

# Farmer-Rancher Fete Slated Here Tonight

Final plans are being made by the committee for the farmer-rancher night program to be held Thursday, March 6. A free lunch and coffee will be served starting at 7 o'clock. Free door prizes will be provided but no resident of the city of O'Neill will be eligible for the prizes.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this event to enable their members to enjoy an evening of entertainment with their farmer and rancher friends.

Phil Henderson, farm management specialist of the extension service of Nebraska college of agriculture, at Lincoln, will talk on "Relations between Farm and Town People". Mr. Henderson is a farmer and stockman.

Walter Behlen, president of Behlen Construction company of Columbus, will talk on "The Atomic Age and Earth Satellites". He will show colored slides of the 1955 atomic tests in Nevada.

Students from O'Neill high will present vocal selections. A clarinet and flute duet will be presented by students from St. Mary's academy.

The committee urges the farmers and ranchers of the O'Neill trade territory to attend, regardless of whether or not you have mailed your coupon.

A large crowd of farmers and ranchers from the territory is expected.

## Ewing Man, 63, Is Found Dead

## Kreitzger Disabled War Veteran

EWING — Adolph ("Pepper") Kreitzger, 63, a disabled World War I veteran who lived alone on a small acreage northeast of Ewing, was found dead about 5 p. m., Saturday, March 1, at his home.

He was last seen on the streets of Ewing Wednesday, February 26. Neighbors and other friends who missed seeing him went to his home to investigate and found him dead.

He had been hospitalized recently at the Veterans hospital in Grand Island. He had been in "poor health", relatives said, for some time.

Death was believed to have been preceded by an apoplectic stroke.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 5, at the Snider funeral home in Clearwater. Burial was in the Miller cemetery southwest of Ewing.

The Ewing American Legion post provided a firing squad and pallbearers. Forty Legionnaires were present.

Rev. P. F. Burke of St. Peter's Catholic church at Ewing officiated.

Mr. Kreitzger was engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks and had been working up until his fatal illness. He had never married.

Survivors include: Brothers—Robert of Ewing and Edward of Hannay; sister—Mrs. Dewey (Anna) True of O'Neill.

## Cummings Named Parole Officer

SPENCER—Rev. E. E. Cummings, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Spencer, Saturday was named probation officer for the Fifteenth and Sixteenth judicial districts.

The appointment was made by District Judges Earl Meyer of Alliance and D. R. Mounts of O'Neill. Earlier, District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh, who was substituting for Mounts, assisted Judge Meyer in screening candidates.

The area is designated as probation district number one in the state. The district embraces all territory west of Holt and Boyd counties to the Wyoming line.

Reverend Cummings' work began Saturday. He will live at Spencer for several months until a replacement pastor is named for the Spencer church. Later he will move his family to Rushville and headquarters there.

All parolees from courts and institutions in the district will be paroled by Reverend Cummings in his new work.

Pvt. Bennett E. Devall this week was transferred from Ft. Carson, Colo., to Ft. Lee, Va., where he will be assigned to the 215 QM Co. (PETPL Supply).

Saturday, March 8: James and Anna Earley closeout sale, northwest of O'Neill, full line of machinery and some household goods. Sale was originally scheduled Friday, February 28, but was postponed because of storm; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Ed Murphy of O'Neill, clerk.

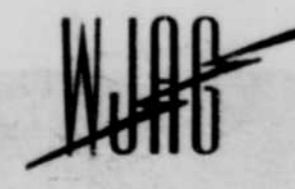
Friday, March 14: Gertrude and Henry Walter, northwest of Chambers, will sell livestock, feed, machinery, household goods at public auction on premises; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. (Details on page 9.)

Saturday, March 15: Consignment auction, including eight tractors, machinery, household goods, miscellaneous items, Durie's corner, five miles east of Chambers; Henry Durie, sale manager; Merlin Grossnicklaus, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk.

Friday, March 21: W. E. Jones dispersion sale, four miles south of Creighton, one mile east, one-half mile south, 93 Angus including seven registered bulls, 19 dairy cattle, 35 bred sows, full line of farm machinery; Col. Dean Mosher of Creighton, auctioneer; Creighton, Clerk. (Details next issue).

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## Snow, Ice Washout Make News

## Wires, Mail, Travel Interrupted During Winter's Final Blow

Snow and ice in this region and a combination highway-railroad washout near West Point fouled up travel, mail and other communications for several days last week.

