saturday's "Voice of The Frontier" program, beginning at 9:45 a. m.

from the East. The East boundary on the property is the section line. Twenty acres of the grant are in the rear of the Perkins' residence. In recent years the land has been used for hay and alfalfa.

Mr. Thorin said tentative plans for the property include an airport. An appropriate entry way and parking lots are being discussed.

The board passed special resolutions accepting the gift, and is taking steps to erect a memorial to the donors.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins reserved the revenue from the real estate until after their death, specified that the land could not be sold or disposed of for 25 years after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, stipulated that no intoxicating liquors of any kind are to be sold on the premises.

Actual possession of the property will not be taken until after the deaths of the retired rancher and his wife, but improvement steps will begin right away. The deed was filed Friday at the Holt county courthouse.

Since 1931 Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have been residing in a comfortable, yellow-stucco dwelling in the East part of Chambers. Mrs. Perkins, 79, has not been in good health for some time, but Mr. Perkins, 83, is active, gets downtown every day—rain or shine.

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### Tiny Town, Kiddies' Store, Opens Today

A children's store to be known as Tiny Town, opens today (Thursday) in O'Neill. The store is owned by N. O. McCrary, O'Neill jeweler, and it will be managed by Mrs. James Carney.

Tiny Town is located a half-block South of the traffic signal on the East side of Fourth street.

Free balloons and candy are being given to the children on opening day. (For further details turn to opening announcement on page 3, section 2.)

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### JUNIORS FUNCTION IN COUNTY OFFICES

#### 'Clerk' Shirley Withers Is Impressed by Mortgage Records

Approximately 160 Holt county high school juniors, representing nine schools, converged on the courthouse here, Wednesday for an all-day lesson in applied civics.

As "officers" duly "elected" after strenuous "campaigns" in their respective high schools, these pupils Wednesday functioned alongside the regularly elected office holders.

A businesslike Frontier reporter called a number of the student "officers" on the telephone and received varied reactions to the day's experience.

Joyce Miller, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Star, answered the phone at the office of county superintendent of public instruction, Miss Elja McCullough.

Miss Miller, an O'Neill high school junior, was convinced, she said, that there was "too much work" in the office to be attractive to her. She said she hadn't realized there was so much detail work in connection with the office.

James Chaney, of Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chaney, answered the phone at sheriff's office, said he "wouldn't mind" being sheriff all the time. A Stuart high school junior, he said, worked Wednesday as a "sheriff" while listening to County Sheriff A. B. Hubbard relate experiences as a sheriff.

Shirley Withers, 17, Atkinson high school junior and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Withers, was enthusiastic about her work as county "clerk." She insisted that things were going "fine, just fine" and was impressed with the mortgage record in the vault. She said it was "fun to look up things about people you know" on the mortgage file.

"I knew the mortgage record existed but I didn't know it was so complicated," she said.

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman discussed most phases of the office with the pupils.

One hundred and eighty-eight persons were served at noon in the American Legion auditorium by members of the Legion auxiliary. This number included visitors.

One of the highlights of the day was an address to the students by District Judge Faye Pollock, of Stanton. He told his youthful audience that it was "a great privilege" to be able to learn how to serve as a public office holder, that his listeners should be grateful for the opportunity of learning government in this American Legion-sponsored manner.

He drew comparison in the manner the students were "elected" and the manner of offices are filled in totalitarian governments, where individuals have little, if any, choice in the matter.

Warren Baker, of the state department of the American Legion, also spoke.

Miss McCullough was chairman of the day's activities, assisted by Glea N. Wade.

### First REA Pole to Be Set at Spencer

SPENCER—First pole to be set in the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation's rural electrification program will be set near Spencer next week. The REA unit ultimately will serve rural consumers in Holt, Boyd, Knox and Wheeler counties.

### BUTTE WOMAN DIES

LYNCH—Mrs. George Lueken, of Butte, died Friday, April 8, at the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch. Mrs. Lueken was the mother of Melvin Lueken, a Lynch barber. She had been in poor health for many years.

