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. . . spend half-Mr. and Mrs. Merton H. D'erks, of Ewing century together .--- O'Neill Photo Co.

Mark Golden Wedding

open-house celebration and a Robert C. Dierks, of Long Beach, dance. He was ordained June 18 church dinner here June 16.

1897, and have resided in Holt China on the celebration day. county continuously since. They The family moved into Ewing ranched in the Goose lake com-munity until 1939, when they of the ranch until 1939. entered retirement.

entered retirement. Both enjoying "good" health, Mr. Dierks is now 75; his wife,

Scores of relatives and friends greeted them on their golden wedding date and a family dinner was served in the Methodist church basement by members of the WSCS.

The Dierks are the parents of seven children, all but two of whom were present. Their chil-dren are: Mrs. S. E. Adrian, of Wichita, Kans.; Lyle P. Dierks, of Ewing; Mrs. M. M. Maupin, of Frankfurt, Germany; John M.

FLOOD CREATES MAIL 'DROUTH'

• The Elkhorn river flood, which Mrs. W. H. Heriford and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Heriford. They halted rail traffic late Saturday succeed the McMillan and Markon the Northwestern railroad, ey partnership which has owned created a mail "drouth" in O'- and operated the establishment carried the bridal candle and his ill and other cities and towns since 1911. lerry Hickey, Matthew Beha dependent on the line for mail The change took place effec-Robert Armbruster, jr., and service. The mail that was re- tive June 16. ceived here between Saturday| Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. McMilmorning and Wednesday after- lan and Miss Mary Markey came Backer carried the cross. to O'Neill from Chicago, Ill., in noon was almost negligible. When trucks were brought in-to use and delivered mail at the in 1911 to establish a cafe and John J. Frenking, of Omaha, Fapostoffice here at 2:30 p.m. bakery in the same building in ther Gallagher's cousin, were Wednesday, the situation was which the firm is presently lo- the altar boys. mildly reminiscent to many cated. At that time the building World War II servicemen of the was 60-feet long, owned by T. V. occasions when a long-awaited Golden. It had previously been of Omaha, both St. Mary's acadship delivered mail to some far- used as a general merchandise emy students, sang solos. Miss Neill. flung military outpost. Heriford Here 36 Years Trucks are being used between Norfolk and Long Pine during the emergency, Postmaster Ag- 175-feet in length and for years Many relatives and friends came from a distance to attend has been a leading business the service and to be present for nes Sullivan said.

O'NEILL, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1947. Elkhorn Floods Holt Lowlands

THE FRONTIER

THRONG PRESENT FOR FIRST MASS

Rev. Gallagher, Newly-Ordained Priest, Honored

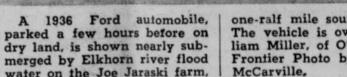
One of O'Neill's native sonsnewly-ordained priest-returned to the scenes of his childhood to offer the first solemn high mass in his clerical career.

Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, son of Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher and the late Robert E. Gallagher, officiated at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at EWING-Mr. and Mrs. Merton[®]Dierks, of Nebraska City; Mrs. H. Dierks completed a half-cen-tury of wedded life with an Mrs. Wilda Carr, of Ewing, and parishoners were in atten-Calif., a member of the Navy. at the Chapel of the Immaculata Mr. Dierks and Miss Letha Mrs. Maupin and Robert were at St. Mary's Kans., after 13 Glassman, both of the Ewing vi-cinity, were married on June 16, Robert, the youngest, was in training. Father Gallagher is a member of the Society of Jesus -or Jesuit-order.