Rain in Eastern Nebraska turned to snow and snapped thousands of telephone and telegraph lines. A rampaging creek washed out three hundred feet of mainline track of the Chicago & North Western railroad near West Point, causing passenger trains to be annulled for more than 48 hours. Highway traffic was rerouted for a time because of 18 inches of water across the road there.

It may have been winter's last serious blast. Blowing snow choked off many rural roads, but major highways in the O'Neill area were kept open.

Traffic between Ainsworth and Valentine was tied up by snow and Chadron received 15 inches of snow.

A total of three inches of snow fell here.

Busses were cancelled in wholesale numbers because of treacherous highways Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There was no passenger train through here between 9:30 a. m. Saturday (westbound) and 12:17 a. m. Tuesday (eastbound).

Only appreciable volume of mail reaching here during the weekend arrived Sunday afternoon by truck.

O'Neill and points in north-central Nebraska and south-central South Dakota served by the telephone toll center here were virtually isolated for more than 48 hours. For a number of hours the only contact was with Norfolk and intermediate points on the east and Valentine in the west.

Finally one circuit was restored Saturday, but long distance service was not back to normal until Monday to Omaha and beyond.

The Niobrara Valley REA unit had one line break in northern Holt, but the break was promptly repaired.

Consumers Public Power reported some difficulty in the O'Neill-Creighton areas.

Week's weather summary:  
February 27 37 15 25  
February 28 17 12 41  
March 1 16 11 44  
March 2 19 9 T  
March 3 33 17 T  
March 4 40 11 T  
March 5 37 16 T

## Oral Arguments Heard on Trains

The Nebraska state railway commission Monday at Lincoln heard 75 minutes of oral arguments relative to the S-T-A rechartering of its motion picture rechartering on the discontinuance of passenger-mail-express trains 13 and 14, which operate between Omaha and Chadron. These are the last two trains of that type in north-Nebraska.

February 7 the commission approved the Chicago & North Western's application to discontinue and set March 15 as the effective date.

Einar Viren, S-T-A counsel, argued that C&N's purported loss was theoretical and not actual and that nobody at C&N could determine the avoidable costs under its archaic bookkeeping system.

Edgar Vanneman of Chicago, its assistant general counsel for C&N, said the S-T-A had received far more consideration than any other protestors of service curtailment in seven states in which he has handled such matters.

The commission is expected to rule very shortly on the S-T-A motion for rehearing. S-T-A claims it will carry the fight to the Nebraska supreme court and beyond if necessary.

## Bristow School Is Disapproved

BRISTOW—The state board of education this week disapproved 22 high schools—including Bristow—in the largest single disapproval action in history.

Disapproval means the schools may no longer collect free tuition money.

At the same time the state board of education continued approval of the Royal and Thayer high schools on grounds they had not been given warning of one year.

Disapproval laws for small high schools were enthusiastically pushed in the state legislature by the state educator's lobbyists and the state education department—the same group that is pressing for K-12 restructuring.

CREIGHTON—Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Mrs. Rosa Weber.



Matthews . . . when he was a young man.

## Lifelong O'Neill Resident Dies

## 'Jim' Matthews, 68, Funeral Today

James Matthews, 68, a lifelong resident of the O'Neill community, died Tuesday morning, March 4, at St. Anthony's hospital. He had entered the hospital suffering a heart ailment. He had suffered a heart affliction for about 10 years and had been hospitalized here for a time last June.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) March 6 at 9:30 a. m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Robert Duffy will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

A rosary was offered Wednesday at 8:30 p. m., at Biglin's chapel.

Pallbearers will be Dean Streeter, P. C. Donohoe, H. E. Coyne, Ed Murray, Andrew Wettlaufer and John Kersenbrock.

The late Mr. Matthews was born April 19, 1889 on the family homestead about 10 miles north of O'Neill. He was the son of James Matthews, a native of Ireland, and Catherine Donohoe Matthews, a native of Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and never married.

Survivors include: Sisters—Mrs. Fred (Rose) Shoemaker of Winner, S.D.; Mrs. Matt (Arlin) Crilly of Rapid City, S.D.; Mrs. Fay (Nell) Hill of Gordon; Mrs. Albert (Mary) Williams of Hot Springs, S.D.; brothers—Michael of Denver, Colo.; Thomas of O'Neill; Lee of O'Neill and Bernard of Lincoln.

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## Petitions Out for 2 School Positions

## Lindberg, Hammond Are Candidates

Petitions were being circulated this week in behalf of the candidates of H. L. Lindberg, incumbent and George Hammond for the O'Neill city schools board of education.