### Freddie, 8, Guns for Weatherman

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### SUB DRUMMER HELPS BAND WIN

#### Barbara Hancock Shows Courage As She Pinches Hits in Contest

### 1,529 Musicians Here

Competition was keen in the annual district III high school music contest here last week. Fifteen hundred and twenty-nine musicians, representing 34 Northeast and Northcentral Nebraska high schools were entered.

In the finale on the three-day program, O'Neill, Ainsworth and Neligh bands rated superior. Valentine won excellent.

Melodramatics accompanied O'Neill high school's performance in the band test.

Barbara Hancock, a twirler, substituted for the regular bass drummer, who was absent. Miss Hancock had never played the drums before, had assists from the director, Ira George, and other members of the band, and the organization breezed through to a superior rating.

O'Neill high graded 12 superiors—10 in instrumental competition. Other collective superior ratings by schools:

Tilden, 18; Ainsworth, 15; Atkinson, 14; St. Agnes, of Alliance, 12; St. Mary's, of O'Neill, 11; Neligh, 11; Valentine, 8; Clearwater, 6; and Creighton, 5.

The Butte band, decked out in new uniforms, won class C superior honors and Royal and Orchard shared superior honors in class D.

Summary of ratings: Cont. on page 4, section 1.)

### FIREMEN SUMMONED

FIREMEN were summoned to the Nu-Way cafe about 7 a. m. Wednesday to extinguish a roof blaze. Fire Chief G. E. Miles said a wire to an electric sign had caused the blaze. Little damage was done.

### Mother of 2 Dies Following Upset

Mrs. Fred Ott, 30, of Bonesteel, S. D., mother of two children, and sister of an O'Neill man, died at 10:30 p. m. last Thursday in a Burke, S. D. hospital.

About 5:45 p. m. that same day the automobile in which she was riding with her husband and her children hit a rut and overturned into a ditch full of water. The accident occurred about six miles Southeast of Bonesteel. She was unconscious as a result of her experience in the mud water and died later in the hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Monday at Bonesteel.

Survivors include: Widower: children—Larry, 10, and Marilyn, 8; parents—Mr. and Mrs. William Fuhrer, of Butte; sisters—Mrs. Ted (Ella) Kluckenever, of Hastings; Mrs. Clarence (O'Lindo) Beem, of Butte; brothers—Walter Fuhrer, of Butte, and Sam Fuhrer, of O'Neill.

### Sitz Sale Set for Friday, April 14

Will Sitz for the fourth time will attempt to hold his registered Angus dispersion sale, which on three earlier occasions has had to be postponed because of bad roads and storms. Initially the sale was set for March 26, then postponed to April 4, again postponed to April 11. Finally, the new date—Friday, April 15—was set and Mr. Sitz says he's sure this will be the final date.

Mr. Sitz's offering includes 47 head of registered cattle, including 15 yearling bulls. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, is the auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 6, section 1.)

The Sageser-Robertson-Shaffer sixth annual sale has experienced similar difficulty with the weatherman. New date for this sale is Saturday, April 16, at the Atkinson Livestock Market. Ernie Weller is the auctioneer.

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### Worst Winter in 50 Years of Railroading

By Dorothea Storjohann Special Correspondent

ATKINSON—On Friday, April 1, Herman J. Schrader, sr., section foreman for the Chicago & North Western railroad, finished 50 years of service.

Mr. Schrader began working on the section here when he was 14-years-old.

Joe McDonald, of Atkinson, was section foreman at that time, recalled Mr. Schrader. Peter Stafford, of Norfolk, was roadmaster, and C. H. Reynolds, of Norfolk, was division superintendent.

Born on a farm seven miles North of Stuart, the son of Gustoff and Johanna Schrader, Mr. Schrader moved here with his family in 1889.

His father and three brothers, Hugo, Fred and Henry, also began working for the Chicago & North Western railroad at that time.

Fred is a section foreman at Minneapolis, Minn.

On July 20, 1908, Mr. Schrader married Amelia Dunn, sister of Fred Dunn, of Atkinson. The day of their marriage, they left for Richards, Wyo., where he worked for one and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrader became the parents of two sons. One son died in infancy. The other, Herman Schrader, jr., lives here in Atkinson.

Mr. Schrader thinks the past Winter was the "worst" in his 50 years of railroading, with the



Herman J. Schrader, sr.

