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The Gene Terrill family... the mother, Mary Arlene, 28, and daughter, Diane, 6, died in Sunday crash. The father and the son, David, 4, are hospitalized. The father's condition is "critical".

TV Tower, Booster Equipment Enroute

Business Brisk During Past Week

Postal Receipts are Like 1956

Christmas shopping, off to a slow start chiefly because of mild, Indian-summer-like weather, gained momentum during the past week and will windup with a flourish.

Most O'Neill stores reported whopping crowds the past few days.

Because of mild weather, farmers and ranchers kept busy in late November and early December with seasonal work which had been deferred earlier because of wetness and cold.

Shopping sales won't establish many records—except in a few instances.

Postmaster Ira H. Moss said the postal receipts, usually a barometer of retail spending, will run about the same as 1956. By week's end the postal volume had diminished considerably, suggesting the mail rush was over.

Week's weather summary:

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December 19	44	24
December 20	51	17
December 21	53	25
December 22	43	33
December 23	47	36

Infant Twin Dies Result of Pneumonia

DELOIT—Jerry Clarence Funk, five-month-old twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Funk died at 4 a.m., Saturday, December 21, after being hospitalized several days because of pneumonia.

Survivors include: Parents; three sisters and his twin brother; maternal grandfather—Joseph Thramer; paternal grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Funk.

8 Stitches Needed to Close Wound

PAGE—Mrs. Emmet Thompson of Page had the misfortune to be attacked by a boar Sunday evening as she was watering their hogs.

She received a gash in the leg that required eight stitches to close and she is under the doctor's care.

BENEFIT HELD
ATKINSON—Advance ticket sales were "wonderful" for the swimming pool benefit dance held Monday night, a spokesman here declared. The Mullen family orchestra furnished the music. Funds are being raised in various ways for the proposed pool, which twice during 1957 was rejected by voters in bond issue elections.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shoemaker received word that the infant daughter of their son and daughter-in-law, A/1c and Mrs. Raymond Gail Shoemaker had died. The baby was born Tuesday, December 17. The Shoemakers are located at Bryan, Tex.

Auction Calendar

Friday, January 3: Quarter-section of Holt county land, one-half mile east of Emmet and six miles north, known as A. V. Forsberg estate land; Col. Ed Thorn of O'Neill, auctioneer-broker.

Tuesday, January 28: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen will hold a farm closeout; Col. Wallace O'Connell, auctioneer.

O'Neill's community television fund Monday lacked \$23 of attaining its five-thousand-dollar quota.

John C. Watson, secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce television committee, said the fund has reached \$4,977.

Meanwhile, a part-shipment of equipment, including amplifiers, arrived Friday, according to Ken Werner of Chambers, who holds the contract for installation of the community antennae-twin booster equipment financed by voluntary contributions.

Werner said as far as he knew the antennae towers, manufactured in Indiana, and the heavy duty receiver-transmission equipment, manufactured in Canada, are enroute by freight. Towers and equipment will be installed in the Pora Knight meadow at the northeast edge of the city. Television viewers will be enabled to see KTIV (Sioux City, channel 4) on channel 13, and KOLN-TV (Lincoln, channel 10) on channel 2. Signals from both stations will be amplified, and filtered.

Donors whose names were not previously announced:

Charles Fox, Earl Dalton, Consumers Power, J. B. Ryan Hay Co., Ray E. Clifton, Harold Humrich, Harrison Bridge, M. L. Sucha, Stella Wallen, Herbert Gydesen, John E. Donohoe, Lulu M. Quig, Gertrude Coné, C. E. Lundgren.

Francis Holz, Rev. Francis Price, Robert V. Kurtz, William G. Kraft, Mrs. Lillian Simonson, Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, Loretta Hynes, Mrs. Emma Lawrence, W. S. Kirkland, Otto W. Sprague, Louis Zastrow, A. J. O'Donnell, Luther E. Schulz, Don J. Cleveland, George D. Hansen, George M. McCarthy, J. J. Harrington, sr., Ideal Cleaners, William D. Chaussen, Marvin P. Clouse, R. F. Strube, Marie A. Strube, O'Neill Motor Parts, O'Neill Grain Co.