Lindberg would succeed himself and Hammond is a candidate for the post to be vacated by Mrs. Loretta Hynes, who is not a candidate for reelection.

Earlier a petition was circulated in behalf of Ralph Walker for police judge. None of the petitions had been filed until late Wednesday with City Clerk O. D. French.

Tuesday, March 11 is the deadline for petition candidates. The municipal election will be Tuesday, April 1. Two members will be elected to the board of education, three city councilmen will be elected, also a mayor and police judge.

Councilmen whose terms expire are J. J. Berigan, First ward; Leigh Reynoldson, Second ward, and Robert Moore, Third ward. Berigan has indicated he would not be a candidate for reelection.

Meanwhile, the deadline for filing for county offices is only a month away. Filing deadline is April 3. Virtually all incumbents in county posts have filed for reelection.

The O'Neill postoffice is clamping down on quantity users of mails who do not have "in city" markings will be held Tuesday.

In first-class offices in cities where door-to-door mail delivery is provided, the material being mailed is required by postal regulations to carry more than simply the addressee's name and the name of the city and state.

The material should bear a house number and street address or postoffice box number.

The regulation is designed to speed up processing, a spokesman said. It will do just that, the spokesman added, if every-one cooperates.

Meanwhile, at Tuesday's city council meeting the council decided to provide a master map of addresses and a master map of the city to facilitate persons who do not know their correct address. Some sections of the city are not fully numbered and streets are not fully identified. The master file would serve as a city directory.

The city Wednesday arranged for clerical workers to begin the project.

Two More File in Boyd—W. P. Willis, Butte attorney, Tuesday filed for the republican nomination for Boyd county attorney—a post held by William L. Brennan of Butte, democratic.

Leo M. Mathre of Butte earlier filed for county assessor on the democratic ticket. Loris H. Anderson republican incumbent, is seeking reelection for a third term. Mathre is school custodian here.

ATTEND FUNERAL—CHAMBERS—Mrs. Paul Roth and daughter, Mrs. Jack Bieleke, drove to North Platte Wednesday, February 26, to attend the funeral services for the former's uncle. They returned Sunday, March 2.

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# Thousands of Poults Die in All-Night Fire



Suffocated young turkey poults were found everywhere in the brooder section of the Tri-State plant following Tuesday's fire. Jack Wallen (left) and Phil Sherman, owner, survey dead birds.—The Frontier Photo.

## Loss May Reach \$30,000 in 6-Hour Produce Plant Blaze

Fire which started between the floor joists and a metal basement ceiling destroyed between 17,000 and 18,000 turkey poults at the Tri-State Produce company plant here.

In addition extensive damage was done to the building by the blaze that kept firemen on the scene from 11:25 p. m. Monday until 5 a. m., Tuesday.

Joe Sievert, night man at the plant and nearby hatchery, summoned help when he saw smoke pouring from the basement and main floor windows and oozing from cracks and crevices in the building, which is situated at the North Western railroad tracks on South Fourth st.

About seven hundred of the poults up to 3½-weeks-old were removed from the building by Phil Sherman, owner, and Sievert before smoke became too intense. Most of the poults perished from suffocation. The main floor was littered with dead birds.

The poults had been under radiant-type brooders electrically heated. The fire cause may have been defective wiring, but the origin is not known.

Wiring Blamed?—The fire started in the northwest section of the building.

Several of the main beams were damaged and the floor collapsed in three major places, creating cavernous holes.

Weakened condition of the floor due to the fire and the water caused the floors to give way. The basement floor was covered with water about 10 inches deep. Broken water mains created some of the flooding. The roof was not damaged.

O'Neill fire department officials said the blaze was probably the costliest since the original O'Neill livestock pavilion burned in 1947.

Sherman estimated the poults worth from 50 cents to a dollar each. He told The Frontier they were of special hybrid breeding developed in Texas and were to be raised at the Tri-State farm for the first time.

Fire starting was difficult in the wintry weather and the source was difficult to locate.

Fire Flares Up—A flareup at 7:15 a. m., Tuesday brought firemen to the scene for the second time.

Fire department officials said the poultry loss may reach 18-thousand-dollars and the building damage may extend the total loss to 25- or 30-thousand-dollars.

Sherman said Wednesday he had not yet worked out rehabilitation plans.

Sherman's turkey farm southwest of the city is regarded as one of the largest turkey farms in the world.

The plant originally was an Armour Packing company plant. Sherman later used it for poultry processing, but recently it has been used for turkey brooding. The nearby hatchery building and the east part of the main plant were not damaged. Jack Wallen is plant manager.

