



Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ross . . . today they recount their blessings and hardships.

## O'Neill Pair Marks 60th Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ross Settled in Meek in 1904

Hardships and blessings of 60 years of married life will be recounted today (Thursday) as Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ross, of O'Neill, observe their wedding anniversary.

A very few close friends have been invited to drop in for the quiet celebration with the esteemed, kindly couple, who were married at Boone, Ia., on September 22, 1889.

Hardships have been of both the economical and physical nature. Blessings include many years of wedding bliss and reasonably good health down through the decades.

It was not until 1904 that the couple joined the ranks of Holt county's farmers and landowners. They settled near the Meek community in Northern Holt county on a 240-acre farm.

Since that time, Mrs. Ross said, it seemed like one "thing after another" appeared on scene to stifle their attempts for moderate success.

Mr. Ross recalled that for many years immediately after they settled near Meek, the weather was extremely dry and crops were not plentiful. Then, there came an interlude when there was too much moisture.

In 1915 Eagle creek was out of its banks and the rain and flood waters did serious damage to the crops. Shortly after the rain torrents in 1915, 30 hogs "burned up" with cholera.

In 1917, their six-room home was razed by fire. It was not covered by insurance and was a total loss. Fortunately, Mr. Ross said, there was no one in the house at the time.

By this time, they were raising a family of one girl and three boys.

Martha, the oldest, who now resides in Fremont, is married and has a family.

John, the next eldest, is a veteran of World War I. He too, is married and has a family.

Elmer, of O'Neill, lives with the folks and is a veteran of World War II.

As life's hardships seem to lift for a few years, they struck again in 1923.

Albert, 16, the youngest son, was fatally injured when a

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## Page School Enrolls Over 120 Students

PAGE—School here began September 12 in the rebuilt school house for over 120 pupils.

Sixty are enrolled in the grades while over 60 are registered in the high school.

The Page school building was destroyed by fire late last Spring and was completely rebuilt during the Summer months.

The new building and fixtures cost over \$60,000, according to spokesmen for the school district.

## Attend Funeral for Young Boy

DELOIT—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sehl and family and Pete Thiele and family attended the funeral Saturday morning for Darrel Welding, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Welding. The lad died early last Thursday.

He was a kin of both the Sehl and Thiele families. The lad had been ill only a few days.

## IRA L. LIVINGSTON EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Well-Known Atkinson Rancher-Retired Meat Man Heart Victim

ATKINSON—Ira L. Livingston, 52, a well-known rancher residing Southwest of Atkinson, died suddenly late Monday at his home. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Atkinson high school auditorium with Rev. Orin C. Graff, Presbyterian church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery under Seger Mortuary direction.

The late Mr. Livingston was born on March 22, 1897, at Grinnell, Kans., a son of Daniel S. and Sarah Livingston. He came to Atkinson from Clearwater in 1919.

He was a butcher by trade and formed a partnership with R. E. Chace. Until 1935 they operated under the firm name of Chace & Livingston.

Upon retiring from the business field, Mr. Livingston turned to ranching.

Relatives said Mr. Livingston had not been ill and the fatal heart attack came as a complete surprise.

Mr. Livingston was a member of the Presbyterian



Ira L. Livingston... heart attack fatal to Holt's "biggest butcher" and "biggest rancher".

church and the Elks lodge. In physical stature he was one of the largest men in Holt county, and had been a prominent figure in Atkinson community life. He measured 6 feet 9 inches in height and weighed more than 500 pounds. Friends affectionately referred to him first as the "biggest butcher" in Holt county; later as the "biggest rancher".

Survivors include: Widow—Fern Livingston; sons—Zane, Gene and Joseph, all of Atkinson; sisters—Miss Leona Livingston, of Des Moines, Ia., and Mrs. Ray Pegden, of Chapman.

## BOOK DODGERS, AERIAL JUMPER

'Crazy Piper Cub' Act and Auto Smashes to Feature Program

Enthusiasm is mounting for the Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival celebration to be held here Friday, September 30.

The sponsoring organization, Simonson post 93 of the American Legion, continues to make increasing progress for the event.

Commander of the post, Gordon O. Harper, announced this week that the Davis Shows have contracted to bring a carnival company here for the celebration.

