

# Father of 5 Is Polio Victim

### Russell Shoemaker Dies In Omaha Hospital; Funeral Today

A prominent 41-year-old O'Neill rancher and father of five children died at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday in County hospital at Omaha. A victim of bulbar polio, Russell Shoemaker died about 60 hours after reaching the hospital.

Friday he complained of illness but believed he was fighting off an attack of influenza.

Late Saturday he consulted Dr. J. P. Brown, who rushed the patient to county hospital where a section of the hospital is devoted to infantile paralysis patients. He was taken in a Biglin Brothers ambulance accompanied by his wife, Doctor Brown and Robert Clinkscales.

Mr. Shoemaker, was admitted early Sunday and placed in an iron lung. Hospital attendance termed his condition "critical" and it grew gradually worse.

Bulbar is considered the worst form of the dreaded poliomyelitis disease.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Requiem high Mass will begin at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Bennett Gilligan, Louis Zastrow, Edward M. Gallagher, Edward Wilson Lyle Dierkes, Henry Lohaus, James M. Corde and Matthew Beha.

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will officiate. A rosary service was conducted Wednesday evening at Biglin Brothers chapel.

The late Mr. Shoemaker was born March 18, 1908, at O'Neill, a son of George Shoemaker and the late Mrs. George Shoemaker. He attended and graduated from the O'Neill public high school. He also attended the University of Nebraska.

He spent most of his life on a farm in the O'Neill vicinity. He was a member of St. Patrick's church and the Knights of Columbus.

On September 21, 1937 he married Leona Pribil. They became the parents of one daughter and four sons.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter — Sharlene; sons — George, William, Joseph and Owen; father — George Shoemaker, of O'Neill; brother — Leonard Shoemaker, of O'Neill; sister — Sister M. George, of St. Mary's convent (O'Neill).

## 1950 Polio Push Already Begun

While official date for launching the annual March of Dimes campaign does not begin until Monday, January 16, in O'Neill pep club members from both O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy are canvassing the town in selling tickets for the president's ball. Proceeds will be divided between the Holt county chapter and the national treasury of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Ball will be held at the Legion auditorium and Skippy Anderson and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Legion officials explained that all proceeds—above bare expenses—will go to fight polio and to help care for Holt polio sufferers.

Meanwhile, the American Legion auxiliary is drawing plans for a house-to-house campaign for raising dollars and dimes. The Lions club is sponsoring a special event campaign and the pep clubs and Parent-Teachers' association are sponsoring between-half stunts at the basketball tournaments in which members of the audience will pitch benefit coins into a basket in the center of the gymnasium floor.

Plans for the March of Dimes activities are also being pressed in other Holt county towns and communities, according to John H. McCarville, of O'Neill, publicity director for the county organization, which is headed by Mrs. Ralph Brown, of O'Neill.

High school dramatic students in most communities have been asked to give talks at public gatherings and present March of Dimes facts.

Officials said it was ironic that a prominent Holt county man, Russell Shoemaker, 41, of O'Neill, should be fatally stricken on the eve the 1950 drive gets underway.

The push will continue through January, Mrs. Brown said.

Weather permitting a "kigmy" booth will be erected by the Lions on O'Neill's main downtown intersection.

New community chairman not previously announced are: Frances Rotherham, Ewing, and Mrs. Anton Nissen, Page.



Funeral services were held at Page Monday, January 2, for Mrs. Anna Park, 76, a resident of Holt county for 46 years, who died Thursday, December 29 at Inman.

## BURNS FATAL TO 1-YEAR-OLD CHILD

### Tot Spills Kerosene On Self and Body Catches Afire

ATKINSON — A one-year-old child, Clyde Allen Crawford, jr., died early Tuesday in a Bassett hospital as a result of third degree burns received Friday in a household accident.

The child spilled kerosene on himself while playing with a gallon jug in which there were several inches of the fluid in the bottom. After spilling it in his hair and on his clothing he went near the kitchen range. The fluid was ignited and the child was critically burned.

Three adults were in the house—but in another room—when the accident occurred. The child was taken to the Bassett hospital but died 3 1/2 days later.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Crawford, sr., who live on the Bogue ranch 5 miles Southwest of Bassett. The mother is the former Deloris Clausen.

Survivors include: parents; grandparents — Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crawford, of Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clausen, of Atkinson; great-grandfather — Clyde Hull, of Atkinson; great-grandmother — Mrs. Dolly Beaver; great-great-grandmother — Mrs. Ella Hull, of O'Neill.

Funeral rites were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Seger funeral home. Rev. Orin C. Graff, of the Presbyterian church, officiated and burial was in Paddock Union cemetery, Northeast of O'Neill.