BASTILE IS EMPTY
The Holt county jail apparently will be empty Christmas morning, by Sheriff Leo Tomjack. "No boarders were on hand during the weekend and right now there are no prospects," the sheriff said.

Car Hits Train; Woman Is Killed
OAKDALE—Mrs. Ellen Prickett, 57, of Oakdale was killed when her car was struck by a North Western railway freight train at a crossing here, Friday night.

Charles Rouse, Oakdale town marshal, said Mrs. Prickett was alone in the car when it was in collision with the freight train, bound from Norfolk to Long Pine. She was enroute to Neligh at the time of the crash.

Mrs. Prickett's husband died about a year ago. Survivors include six children, two of whom are at home.

Prickett car... after hit by train.

View of rail crossing at Oakdale where woman was killed.—The Frontier Photos.

Mother and Daughter Are Killed

Tragedy Ends Yule Trip for Members of Terrill Family

PAGE—The wife of a former Page resident and the couple's six-year-old daughter were killed Sunday afternoon in a three-vehicle accident on U. S. highway 30, about 1½ miles south of Woodbine, Ia.

Dead are:

MARY ARLENE TERRILL, 28, of Laurens, Ia., wife of Gene Terrill and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Terrill of Page.

DIANE TERRILL, 6, daughter of the Gene Terrills.

DUANE McHUGH, 24, of Dunlap, Ia., driver of one of the vehicles.

The Otto Terrills left Page immediately upon receipt of the news and went to Council Bluffs, Ia., where their son, Gene, 29, and Gene's son, David, 4, were hospitalized.

Gene suffered head and internal injuries and his condition late Monday was listed as "critical". The little boy, hospital attendants said, would recover.

Investigating officers said the northbound McHugh car started to pass a pickup truck and collided with the southbound Terrill machine.

The Terrills were enroute to Prairie Home, near Lincoln, to spend the holidays with relatives. Three other young people in the McHugh car were injured, all taken to Council Bluffs hospitals. The pickup went off the road. Its occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edmonds of Little Sioux, Ia., were only shaken.

Mrs. Terrill's parents live at Prairie Home. Her maiden name was Mary Arlene Hall.

Mr. Terrill, who was born and reared at Page, met his wife while both attended the University of Nebraska. The Terrills regularly visited Page and intended to spend Christmas near Lincoln, arriving at Page Thursday to spend the day with his people. Gene's grandmother is Mrs. Anna Tesoler. He is state agent for a hybrid seed corn company.

Authorities said an inquest would be held.

Jury Again Called for Held-Cooke
A new jury will be impanelled at 9 a.m. Monday, December 30, to hear the William Held vs. Herman Cooke 50-thousand-dollar damage suit.

Held charged Cooke with false arrest.

Last month the plaintiff's attorneys, Elmer Rakow of Neligh and Arthur Auserod of Bartlett, asked the court's permission to amend the petition after admission of certain evidence was protested by the defendant's counsel, Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill. Permission was granted by District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh and the action was continued until the new date.

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Contractors Near Finish on Safeway

Safeway Stores, Inc., has released the list of contractors participating in the remodeling of the Lohaus building for the new Safeway store here. The project is now in the final stages. Opening is planned in late January.

General contractor: Beckenhauer Bros., Norfolk.

Subcontractors: Northwest Electric Motor Service of O'Neill, electrical; James Davidson & Sons of O'Neill, mechanical; Lincoln Steel Corp., of Lincoln, structural steel and reinforcing steel; Philbrick Sales & Service Omaha, incinerator; Home-Crafters Window & Glass Co., of Wisner, glass, glazing and aluminum doors; Johnson Hardware of Omaha, finish hardware; Best Decorators of Norfolk, painting and asphalt tile; Donohoe Construction Co. of O'Neill, excavation; R. L. White Co., of Lincoln, fire door and hollow masonry door and frame; Staudenmaier Sheet Metal of Norfolk, sheet metal, exhausts and stainless steel.

