

Fire Destroy's Widow's Home

Defective Chimney Blamed
For Blaze That Levels
Prewitt House

ATKINSON—A fire, which is believed to have originated in an upstairs room as the result of a defective chimney, late Tuesday destroyed the Mrs. Frank Prewitt farm home. The place is located 18 miles South of Atkinson on highway 11 and three miles West.

The two-story frame structure was totally destroyed.

Some of the contents were removed by members of the family and the Berry brothers, who were passing the scene.

Simultaneously fire alarms were sounded in Chambers and Atkinson about 6 o'clock.

The Chambers firemen reached the scene first and the Atkinson department arrived about five minutes later. Both were too late to save the building.

The blaze was fanned by a strong South wind, which prevented spreading to the other buildings, all of which are situated South of the house.

Some concern was held for a grove of pine trees and tall grass North of the house.

Firemen were to help check the flames in the event a prairie fire developed.

When the fire was discovered, Mrs. Prewitt sent a distress message to her neighbors. They frantically removed household goods from the blazing building. Saved were the living room suite, kitchen range and other items.

Mrs. Prewitt's husband, the late Frank Prewitt, was killed about two years ago in an automobile accident on a corner at the edge of Stuart. Since that time, she has been carrying on at the ranch with her five children—the eldest of whom is about 17.

Mrs. Prewitt is owner of the real estate. She acquired ownership in October, 1946. She has not announced plans for rebuilding.

Dollar Days 'Big Success'

First in a series of Dollar Days merchandising events was a "big success" Friday and Saturday.

People from far-and-near came to take advantage of the Dollar Day bargains.

Two more similar events are scheduled before the Christmas holidays, according to R. V. Lucas, who was in charge of arrangements. Details will be published in the O'Neill newspapers.

While cooperating merchants were uniformly pleased with the promotion, the best test comes from the customers themselves.

A Stuart woman, a Frontier subscriber, was on hand when the doors at one of the stores opened at 8:30 a. m.

"My," she exclaimed, "I wouldn't miss this for the world!"

Holt ARC Chapter Schedules Meeting

The Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a business-dinner meeting Thursday, October 27, at Slat's cafe according to Mrs. C. V. Sullivan, secretary.

Following the dinner a business meeting will be conducted and plans for the coming year will be outlined and discussed.

Mrs. Betty Jane Darby, of West Point, area representative for the ARC, will be present.

Mrs. Sullivan said reservations for the \$1-per-plate dinner should be made to Mrs. Glenn Tomlinson, of O'Neill, by Monday noon, October 24.

Lions May Hear Dramatic Group

The Lions club in a regular fortnightly dinner meeting Wednesday at the Golden hotel heard a report that a Wayne State college dramatic group may appear here in November.

The troupe will be touring during next month and the Lions will invite the players to show in O'Neill.

Ice Follies Star Known at Orchard

ORCHARD — Ole Ericson, son-in-law of William Mosel, is one of the stars in the Ice Follies of 1950 which opens in Omaha on Monday, October 31.

Mr. Ericson is known at Orchard where he has been a visitor on numerous occasions.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY FOR HOLT CLUBS

Extension Members Meet
Wednesday in One-
Day Session

Over 175 Holt county extension club members convened here Wednesday for achievement day exercises with 20 clubs having displays and demonstrations at the O'Neill public high school auditorium.

The day was highlighted by the formal candle-lighting installation of the newly-elected council officers. The installation was under the direction of Mrs. Beryl Damkroger, Holt county home extension agent.

Mrs. Vern Sageser, state delegate to the national home demonstration council, reported on the convention that was held recently. She told of the importance of the home demonstration council and how it linked social and domestic functions in everyday life and with the county home extension clubs. Mrs. Sageser said the national home demonstration council provides scholarships each year for worthy home economic students or 4-H members.

Mrs. Sageser praised the work of the national organization and said the conference was the "most educational, enlightening and entertaining" she had ever attended.

The day got underway at 9:30 a. m., with registration while the rest of the morning was devoted to the construction of displays and demonstrations.

At noon the Star-Get-Together club was hostess at a covered dish luncheon.

The afternoon session convened at 1:30 with group singing. Mrs. Sageser's report followed and Ira George, superintendent of the O'Neill public schools, spoke briefly at 3 o'clock on "Un-American Activities."