> Officials of the mass were: Deacon- Rev. Francis Price, of Omaha: Subdeacon, Rev. Clement J. Ryan, of Kansas City, Mo.; Master of Ceremonies - Rev. Richard Hupp, of Clearwater. **M & M OWNERS** Rev. B. J. Leahy, of Fremont, delivered the sermon. Father Rev. B. J. Leahy, of Fremont. Gallagher entered accompanied by Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, the

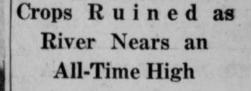
> > **Benediction Follows** Solemn benediction followed the high mass with the same

Miss Mary Froelich. 9, daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, acted as the spiritual bride. Her attendants were Joan Shoemaker, Regina Hynes, Mary Ryan, Dorothea Vitt. Nyla Jaszkowiak. The girls' procession was formed by Jude Ryan, Mary Jo Donlin, Jeanette Harper, Cera Corkle, Dona Lou Turner and Sandra Harper. James Ryan





one-ralf mile south of O'Neill. The vehicle is owned by Wil-**GAMBLES NAME** liam Miller, of O'Neill. — The Frontier Photo by John H.



PRICE 5 CENTS

Spreading over thousands of farmland acres in Holt county and elsewhere downstream, the ever-dangerous Elkhorn river rose to what is believed to have been an all-time high this week after a Saturday night cloudburst had deluged this region with one of the heaviest downpours on record.

Crops in the lowland were runed and the damage that cannot be estimated will mount to thousands of dollars. Many oldtimers rate the flood as the worst in their memory.

In O'Neill only 3.03-inches of moisture was recorded by Government Observer Elmer Bowen, but at Inman, Ewing, Chambers and Amelia up to six inches was received.

The Elkhorn, already swollen because of earlier rains, couldn't accommodate the drain-off from its watershed and by midday Sunday most Holt county lowlands were a veritable sea.

The Charles Abart farm near Emmet was practically isolated Sunday afternoon and many valley residents reported the water knocking at their door.

At Inman the cloudburst transformed the main street and most of the town into a lake. Few properties escaped damage, but no evacuations were requinted.

The Chambers and Amelia vicinities bore the brunt of the Gambles company - owned downpour and the South Fork reacted violently, causing damweek. He succeeds Melvin Ru- the South Fork swelled to a mile age down the valley. In places zicka, who will begin a leave of in width.

2 Rail Bridges Out

The Northwestern railroad remanager of Gambles "super store" at Aberdeen, having previously served with the same its tracks and bridges in the Incompany at Winona and Jack- man and Ewing areas. One rail

McMillan a n d Markey church pastor. Withdraw After **36 Years** clergy serving.

Another important change has taken place in the O'Neill business directory with the an-nouncement this week of the sale of the M & M Cafe and Bak-

ery. The new owners are Mr. and Mr.

Mrs. McMillan and Miss Mark-

proving "satisfactorily" in the

22, Mr. Malone paid a tribute

to Donna Mae, who on the

next day was to graduate from

the eighth grade. At the close

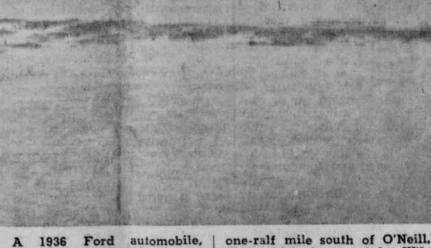
of the program, he said he

would send the first model of

a new set being produced at

the Westinghouse factory as a

ly Saturday over WNAX.



STEPHEN W. PRICE NEW GRAND KNIGHT ried on the partnership.

Carthy.

Other new officers, who will this region as a baker. serve for one year, are:

retary; Francis Gilg, deputy the city's business directory at grand knight: Norman Gonder- the completion of 36 years. inger, chancellor: James Mullen recorder; Clyde Wilson, treasu - ey will continue to reside in O'-Francis D. Ilee, advocate: store. Frank Clements, warden: Simon Bosn, inside guardian; William Report Crash Victims Martin, outside guardian, and M. H Horiskey, trustee.

Rev. Gramley Named

BASSETT - Rev. Luther W. Lutheran hospital at Norfolk, ac-Gramley, of Gibbon, has accept- cording to word received here ed the appointment as pastor of by their friends. Rock, Brown and Cherry coun-ties, according to an announce-Wagner and Miss Kathryn Shoe-maker. Mrs. Wagner suffered a Mrs. John C. Mullen, Mrs. Milthe Episcopal church in Holt, ment issued this week.

same counties while residing at tained bruises and lacerations. Ewing, became ordained later at They were transferred from Mrs. Francis Welsh, Mrs. John Alliance, and served for a time the O'Neill hospital to Norfolk P. Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Benat Holy Trinity church at Nor- three days after the accident. folk.