The mother received burns on both hands. It was estimated a gallon and a half of kerosene was spilled.

## WOMAN, DEAD 2 DAYS, FOUND

A neighbor boy discovered the lifeless body of Miss Mary Jane Flanigan, about 70, at noon last Thursday at her home on the East edge of O'Neill.

The youth, Edward Tomlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tomlinson, recently had been helping Miss Flanigan with her chores and bringing her mail to her.

Thursday was the second day he found no response at the door so he decided to investigate. He found the retired Boyd county rural school teacher's body in the bed.

Dr. O. W. French, who was summoned, said Miss Flanigan had been dead at least a day and he said she probably died from natural causes.

County Attorney W. W. Griffin was out of the city and there was no inquest. Neighbors said the last time they had seen Miss Flanigan alive was on Tuesday evening, January 3.

Young Tomlinson reported there were no footprints in the fresh snow on Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5, to indicate that Miss Flanigan had been out-of-doors.

Body was taken to Biglin Brothers. Funeral rites were held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. C. J. Werner, assistant pastor, officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Survivors include: a sister, Mrs. Nathan Harvey, of Alta, Sask., Canada.

A rosary service was said Friday night at Biglin Brothers.

### NEWS OMITTED

Because of the late volume of advertising, many news items were omitted in this issue. However, they will be published in the January 19 issue of The Frontier.

## HOLT BOARD REORGANIZES

### Stearns Succeeds Clark; The Frontier Named Official Paper

Albert Stearns, of O'Neill, supervisor from the First district, Tuesday was unanimously elected chairman of the Holt county board of supervisors for 1950. A Democrat, he succeeds Andy Clark, of O'Neill, a Republican from the Third district. Clark served one year.

Other members of the board are: Axel Borg, of O'Neill, (Republican), Second district; Frank Cronk, of Page, (Republican), Fourth district; A. M. Batenhorst, of Stuart, (Democrat), Sixth district; and Alex Frickel, of Atkinson, (Republican), district 7, and Miss Ruth Hoffman, of O'Neill, county clerk.

The Frontier was designated as the official Holt county newspaper for the new year.

The Atkinson Graphic and the Holt County Independent were named to divide publishing of the supervisory proceedings.

Wages in three categories of county road workers were increased as follows:

Foremen of bridge crews from 90c to \$1 per hour;

Experienced operators and mechanics from 85c per hour to 95c per hour;

Dragline operators from 90c per hour to \$1 per hour.

Chairman Stearns appointed the following committees:

Courthouse—Clark, Borg and Frickel.

Finance—Hubbard, Cronk and Batenhorst.

Printing—Frickel, Clark and Hubbard.

Taxes—Clark, Hubbard and Cronk.

Bonds—Hubbard, Cronk and Borg.

Bridges—Batenhorst, Clark and Frickel.

Roads—Borg, Hubbard and Cronk.

Annual reorganization meeting ended about 5 p.m. after an all-day session. Regular January meeting of the new board will be held later in the month.



Mayor H. E. Coyne buys first ticket for President's ball from Kathryn Judge (center), of St. Mary's academy pep club, and Donna Crabb, of O'Neill high school pep club.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## FRANK J. HEYING DIES AT SPENCER

### Burial at Petersburg For Nebraska Resident Since 1906

ATKINSON — Requiem high Mass was said at 9:30 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph's Catholic church here for Frank J. Heying, 74, a Nebraska resident since 1906. Rev. A. A. Lehman, church pastor, conducted the rites.

He died last Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Black, near Spencer.

Burial was in the St. John the Baptist Catholic cemetery at Petersburg with Rev. Albert Sudbeck officiating.

The late Mr. Heying was born on September 18, 1875, at Luxembourg, Ia., a son of John and Anna Heying. He lived for a number of years in the Luxembourg and New Vienna, Ia., communities where, after attaining manhood, he worked in a creamery and carried mail.

On November 21, 1899, he married Helen Keuter, at Luxembourg and they became the parents of 11 children.

The Heying family came to Petersburg in 1906, settling on a farm. Mrs. Heying died in 1922. Mr. Heying moved into Petersburg where he operated a

cream station until 1938 when he came to Atkinson. He made his home here at the William Carroll home and worked for a time in a tavern.

Survivors include: Sons—Albin, of Lincoln; Arthur, of Petersburg; Leonard, of Anaheim, Calif.; Raymond, of Chicago, Ill.; Alfred, of Atkinson, and James, of Central City; daughters—Mrs. Edward (Malinda) Siebken, of Stuart; Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Black, of Spencer; Mrs. Lucretia Hoban, of Austin, Minn.; Mrs. DeLoris Flannigan, of Waterloo, Ia.; and Mrs. Rosamond Breithaupt, of Topeka, Kans.; 25 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers — John and Barney, both of Richmond, Minn., and Peter, of Dubuque, Ia.; sisters—Mrs. Nora Klusterman and Mrs. Mary Klustner, both of New Vienna, Ia.