Lynch Woman Escapes Fumes

LYNCH — Mrs. Lois Harris was nearly overcome by gas fumes early Saturday while sleeping at her residence.

Fumes escaping from a defective furnace filled the house. Mrs. Harris was in an upstairs bedroom. Her cries for help were heard by nearby neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulhair and Mrs. L. Van Meter rushed to her aid.

They summoned Dr. Wyrens, who lives across the street from the Harris home. The ill woman was removed to the Wyrens' home. Wednesday she was reported as "recovering nicely."

Mrs. Harris has been living alone since the death of her husband, R. H. Harris, a former Lynch banker. He died several months ago.

Neighbors said that if Mrs. Harris had been occupying the upstairs room instead of an upstairs room the fumes might have been fatal.

Capt. Madeline Ullom, who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., arrived during the week-end to visit her mother, Mrs. Mary Ullom.

F. E. Adamson's Report by Letter Of Return Trip to Belgian Congo

AMELIA—Good food and a sick feeling aboard ship, rough seas, a sand storm at Walvis Bay, South Africa, and a sightseeing trip around Capetown, have highlighted the return trip of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Adamson and son, David, to the Belgian Congo in Africa.

Mrs. Adamson, the former Hazel White, daughter of H. S. White, and her husband have spent 18 years in the Belgian Congo as missionaries. On September 13, after a recent visit to the United States and to Holt county, they sailed from New York on their return trip to the missionary outpost.

The two oldest children, Merlin and Myra, are in college at McPherson, Kans.

In two letters to H. S. White, of Amelia, Mrs. Adamson relates "sickish" feelings two days out of New York and she described the rough seas that tossed the Robin Kirk's dishes from the mess table. She said the "head wind" was strong enough to warrant a decreased-speed order for the ship.

The Robin Kirk is 492 feet long and 69 feet wide and was appropriately nicknamed the "Bobin' Cork." Mrs. Adamson said.

The Adamsons told of two stops enroute to their outpost

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SECTIONS

CHAMP 4-H CALF SELLS FOR \$50.50

Stocker-Feeder Show
Attracts Buyers from
4 Midwest States

Over 140 calves, including commercial and 4-H, were shown and sold Saturday at the annual Sandhills stocker-feeder calf show and sale held at the Fredrickson Livestock Commission Co. here.

Champion stocker-feeder honors were taken by Donna Herrington's Hereford steer and it sold for \$50.50 per hundred to Fred Wetherill, of St. Peter, Minn. Miss Herrington is from Bassett.

The reserve champion stocker-feeder was taken by Donald Fullerton's Hereford steer and it sold to a South Dakota buyer for \$45 per hundred.

The showmanship contest prizes were awarded by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-State Produce.

The showmanship winners were: first—Ray Herrington, of Bassett, who received the show halter from the Chamber of Commerce; second—Charles Tasler, of Atkinson, was awarded a stockman's comb and brush set, also by the Chamber of Commerce; third—Donna Herrington, who received the bristle brush awarded by Tri-State; fourth—Audrey Siders, of O'Neill, was given a Scotch comb by Tri-State.

Presentation of the Chamber of Commerce awards was made by the president, Melvin Ruzicka, and M. J. Deihman awarded the Tri-State prizes.

Blue ribbons awarded were: Hereford steers—Donna Roy and Ray Herrington, of Bassett; Beverly, Gary and Kenneth Small and Donald Fullerton, all of Amelia; Doris Siders, of O'Neill, and Rudy Dvorak, of Atkinson.

Angus steers—Edward Davis, of O'Neill.

Angus bulls—Dale Hixson, of Chambers.

Purebred heifers—Audrey Siders, of O'Neill.

Red ribbons awarded were: Hereford heifers—Clifford Boettcher, of Atkinson.

Hereford steers—Rexford Carson, of Redbird; Marlene Ermer and Edward Krugman, both of O'Neill.

Hereford steers—Kay Hibbs, of Stuart; Francis Gotschall, James Mellor and Linda Shaw, all of Atkinson; Charles Mahoney and Marvin Strong, of Chambers.

Angus steers—Owen Davis, of O'Neill.

Angus heifers—Raymond Sobotka, of Inman.

Shorthorn steers—Janet Hill, of O'Neill.