From Norfolk, Rev. Gramley Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downey went to Omaha where he served left Tuesday for Scottsbluff after as archdeacon in eastern Nebras- spending three days with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz.

Ted Malone's Gift for Donna Mae Fuhrer Arrives of Page: Ted Riddell and daugh-

personal gift.

Ted Malone's personal gift to ? ing company network on May Donna Mae Fuhrer, 14, O'-Neill's well-known polio victim, was delivered to the bedfast farm girl Friday by two "special emissaries": Gene Loffler and James Allen, both of radio station WNAX at Yankton, S. D.

The gift from the nation's femous radio poet-philosopher is a 1947 Westinghouse portable radio adapted for both farm and city use.

On a nationwide broadcast over the American BroadcastJames Froelich. Thomas De-Alvin Bosn, John Carney, Donald Graham, Henry Mangan and

Miss Kathleen Flood, of O'-Neill, and Miss Joan Frenking, Frenking is also Father Gallagher's cousin.

establishment in the city. Mr. the breakfast and reception that McMillan died in 1933 and Mrs. followed. The breakfast, se ved McMillan and Miss Markey car- in the St. Mary's academy ma'n dining room, was attended by W. H. ("Pete") Heriford, who relatives and the visiting clergy, Stephen W. Price was elected heads the firm under the new and the reception was held in grand knight of the Knights of ownership, has been with the M the academy gymnasium be-Columbus council here at a reg- & M for 36 years. He came here tween 3 and 5 p. m. It was a ular session last Thursday eve- shortly after moving from Clar- public affair attended by Cathning. He succeeds George Mc- inda, Ia., to Neligh, and has olics and Protestants alike. Faestablished a wide reputation in ther Leahy, who is a former assistant pastor at St. Patrick's The McMillan and Markey church here, served as toastmas-H. J. Hammond, financial sec- partnership is withdrawing f om ter. The band was heard in several selections and Miss Frenking sang two solos.

Alumni Sponsors Reception

Arrangements for the reception were made by the St. Mary's academy alumni association headed by Mrs. H. J. Birming ham The Catholic Daughters Altar Society, and Knights of Improve 'Satisfactorily' Columbus cooperated.

The two Stanton women who Among the out - of - towners were injured in an auto accident present were: Episcopal Pastor near here on June 15 are im-

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher and son, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Frenking and three children Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, The injured are Mrs. Conn'e Edward M. Connor, William Dafractured jaw, bruises and lacer- dred Honke. Miss Mary Cullen, Twenty years ago he served the ations, and Miss Shoemaker sus- Miss Bea McGinnis, George Abdouch, Joseph Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Welsh, Mrs. John nett Gilligan and son, Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, Mrs. Thomas Regan, Thomas Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowker, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smiley and daughter, Mrs. Frank Chmeler and Mrs. George Agnes, all of Norfolk; Mrs. C. A. Townsend, Mrs. Lee Taylor and son, ters of Scottsbluff; Miss Virginia Agnes, of Shenandoah, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy. of Boise, Ida.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Shelton and Mrs. Clara Woodson, of St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Marie Biglin, of Salt Lake City, Ut .; Miss Madeleine Ullom, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chace and Mr. and Mrs. James Berigan, of Atkinson; Mrs. Lor-Friday's presentation was etta Doyle. of Evanston, Ill.; transcribed and broadcast ear- and Mrs. G. S. Graybiel, of Chicago, Ill.; and Rey. Richard Parr,

Miss Fuhrer continues to of Battle Creek, a former asreceive scores of letters and sistant pastor of St. Patrick's gifts from newfound admirers. | church here.