Pallbearers were: John Cole, William Carroll, Milo Hupp, Earl Penry, Joseph Bouska and Henry Heuton. Segers were in charge of arrangements.

### Production Credit In Annual Meeting

The 16th annual meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill Production Credit association will be held Saturday, January 14, at the Golden hotel dining room. Registration of the stockholders and their families will be held from 11:30 until noon. Immediately following the luncheon, the annual meeting is scheduled to be held.

## COACH GLASSFORD COMING TO O'NEILL

### Husker Tutor to Speak At Banquet For Holt Athletes

Coach J. William ("Bill") Glassford, Nebraska university's head football coach who came to Huskerland a year ago from New Hampshire university, will speak in O'Neill on Wednesday, April 19. He will appear here as main attraction on a banquet entertainment card in which scores of Holt county prep athletes will be honored guests.

The term-end affair will be under the sponsorship of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

Word of Glassford's acceptance was made public Tuesday at a luncheon meeting of the Chamber. A. P. ("Scovie") Jaskowiak and M. J. ("Max") Golden have been in touch with Glassford.

Three hundred persons are expected to hear the Cornhusker grid chief, whose team this past season began the uphill road back to national grid glory.

The new Nebraska coach and his assistants are making dozens of excursions to outstate towns to build Nebraska U. athletic prestige. Glassford openly asserts he wants all Nebraska's best prep athletes that he can find.

Plans for the April 19 affair were outlined at Tuesday's meeting. Jaskowiak said it was intended to invite all Holt county high school football, basketball and track lettermen. Each athlete would be matched by a businessman, farmer or a parent.

Banquet will be held in the American Legion auditorium and tickets will be sold at \$3 each. Other details will be announced.

Secretary James W. Rooney reported that two silver cups have been purchased for presentation to winners in the annual Holt county Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' show and sale and annual Holt county Hereford Breeders' show and sale. Cups will be presented winners by the Chamber to encourage competition.

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## MRS. M. MELLOR, 79, EXPIRES

### Widow of Jesse Mellor, Pioneer O'Neill Businessman

Mrs. Mame Mellor, 79, widow of a pioneer O'Neill businessman, died at her home here Tuesday. She had been ill about six months and was suffering from a liver ailment.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. from St. Patrick's Catholic church here and burial will be in the Calvary cemetery. Rev. C. J. Werner will officiate.

Pallbearers will be: J. D. Cronin, J. B. Grady, Alfred Strube, Henry Lohaus, Sumner Downey and D. H. Clausen, all of O'Neill.

Mrs. Mellor was the wife of Jesse B. Mellor, the first Ford agency dealer in O'Neill. He was the builder and owner of the building where the Lohaus Motor company is located. He sold the Ford agency and the building in 1939.

The late Mrs. Mellor was born Mame Burke, August 27, 1870, in Winona, Minn.

On July 21, 1895, she married the late Mr. Mellor at Stuttgart, Ark., and to them one son, Ralph, was born.

Mr. Mellor died April 11, 1940. The only survivor is the son, Ralph.

## Sen. Nelson Files For Nomination

Sen. Frank Nelson, O'Neill farmer and incumbent member of Nebraska's unicameral legislature, Friday filed for nomination in the August, 1950, primary election.

Earlier Fred Jungman, of Atkinson, whom Nelson defeated in the 1948 election, filed for the same post.

The seat is non-political and two highest candidates in the August primaries will vie in the November general election.

In 1948 Senator Nelson was an unsuccessful candidate for the post, which went to John Copeland, of Mariaville. The Twenty-eighth legislative district embraces Holt, Boyd, Rock and Paha counties but Holt's preponderance of votes usually determines the winner.

Both Nelson and Jungman filed with the secretary of state at Lincoln but paid their filing fee in Holt county.

Other early candidates are: L. G. Gillespie, of O'Neill, and Joe Winkler, of Emmet, both candidates for county assessor. Both are Republicans and Gillespie is the incumbent.

## Wright, Maguire Sale On Frontier Calendar

On The Frontier's sale calendar this week is the public auction of personal property belonging to Cotton Wright and Ray Maguire, of Page. The sale is scheduled for January 20, at the farm located 8 miles East and 2 1/2 South of the O'Neill livestock market; or 3 1/2 miles Northeast of Inman on the Page road, or 4 miles West and 1 North of Page.

The offering includes 30 head of cattle, eight of which are outstanding milk cows that are exceptionally good producers, an Arabian stallion horse and some farm machinery. (See advertisement on page 9 of this issue.)