Shorthorn heifers—Betty Lou Curran, of O'Neill.

Shorthorn bulls—Russel Minter, of O'Neill.

Purebred heifers—Sharon (Continued on page 8)



This is part of the lineup Saturday at the 13th annual stocker-feeder sale held here. Owners with their calves are (left to right): Ray Harrington, of Bassett; Charles Tasler, of Atkinson; Donald Fullerton, of Amelia; Kenneth Small, of Amelia; Audrey Siders, of O'Neill; Beverly Small, of Amelia; Gary Holcomb, of Chambers, and Murray Mellor, of Atkinson.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



Donna Harrington, of Bassett, (left), exhibited the grand champion at the stocker-feeder show and sale. Donald Fullerton, of Amelia, (right), entered the reserve champion.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville. (See story at right.)

3 Public School Students to Contest

Three O'Neill public school students will compete in a state livestock judging contest in North Platte Saturday, October 22, according to B. L. Gerdes, public school agricultural instructor.

The students are: Tom and Ronald Ressel and Allen Porter. Leonard Ritts was selected as an alternate.

The contest is sponsored by the state livestock experimental station at North Platte for public schools in Nebraska.

The winners of the contest will represent Nebraska in the national contest to be held at a later date at Denver, Colo.

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SCHOOL LEADER ARRIVES TODAY

Rev. Mother Ignace, superior general of the Sisters of Saint Francis, arrives today (Thursday) from St. Francis Mission, S. D., for a conical visit, according to Sister Antonella, principal of St. Mary's academy.

The visit comes once every six years to see that the standards, the ideals, and the methods of teaching are being followed.

Sgt. Mother Ignace's office is Heylthuzin, Holland. She has been in the United States since February 15. The American delegate to the superior general's office, Sister Clarissa, of California, is the traveling companion of the Reverend Mother.

St. Mary's academy school children will greet the Reverend Mother with group singing and Friday the academy band will perform on the campus. The grade school children will present a program Friday afternoon, October 21.

Rev. Mother Ignace will be at the academy for eight days.

Brother Leaves Germany As Sister Arrives—

Sgt. James F. Mullen, who arrived Wednesday, October 12, after 15 months spent in Germany, visited his mother, Mrs. Anna Mullen, until Monday. Sergeant Mullen's wife and son also were guests at the Mullen home. He returned to Lowery Field, Denver, Colo., where he will be stationed.

His sister, Pvt. Ireneacia Mullen arrived in Germany September 24. She is stationed with a hospital unit in the medical corps in Munich.

Cardinals in Seventh Place in Class "A"

By virtue of St. Mary's academy's victory over the Dwight Assumption "G" Friday night at David City, the Omaha World-Herald rated St. Mary's in seventh place in class A six-man football teams throughout Nebraska.

Go to State Bar Meet in Omaha—

District Judge D. R. Mounts, Mrs. Mounts, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Griffin and Julius D. Cronin went to Omaha Wednesday to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska Bar association.

2 Accidents In Atkinson Area

ATKINSON—Two minor accidents occurred in the Atkinson area within 24 hours, Fay Robeson, state highway partolman, reported Wednesday.

Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 an Eastbound pickup truck driven by a 13-year-old boy struck the pole-trailer of a rural electrification truck at a county road intersection one mile East of Atkinson.

The REA truck, driven by Ruben Angehofer, of O'Neill, was traveling Southbound when the accident occurred.

A 12-year-old Atkinson boy, a passenger in the pickup truck involved in the accident, suffered a gash on the jaw and he was "severely" shaken up, according to Robeson.

Robeson estimated \$300 damage to the pickup truck. The second two-car accident happened 17 miles South of here at 5 a. m. Wednesday.

Robeson said a car driven by Albert Freouf, of Atkinson, was slowing down on highway 11 when a car driven by Dale Butterfield, of Amelia, hit the rear end of the Freouf car and knocked it off into a ditch.

Butterfield sustained a cut on his hip and the damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

100 Chickens Stolen From McCart Farm

Fred McCart, who lives 2 1/2 miles North of the Danceland corner, reported to the Holt county sheriff's office Tuesday morning 100 chickens were missing from his place.

The loss was not discovered until early Tuesday morning. The sheriff's office said the theft "probably" occurred Monday night.