District Judge D. R. Mounts and Ira L. Moss have been appointed judges by the celebration committee of the American Legion for the selection of the oldest residents—a man and a woman—who will reign over the one-day festivities.

Honorary king and queen entry blanks were published in the September 15 issue of The Frontier.

The Diamond Jubilee parade will ignite the celebration. The parade will get underway at 10 a. m. Among latest entries are: McCartney Style Shop, Parent-Teachers' association, Elkhorn extension club, Friendly Neighbors extension club, Goldenrod rod extension club, Up-and-At-It 4-H club, Future Farmers of America and Fetrow Refrigeration. (Eighty, earlier entries are listed in a story on page 6.)

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Juracek have announced that they have an "ancient" carriage that they will enter in the parade. The carriage will be drawn by horses.

M. E. ("Jake") Jacobson, chairman of the parade committee, pointed out Wednesday that more entries are sought. He said it's an opportunity for "oldtimers to express themselves". Covered wagons, ox carts, carriages, coaches, (Continued on page 4)

## SLOT OPERATORS ARE COOPERATING

Voluntarily Close Machines to Comply with Edict from Attorney-General

Slot machines in veterans clubs and other private clubs in Holt county have ceased to sing.

All bingo games and "other forms of illegal gambling" have disappeared from the surface, too, to conform to an edict issued last week by Attorney-General James H. Anderson.

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Wednesday that officials have visited all operators who have been operating machines on the record and have been paying federal tax. Right down-the-line, he said, the operators have voluntarily agreed to banish the slots.

A recently published list of machines in the county, furnished by federal authorities, reads like this:

O'Neill—American Legion club (6), Friendly club (6), Knight of Columbus (3).

Atkinson—American Legion club (5).  
Ewing—American Legion club (4).

Most of the machines had come into existence after World War II. One of the first non-service clubs to close down its battery of slots was the Old Plantation club at Elgin.

Several of the clubs as well as church and fraternal groups have conducted bingo games. Usually, although illegal, the games were reserved for benefit purposes.

Professional games and professional slot operations in Omaha and other cities have been largely responsible for bringing about the law.

## Ruins of Hay Barn Continue to Smoke

INMAN—The ruins of the Watson hay barn continue to smoke and smoulder.

The barn was struck by lightning Saturday, September 10, and the fire that resulted destroyed completely the structure and 500 tons of hay. Estimated damage was set at \$12,000 by Ira L. Watson, owner.

## TV Towers Change City's Skyline



Jacobson-Beha tower . . . overall height 62 feet.

Two elaborate television towers have been erected in West O'Neill and overnight the city's skyline has been transformed.

With the raising of towers video officially comes to O'Neill.

Owners of the sets are W. B. Gillespie, who has his installed at his home, and M. E. Jacobson and Matthew G. Beha, who have made their installation at Slat's cafe. Both sets are experimental and the backers are interested in television for commercial reasons.

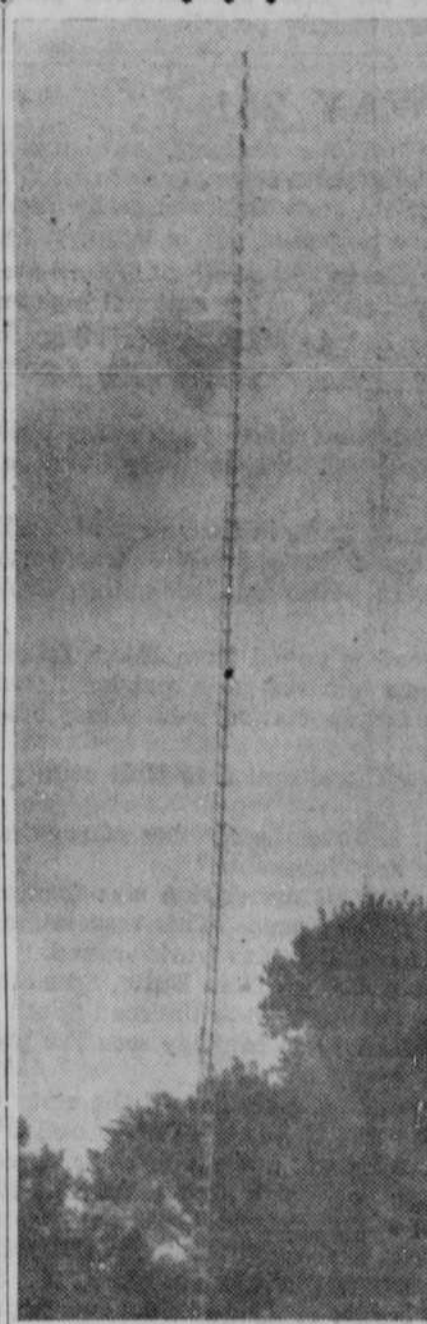
Gillespie's set received "perfect" signals on Monday evening with the aid of a "booster" which is attached to an already elaborate antennae. Arrival of the booster will assure reception, also, for the Jacobson-Beha setup.