Winter of 1909-10 running a close second.

It was while he worked in Wyoming, he recalls, that a train was stalled for 11 days in a drift six feet deep and one-half mile long.

Passengers on the marooned train, had to walk a half mile to reach another train headed for Lander, Wyo.

The train crew tried to keep the engine going by hauling slack on grain burned on top of sleds. The slack doored up as fast as the crew could shovel it into the firebox. After dragging slack to the train for several

days, they finally quit. "Couldn't haul it up fast enough to keep it going," recounts Mr. Schrader.

A broken flange from a stock train once caused five cars to derail in the railroad yards at Stuart, according to Mr. Schrader. He added, "though the train cars were demolished, only two head of cattle were killed and two were injured."

The accident happened at the exact spot where a few minutes earlier, Mr. Schrader and his men had been working.

According to Mr. Schrader, rotary snowplows were in use as early as 1908.

Once while in Wyoming, snow thrown from a passing rotary plow, broke every window in the Schrader's house, on the side next the tracks.

Many times, recalls Mr. Schrader, the section men worked on 24-hour schedules for several days.

Working day-and-night on a washout near O'Neill, they walked one and a half miles into O'Neill at 11 o'clock one night for something to eat. When they had walked the distance back, they found the railroad company had brought them a lunch of hot coffee and sandwiches.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrader have lived in this community nearly all their lives—continuously since 1917. They soon will celebrate their 40th anniversary.

### MRS. HARTIGAN, 69, DIES MONDAY

#### Burial Wednesday for Lifelong Nebraskan III 4 1/2 Months

INMAN—Mrs. Jessie C. Hartigan, 69, widow of the late Thomas T. Hartigan, died at 5 p. m. Monday at her home in Inman where she had been ill for 4 1/2 months.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Methodist church in Inman with Rev. Roy Wingate, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Inman cemetery.

The late Mrs. Hartigan, nee Jessie C. Geary, was born at Herman on December 3, 1879. She came with her parents to Holt county from Washington county in 1873. The Gearys settled in the Inman community where Mrs. Hartigan continued to make her home.

On April 23, 1899, at Inman she married Mr. Hartigan. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters.

The late Mrs. Hartigan was a member of the Rebekah lodge.

The Hartigans resided for many years on a farm in the Inman vicinity. Mr. Hartigan died in November, 1948.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. (Lola) Barnhardt, of Ewing; son—Stuart Hartigan, of Oakdale; and five grandchildren. She also leaves three brothers and a stepmother.

Pallbearers were: William Kelly, jr., Arthur Tomlinson, Fred Moore, Elmer Krueger, George Fink and James Coventry.

### Going to New York

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Beha and daughters, Pere, Nan and Annette, will depart today (Thursday) for New Rochelle, N. Y., for a three weeks' visit with Mrs. Beha's relatives.

### Louise Davidson, 9, Gets Contract with NBC for Radio-Television Work on Coast

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### Emmet Candidates Still Deadlocked

Two candidates for village board post at Emmet are still deadlocked with 21 votes each. They are Wayne Fox and Mrs. Frank Foreman.

According to statute law, the two candidates must meet with the village clerk, Larry Tenborg, and by means of lottery break the tie.

In the same election, Dean Perry and Mrs. John Conard were re-elected to board posts.

The Frontier erroneously reported last issue that Walda Davis and John Walker were elected to the school board and Lyle Dierks and Leland Welke were elected to the town board at Ewing. Walker and Davis were elected to the town council and Dierks and Welke were named to the board of education.

### What Next? Dust Storm Strikes

O'Neill residents Wednesday afternoon couldn't believe their eyes. Dust was swirling in the streets. A similar report came from Atkinson.

The dust storm, innocent and shortlived as it was, came exactly two weeks after an unseasonal Spring blizzard that knotted all road and rail traffic and tied up communications.

Flood water in the Elkhorn valley, meanwhile, has been receding. Drying up has been rapid in the past few days, thanks to lots of sunshine and some wind. Most snow has disappeared although snow is still to be found. Rain, sleet and snow fell Wednesday evening.