Engineers Disturbed by Hum; No Broadcast

A small item known in radio broadcasting circles as a "hum" prevented the "Voice of the Frontier's" broadcast Saturday of the St. Mary's-Dwight Assumption six-man football game, won by St. Mary's 25-18.

The "Voice's" tape-recording unit was taken to David City Friday night where Chuck Apgar, regular announcer at the O'Neill studios, recorded most of the game. Afterward, the highlights were edited into 25-interest-packed minutes.

Radio station WJAG engineers turned thumbs-down on the tape because of a "hum" that developed when the tape was played back. Consequently fans in the O'Neill and David City area were disappointed.

The Frontier arranged for an informal playback Monday evening in the dining room of the Golden hotel. Team members especially enjoyed listening to the description of their Friday night conquest. (For more game details turn to page 9.)

HOSPITALIZED

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill, has been a patient for six days in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

CORN HUSKING GETS UNDERWAY

Corn picking is getting underway in Holt and adjoining counties. Early reports on the yield are "good."

Everywhere the question arises: Is the corn dry enough to crib?

To that query the answers are varied. Most farmers agree that the moisture content is high and does not warrant cribbing in large amounts.

Holt countyans continue to clean-up after the big wind storm of October 10. Considerable corn was damaged by the wind and some corn is on the ground as a result.

Reports of property damage are still coming in. Fred Bazelman, of O'Neill, said his 42 x 62-foot barn, located 15 miles North and four miles East of O'Neill, was practically demolished by the gale, which mounted to more than 70-miles-per-hour.

D. H. Hansen, who lives nearby, reported damage at his place. His haystack was blown over and "there wasn't much left of it." His buildings also were damaged.

Lowest temperature here this week was 38 degrees.

Drainage Structures Under Construction

Work recently began on the construction of drainage structures between O'Neill and Inman on U. S. highway 20.

The Platte Valley Construction company, of Grand Island, was awarded the \$17,657.60 contract September 12.

The crew is working at present about five miles East of O'Neill.

3 Big Sales Scheduled

The Frontier's public sale calendar has three sales listed. They are the John Carr Estate, the Dick Robertson Estate and the Vernon Hixson dispersion sale.

Mrs. Gertrude Carr, widow of the late John Carr, whose place is located six miles South of Atkinson on highway 11, then three miles East and a half-mile South, will sell both real and personal property today (Thursday), October 20. Of the real property, there will be a 160-acre improved farm with a comfortable six-room house and five buildings in good repair.

At present, 45 acres are in alfalfa, 50 acres under cultivation, 15 acres in wild prairie hay and balance in pasture. Included in the personal property of the Carr estate will be 31 head of cattle, five head of horses, 10 head of hogs, some grain and feed, farm and haying machinery, household goods and miscellaneous tools and equipment. Wallace O'Connell will auction the personal property and Ed Evans will auction the real estate. (See last week's issue of The Frontier for complete listings of the Carr estate.)

On Friday, October 28, will be the administratrix's sale of the Dick Robertson estate. The place is located 21 miles North on highway 281, then one mile East and one-quarter mile South, of O'Neill; or five miles South of the Midway store on highway 281

and one mile East and one-quarter mile South. Included in the sale of personal property will be 130 head of cattle, five head of horses, farm and haying machinery, household goods. In addition there will be offered approximately 65 tons of good bottom hay, approximately 40 tons of alfalfa and a 32-volt cream separator. (For complete listing of the property see page 6 of this issue of The Frontier.) LaVerne L. Robertson is the administratrix. Ed Thorin will be the auctioneer.

Vernon Hixson will hold a complete dispersion sale of all of his personal property and registered Herefords on Saturday, October 29, at the ranch 24 miles South on highway 281, one mile West and 1/4 miles South of O'Neill; or one mile West and three-quarters mile North of the Herley filling station. There will be 68 head of cattle, which includes 34 females and four bulls that are registered Herefords. A catalog of the registered Herefords will be mailed upon request to the owner, Vernon W. Hixson, of Chambers. There will also be 10 head horses, 17 head of registered spotted Poland Chinas, farm and haying machinery, some household goods and other miscellaneous items. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, and Johnny Donner, of Elgin, will be the auctioneers; Lawrence Buller field man with the Nebraska Farmer, and the Chambers State bank will clerk.