The cafe tower was erected last week. It measures 50 feet and the antenna measures 12 feet, totaling 62 feet in height. The Gillespie antenna has an overall height of 115 feet.

Gillespie's Monday evening reception was from WOW-TV and KMTV. Both are Omaha stations.

The owners say the installations represent an investment of hundreds of dollars.

As far as is known, O'Neill is the farthest point from Omaha where the TV signals have been received. Except for the towers, however, television sets are useless in this territory. Omaha is nearly 200 air-line miles from O'Neill.



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## STOVE FALLS ON TOT; DIES

Kenneth Lawrence, Born Here, Is Accident Victim

Committal services were held Saturday at 9 a. m. at the Calvary cemetery here for Kenneth Ralph Lawrence, age 2½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lawrence, who was fatally injured Thursday at his home while playing in a shed at Valentine.

Msgr. J. G. McNamara officiated at the rites.

The tot died shortly after 10 a. m. Thursday after suffering a fractured skull when a large old-fashioned electric stove toppled over on him while he was playing inside it. The stove was stored in a shed at the rear of the Lawrence home.

The boy lived approximately 10 minutes after the accident occurred.

Reports indicated the small boy was sitting on the ground beside the stove playing. A four-



Kenneth Lawrence . . . Dies after freak accident.

year-old playmate was climbing on the stove and it overturned on the Lawrence tot.

There was some evidence that the boy and the playmate might have dug around the legs on one side of the stove.

Kenneth Ralph Lawrence was born at O'Neill on December 1, 1946. He moved with his parents to Butte in 1947 and then to Valentine about one year ago.

Besides his parents, Kenneth is survived by a brother, Francis; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hamilton and Mrs. Emma Lawrence, of O'Neill; an uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence, of O'Neill.

A brother, Eugene Leroy, died in infancy.

The parents of the boy are former residents of O'Neill and Holt county.

Pallbearers were: John J. Uhl, Robert Clements, James Donohoe, and Donald Caulkins.

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## Mrs. Shaughnessy Dies At Wayne

Mrs. Estelle Shaughnessy, 80, widow of the late William H. Shaughnessy, died Monday at 2 a. m. at Wayne, where she was residing near her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Philbin. She had been ill three weeks.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. C. J. Werner officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery, near the grave of her husband.

Mrs. Shaughnessy was born at Leon, Ia., on July 3, 1869, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitaker.

On December 31, 1890, she married Mr. Shaughnessy. They came to Holt county in 1898. For many years they resided on a farm 1½ miles Southeast of the city.

They became the parents of two sons and three daughters. Mr. Shaughnessy died on January 11, 1933.

Survivors include: Sons—Thomas Shaughnessy, of Dinuba, Calif., and Harry Shaughnessy, of Omaha; daughters—Mrs. Leo (Winnie) Muller, of O'Neill, Mrs. Esther Reka, of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Philbin.

Pallbearers will be: Jack Arbutnot, George Weingartner, H. E. Coyne, James Kelly, Lloyd Whaley and F. N. Cronin.

## JOHN HUNTER, 89, SUCCUMBS IN IOWA

Homesteader in Mineola Community Brother of Late J. M. Hunter

John Hunter, of Atalissa, Ia., died Tuesday, September 6 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Todd, in Tip-ton, Ia. He was 89-years-old. News of the death reached Holt county this week.

The late Mr. Hunter homesteaded in the old Mineola community in about 1885. His original place is now owned by Ray Noble.