Buv Wanser, of Page, will be the auctioneer and the Farmers State Bank at Ewing will clerk.

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

## Bank Officers and Directors Relected

Stockholders of the O'Neill National bank Tuesday held their annual meeting here.

All members of the board of directors and all officers were reelected for another year. They are: Officers: F. N. Cronin, president; Mrs. Emma Dickinson Weekes, vice-president; J. B. Grady, cashier; O. D. French and W. D. Melena, assistant cashiers.

Members of the board: Mrs. Emma Dickinson Weekes, Julius D. Cronin, E. F. Quinn, Mary I. Cronin and F. N. Cronin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes visited Mr. Hynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Funk, at Clearwater on Sunday.

# Master David Tracy Is Derby Winner

Well, The Frontier's fourth annual first baby contest is over. The winner is none other than Master David Lynn Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tracy, of Chambers.

Master David won the honors this year in a walkaway. After all, when a fellow finishes the nine-day derby within an hour after it begins that's fairly easy going.

Master David got his first glimpse of the cold world before the sound of the New Year's eve bells had subsided. His mother had risen early the day before and gone to the O'Neill hospital.

Before the stork circled the hospital the first time the attendants—and some of the other patients—were jesting with Mrs. Tracy concerning the heap of gifts The Frontier had lined up. But the baby had to be born after midnight on New Year's eve.

And he was! Dr. O. W. French was the attending physician. Dr. J. W. Gill, who was on hand when David's two brothers and two sisters were born, was taken to a hospital himself a day or so earlier because he was ill.

David's oldest sister's name is Carol, 8-years-old, and already she has held him four times. Others in the family are: Kay, 5; Richard, 3, and Ralph, 1 1/2.

The mother is the former Evelyn Mitchell, daughter of Carl Mitchell and the late Mrs. Carl Mitchell. They live in Chambers, in a frame house South of the American Legion building. Mr. Tracy helps Cecil Thornton in house-moving.

Other early 1950 arrivals were: A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clyde, of O'Neill, on Monday, January 2; a daughter, Nancy Lee Mlinar, born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mlinar, of Atkinson, on Tuesday, January 3, at 1:45 p.m.

Dr. Neal P. McKee, of Atkinson, was attending physician for the Mlinar entry.

Here's the shower list for



Holt county's first 1950 baby is a novelty among his brothers and sisters. Sister Carol, 8, holds Derby Winner David Lynn Tracy while

Kay, 5, and Ralph, 1 1/2, look on (at left) and Richard, 3, watches (at right).—The Frontier Photo.

Master David Lynn Tracy, Holt county's 1950 baby derby champ:

McCARVILLES: Have a pair of Red Goose shoes for the derby winner;

COYNE'S HARDWARE: Will present a highboy drying rack (regular value \$3.95);

O'NEILL PHOTO CO.: Complimentary photographs valued at \$12 (including one 8x10 tinted enlargement with frame and a dozen 3x5 mounted prints),

J. M. McDONALD CO.: A dozen white new-fangled diapers that you've been reading and hearing so much about; they're called Snappi-Didi — regularly sell for \$3.98;

NEW OUTLAW GROCERY: A case of Carnation evaporated milk for the champ;

SHELHAMER FOODS: Case of Heinz baby food for the 1950 derby winner;

case of vitamin D homogenized milk—the best for baby;

SPELTS-RAY LBR. CO.: Five hundred pounds of coal, parent's choice—Master David must be kept warm;

GILLIGAN & STOUT: A B. F. Goodrich standard baby water bottle from baby's drug head-quarters in O'Neill;

JACOBSON'S: Hotpoint pressure saucepan — a gift mother will appreciate, too;

McINTOSH JEWELRY: A 10-karat gold baby ring—something Little David will cherish for a lifetime;

MIDWEST FURN. & APPL.: A play pen pad, valued at \$3, and a bumper guard, valued at \$2.50;

And, for good measure, The Frontier will issue to the lucky one a FREE one-year subscription to North-Nebraska's fastest-growing newspaper.

In setting forth the rules

for the contest The Frontier stressed that the champ must have been born within the Holt county boundaries after midnight December 31, 1949.

Other winners of the contest have been:

Kathleen Wanser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser, of Inman, born 4 a.m. on January 2, 1947.

Nancy Elaine Harshfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harshfield, of O'Neill, born 6:35 a.m. on January 1, 1948.

James Michael Beha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew G. Beha, of O'Neill, born 7 a.m. on January 1, 1949.

As is the custom a letter of introduction is being forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy. They will show the letter to the store and firm managers upon making the rounds in claiming David's gifts.