About three hundred of the seven-hundred poults which were removed from the burning building subsequently died at the turkey farm.

The main floor room badly damaged measures 64 x 90 ft.

## Cornborer to Fore in Ice Fishing!

PAGE—Gerald Snyder and Joe Bealart demonstrated a new use for an old pest during the springlike February days when they drove to Pibel lake in Wheeler county for a day's fishing.

They brought home the prize batch of the season. The "catch" was a total of 75 bluegills lured to the creel by a hook cleverly baited with—of all things—the greatly despised, feared, insignificant cornborer!

Other fishermen there met with little success with the best of bait.

Also on the ice-fishing excursion were Short Hahlbeck and Red Tucker, both of Ewing.

The borers are taken from slit cornstalks in fields where Mr. Cornborer made hay last year. The borers are about a quarter of an inch long and are tough.

Snyder and Bealart have been wondering: Could it be in an age when any and everything is commercialized the corn borer may arise and have its day in the sun and perhaps come to the fore as a source of income instead of being altogether detrimental?

Leave it to the resourceful angler to revert to nature in the raw for the answer to the fisherman's 64 question: What is the best bait?

## Program Arranged for P-TA Meeting

The regular meeting of the O'Neill Parent-Teachers' association will be held Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p. m., in the room of the public school.

Miss Alvera Ramm will present a girl's triple-trio singing, "Somebody". There will be two dance groups under the direction of Mrs. Woodrow Melena. The first group includes Cheryl VanVleck, Ruth Ann Watson, Patty Lorenz, Sally Herley, and LaVeta Philbrick.

They will present "Peggy O'Neill". The other number is entitled "Strolling Through the Park" and includes: Kathleen Reynoldson, James Reimer, Patty Lorenz, Bobby Evans, Lou Ann Shepherd, and Randy Miller.

Feature of the evening is to be a sound-film dealing with the "Problem Areas of Living" dealing with youth and its problems. It is of special value for parents and teachers as they strive to understand their youth and help them find a useful place in their environment.

All parents and friends are urged to attend.

Business for the evening will include election of new officers for the coming year.

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## Sheriff Seeks Two on Check Forgeries

The Holt county sheriff's office is seeking Don L. Bennett, who passed a \$35 check Saturday night at Dick Tomlinson's liquor store. The check was signed by "Bill Morris", presumably a forged signature.

Bennett was the payee on the check.

Sheriff Leo Tomjack said Virgil Sheets of O'Neill, who was released from the state penitentiary four months ago, having served a term for bad checks, is also being sought.

Tomjack said Sheets forged the name of "Dewey Schaffer" on \$75 checks and cashed them at the Safeway and New Outlaw stores.

Hay Dealers—Talk Rates—ATKINSON—Elkhorn valley hay dealers met here Wednesday afternoon and discussed hay shipping rates to Missouri river points and beyond. Hay and grain dealers are to confer Monday with the state railway commission in Lincoln. The Chicago & North Western railroad has invited Elkhorn dealers to suggest a freight rate.

Red Cross Plans—Monday evening at the Town House officials of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross met to plan the annual drive.

Kenneth Waring is chairman of the Holt chapter.

## Anderson-Evans Suit in Retrial

The spring jury term of Holt county district court will convene Monday, March 31, it was announced Monday by District Judges D. R. Mounts of O'Neill and Lyle Jackson of Neligh. The latter is assisting Mounts, who returns Thursday from Oklahoma where he had spent the winter.

Lone case definitely scheduled for trial is the Duane Anderson of Omaha personal injury suit against Lloyd Evans, Atkinson rancher.

In an earlier trial in March, 1956, a jury found for the defendant (Evans) in the 100-thousand-dollar action. Appealed to the supreme court, the suit was remanded to Holt district court for retrial because of a technicality in instructions to the jurors.

Thirty qualified jurors will be summoned.

TWO-CAR ACCIDENT—Mr. and Mrs. Leland Spry of Stanton were in a two-car accident Saturday evening near Stanton. Mrs. Spry complained of neck injuries. Mrs. Spry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weyrich of O'Neill.

RETURN TO STATE—Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Johnson who hold a farm sale north of O'Neill a year ago and moved to Bainerd, Minn., moved back to Nebraska March 1 and are located at Elgin.

This is a view of the water-filled basement of Tri-State Produce plant following Tuesday's fire. The fire is believed to have started between floor joists and the metal ceiling in the basement.—The Frontier Photo.