Mr. Hunter resided there for several years, then went to Iowa. In 1909 he returned to Holt county to reside for several more years. He was a brother of the late J. M. Hunter, who died in O'Neill in 1926.

Survivors include: daughters—Mrs. Margaret Todd, of Tip-ton, Ia., and Mrs. Henrietta Salsbury, of Malta, Mont., sister—Jennie Schooley, of Endicott, N. Y., five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Visit Colorado—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimers were recent visitors in Loveland, Colo.

## BOY, 3, FATALLY INJURED IN FALL

Suffers Skull Fracture in Tumble from Moving Automobile

A 3-year-old North Dakota lad, Robert Francis Mattison, died about 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the O'Neill hospital as a result of a skull fracture. The boy fell from a moving car near Emmet about 9 a. m. the same day.

He was riding with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mattison, of Medora, N. D.

According to the parents, the rear seat door flew open and the boy fell out onto the hardsurfaced road. It was believed the lad was leaning against the door when it became unlatched.

The family had been visiting relatives at Albion and the Mattisons were enroute to their home in North Dakota. The accident occurred several miles West of Emmet.

Dr. O. W. French, the attending physician, said the death resulted from a fractured skull.

Funeral services for the infant were held Tuesday afternoon at Aurora. The body was forwarded from O'Neill on Monday by Biglin Bros.

The lad was born September 5, 1946, at Macon, Ga. His father is a native of Belgrade, near Albion, and his mother was reared at Giltner.

Mrs. Robert Barnes and daughter, Cheryl, spent the weekend in Omaha visiting Mrs. Fern Wicks.

## 4 SALES ON CALENDAR

Monday, October 3—Charley Fleming, who lives 5 miles Northeast of O'Neill on the Opportunity road, will hold a sale of his personal property, which includes a big line of farm machinery. (Complete details will be found in a later issue.)

Walton O'Connell and James G. Fredrickson are the auctioneers. First National bank will clerk.

Saturday, October 29—Vernon Hixson, who lives 24 miles South on highway 281, one mile West and 1¼ miles South of O'Neill, will hold a complete dispersal sale of registered Herefords, some farm and haying machinery and a large, complete line of other personal property. (Complete details will be found in The Frontier in a later issue.)

Ed Thorin and Johnny Donner are the auctioneers with Lawrence Buller, field man with the Nebraska Farmer, and the Chambers State bank will clerk.

The Frontier's auction service includes newspaper advertising, radio advertising and handbills—a three-way plan that assures maximum results.

## HEART ATTACK FATAL TO MAN, 27

Ross E. Harris, Jr., Dies in El Centro, Calif., Restaurant

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday from the Methodist church here for Ross E. Harris, jr., 27, of El Centro, Calif., son of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, well-known Holt county official, and Ross Harris, of El Centro.

Rev. V. R. Bell officiated at the rites and interment was made in Prospect Hill cemetery here.

Harris died on Friday following a heart attack at El Centro. He was dining in a restaurant when he was stricken at 5:05 p. m.

The late Mr. Harris was born on January 16, 1922, and graduated from the O'Neill high school in 1939.

Following his high school graduation, he attended Morningside college in Sioux City for one year. He then returned to O'Neill and was employed at the Royal theatre as a projectionist.

In 1942, after training at Douglas aircraft factory in Omaha, Harris was employed at Martin bomber plant at Baltimore, Md., as a technical supervisor.

He returned to O'Neill in 1944 and managed Lloyd's



Ross E. Harris, jr. . . . burial here Wednesday.

shoe store. On August 15, the same year, he married Dorothy M. Nelson, of Sioux City. The rites took place in Lincoln at St. Paul's Methodist church.

In 1946 in the interest of his health he went to California to reside.

Harris was a member of the O'Neill Lions club, the International Union for Motion Picture Projectionists, the Methodist church and choir, and was chairman of the executive committee of the Cub Scouts of El Centro.

Besides his wife, the late Mr. Harris is survived by his mother, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill; father, Ross, of El Centro, sisters—Ruth, of Shanghai, China, and Betty, of O'Neill; a brother—Guy, of O'Neill.

The young man's mother is Holt county register of deeds. His sister, Ruth, is a Methodist missionary in China. Miss Harris was advised of her brother's death by cablegram and an acknowledgement was received the following day.

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