Couple On Same Place 45 Years

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, who have spent the past 45 years on their ranch, two small lakes and a hay meadow north of Amelia, Christmas day will be observing their 50th wedding anniversary.

No formal observance is planned, but their daughter, Mrs. Charles Bligh of Omaha, her husband and daughter, Miss Raedee Wickham, will be present for gift opening and a family dinner.

The Pierce ranch, exactly a mile north of town, has been in the Pierce family 65 years. The Pierces are retired—tend a few chickens, a couple of milk cows, and "contract out" their pasture and hay. Both enjoy good health.

Mr. Pierce, 79, was born near Cherokee, Ia., a son of William and Laura Pierce. The family came by covered wagon to Holt in the spring of 1883—when Mr. Pierce was a lad of five. Three younger brothers also made the trip, highlighted by the crossing of the Missouri river at Covington (now South Sioux City).

"It was nightfall when we reached the river," Mr. Pierce recalled. "Mother insisted we wait until the following day to cross by ferry. We wound up at inman. My father and his brother, Carroll Pierce, went on to Amelia to pick up their claims."

Jacob B. Long at 90th Milestone

Jacob B. Long, who has made his home the past seven years with his nephew, Walter Young, in the Opportunity locality, Monday celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary.

He was born in Earlville, Ill., December 23, 1867. In 1884 he came to Holt county from Hastings, Ia., bringing his parents here in a covered wagon. His father had claimed a homestead the year previous.

The Long homestead was located one mile south of Opportunity and one mile west. Mr. Long lived on the homestead until 12 years ago.

Although Mr. Long's health has not been good the past 18 months, he is able to be "up and around" most of the time.

This Week's Issue 48 Hours Early

This week's issue of The Frontier went to press Monday night 48 hours ahead of schedule to insure that all subscribers in the O'Neill area would have their paper ahead of the yule holiday.

Next week's issue—the January 2 issue—will go to press approximately 30 hours ahead of the normal schedule.

Kilment Home Scene of Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser and son, Pfc. Ivan Kaiser, who arrived Friday from Ft. Riley, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seger were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Kaiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kilment, sr. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Soucek and family of Verdigris; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilment and family of Wausa; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kilment, and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Dobias and family, Ivan Kilment, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Dobias and son, all of Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobias, and daughters of Stuart.

LEAVES AIR FORCE

James Ryan, son of Neil Ryan, was separated from the air force Friday, December 20, after serving an enlistment. He was separated at Parks air force base in California and arrived to spend the holidays here. He has not made future plans.

TOYS COLLECTED

Toys for needy families and cash contributions are being accepted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in order to cheer underprivileged homes Christmas morn. President Duane McKay is in charge.

Top Buggy Upsets
Rev. William Sprandle, pioneer Chambers pastor, officiated. Something unusual took place after the wedding. The bestman and maid-of-honor, Laurence Nissen and Lillian Pierce, picked themselves off the ground after the wind had blown over their top buggy. The newlyweds barely escaped a similar fate.

Frank and Hattie set out for Lander, Wyo., where distances were too vast, altitude too great and, to be frank about it, Mrs. Pierce became homesick six months later they were back in Holt where they have resided continuously and intend to spend the remainder of their days.

They lived northwest of Amelia one year in a brother's place, then spent several years southwest of the town on the place now known as the Bertha Sammons ranch.

Forty-five years ago they moved onto the present ranch.

They became the parents of one daughter, Lewine. Mrs. Pierce is 69.

Their 400-acre ranch has six flowing wells, a sea of haystacks, and they live comfortably within a stone's throw of their home community. They are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Chambers.

(A tape-recorded interview with Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will be heard Christmas morning on the "Voice of The Frontier" program, WJAB, 780 kc.)

Home for Holidays
James Schneider of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Tom Schneider of Ft. Eustis, Va., arrived to spend the holidays with relatives.

The Pierces... on their wedding day—Christmas, 1907.