Week's weather summary:

Date	High	Low	Pre.
April 7	50	38	
April 8	68	36	
April 9	60	41	.01
April 10	41	36	.57
April 11	53	34	
April 12	53	34	
April 13	77	43	

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### CONSUMERS TO MOVE BIG DIESEL

#### Walling Tells Group of Plan to Dismantle O'Neill Plant

### Engine to Valentine

A plan was bared at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in which the Consumers Public Power district will move its 1,000-kw diesel engine from O'Neill to Valentine.

L. C. Walling, Consumers district manager, appeared at the meeting to explain the plan to move the big engine in the near future. A special Chamber committee, composed of James M. Corkle, Melvin Ruzicka and G. C. DeBacker, asked Mr. Walling to meet with the Chamber and prepare to answer inquiries.

Purpose of the proposed move is to more efficiently serve the West end of the O'Neill district.

O'Neill itself, Mr. Walling pointed out, using an illustrated chart, will be well supplied with electricity with high tension feeder lines converging here from five directions.

Moving of the big diesel, which was installed in 1937 when the plant a half-mile North of town was built, will cost about one-third of its original value of 125 thousand dollars. Consumers installed the plant originally to supplement power from the Spences dam.

The engine move will not be undertaken until the line improvements are completed. This includes increasing the capacity of the O'Neill-Neligh-Norfolk link to 115,000 volts.

Consumers plans to convert the power plant building into a substation office and warehouse after the diesel has been moved. O'Neill will continue to be the main distribution point in the North-Nebraska power grid although none of the electricity will originate here. Eventually, power is expected to be fed into the substation here from the Ft. Randall, S. D., dam now under construction.

Mr. Walling also told of plans to relocate and rebuild a power line to serve Atkinson. The new line would follow highway 20. Some dissatisfaction has been manifest at Atkinson recently because of power interruptions during storms.

Mr. Walling also told the Chamber of plans to install two way shortwave radio transmission equipment for expediting maintenance work. Consumers vehicles will be able to contact the O'Neill headquarters. The radio net will be put into use this Summer.

A half million dollars worth of electrical equipment will be at the substation when the changes are made, Mr. Walling explained.

Recently, Consumers paid 23 thousand dollars for the Scott building, which it will enlarge and renovate for district headquarters.

E. S. Endsworth, Boy Scout field executive, and three Ainsworth Scouts staged a demonstration of Scouting practices, including cooking, first aid, treading water, tying knots, use of an ax.

Seventy-eight out of 88 boys of Scouting age at O'Neill public school have indicated an interest in Boy Scout work. 34 out of 38 at St. Mary's academy have said they would be active.

The Chamber appointed a Boy Scout committee: L. M. Diehlman, chairman; J. E. Davis, D. R. Mounts, Robert Hill and A. Neil Dawes. A meeting place for Scouts is being sought.

The Chamber decided to sponsor a celebration to commemorate the city's diamond anniversary. A committee will be appointed by the president, J. Leo Moore, and a date will be selected.

Plans were discussed for the meeting to be held here Thursday, April 28, in the interest of highway 281. Cities and towns from Red Cloud to Butte, in Nebraska, and several South Dakota towns, will be represented. Meeting will begin at 8 p. m. in the American Legion auditorium. There will be a dutch lunch.

Forty-seven attended Tuesday's night session at the Golden hotel—largest attendance at a regular meeting in the Chamber's history.

### Visitors from Wausa

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schultz, of Wausa, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Peters.

### 150 GUESTS HELP PAIR CELEBRATE

#### R. E. Chace and Wife in Open House Golden Wedding Observance

ATKINSON—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chace, retired Atkinson couple, Tuesday afternoon and evening received more than 150 guests in observing their golden wedding anniversary. They held open house between 2 and 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Chace were married at Orchard on April 12, 1899. Mrs. Chace is the former Mildred E. Clifton daughter of Rev. W. C. Clifton and Mrs. Clifton.

The Chaces have two sons, Elvon and Charles, and one daughter, Mrs. Willard (Ethyl) Linville, all of Atkinson. They have five grandchildren: Larry and Jane Chace, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elvon Chace; James and Rosemary, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chace, and Patricia Lou, daughter of the late Raymond Chace.

Among out-of-town relatives, who came to be with the Chaces on the occasion, were Mr. Chace's sister,