The Dufek farm, situated midway between Neligh and Clearwater, was completely surrounded (above) by flood waters Tuesday as the Elkhorn boiled out of its banks. In the photo below, the high

water endangered this farmstead and the Zehner family was evacuated. The river's main channel is scene in the background. - Aerial pho os through the courtesy of The Neligh News.



To Altar Via Wagon

CHAMBERS - When Miss ? Glenaspa Kenny alighted from a farm wagon drawn by two teams of horses, Gordon Brown breathed easier as he wailed at a church here. Flood con-

ditions between Amelia and Chambers forced Miss Kenny, Mr. Brown's bride-elect, to reso t to horse-and-wagon and go by the high-road Sunday in order to keep their date at the matrimonial altar.



He was ordained June 18 at | in St. Patrick's church. (See Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher (in St. Mary's, Kans., as a Jesuit center on altar) returned to priest. The photo was taken O'Neill to offer his first mass.

son in Minnesota and Mason Ci- bridge east of Inman was washed ty, Ia. He is married and has a out and another near O'Donsix-months-old son. Mr. Ruzicka came to O'Neill

A NEW MANAGER

Successor to Melvin

Ruzicka

Eugene R. Cantlon, of Aber-

Mr. Cantlon has been assistant

from Clark, S. D., 12 years ago and managed the Gamble store continuously except for one year spent in the Army Air for several more days. Forces. He pioneered Gamble's operations here.

Mr. Cantlon said that this was the only personnel change. Meanwhile, plans are being pushed for the opening of the new store here, which will be one of the largest stores of its and southcentral South Dakota. for the future are indefinite at this time.

O'Neill Firms to

Close on July 4

Fourth of July celebrants will not have much difficulty in picking a place to celebrate. Only two large-scale celebrations have been billed here -one at Neligh and one at Ord.

Harness racing is being re-vived at Neligh where the celebration plans are being pushed to overcome flood damage in Riverside park. The American Legion post sponsors the annual Fourth celebration there.

All business and professional houses in O'Neill will be closed all-day the Fourth in accordance with Chamber of Commerce policy.

column 3) .- The Frontier Pho-

to by John H. McCarville.

nell's lake was partially destroyed. No trains have operated between Norfolk and O'Neill since Saturday night and prospects are slight that train service will be restored to normal

> Donald Grimes, residing two miles north of Chambers, had to take the members of his family to safety on horseback. Water in the yard measured three-feet in depth.

Ewing was practically isolated kind in northcentral Nebraska late Monday and early Tuesday as federal highway 275 bridges Mr. Ruzicka said that his plans were snapped on both sides of the town and other approaches were denied because of the high water.

Truck Breaks Through

One highway bridge collapsed while being crossed by a b ead truck, abruptly stopping the truck while the rear wheels of the trailer were draped over the breakthrough. The driver was unaware that the bridge a few feet in front of the truck had already been washed away. The breakthrough is credited with saving the life of the driver, Harold Calkins, of O'Neill.

Travel and communications were snarled as a result of the storm. Telephone and power lines were down in many places and existing facilities were overburdened.

Late today (Thursday) bus service had not been restored to normal on all lines operating out of here. Highway traffic to Neligh and Norfolk was routed over highways 20 and 14. Travel is still impossible south 'f om here to Grand Island.

Tourists Marooned

Scores of tourists and regular visitors were forced to find housing accommodations here as a result of the rail, bus and rcad conditions.

Reports from Page indicated that four inches of rain fell during the flashflord In the south po tion of town water was pouring over highway 108, and numrous homes in the east section eceived water in the basements. Bridge washouts on county highways were common through out the territo y.

Several O'Neill residents also reported water in basements.

The week's precipit tion of 3.70-inches boosts to 10.80-inches the total moisture received here since June 1. The week's summary:

Date		.11	Hi	Lo	Moist.
June	20		70	58	
June	21		71	60	.03
June			75	62	3.03
June	23		72	52	.02
June		1 M	78	55	
June	25		84	55	.62
June		330.04	82	66	and the second
- erai sarri s		Total			3.70

