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**Best Vote-Getters Win Crowns**

Dianne Schauf, a fourth grader, and Bill Artus, a third grader, won the most votes among grammar school students at St. Mary's academy during the annual St. Patrick's fair. They were crowned king and queen.—O'Neill Photo Co.

**Young Man Dies After 1-Car Crash**

**George E. Schneider Fatally Injured Near Pierre, S. D.**

George Edward Schneider, 22, a member of a well-known Holt county family, was killed in a one-car accident about 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 near Pierre, S.D.

He and five companions were in his car. The machine, driven by Schneider, apparently went out of control and rolled about five hundred feet.

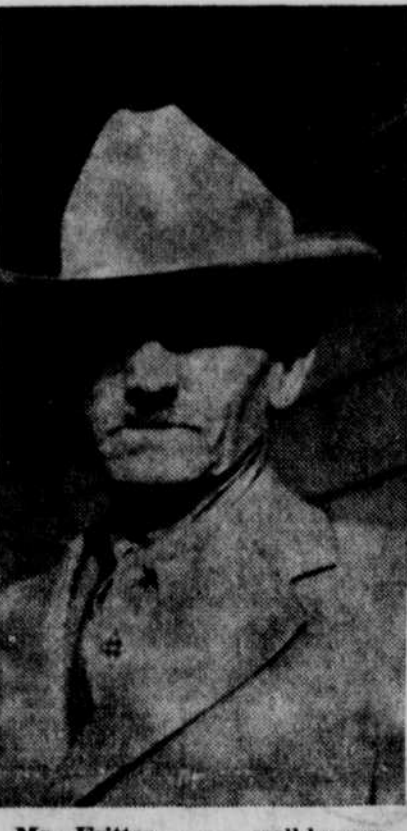
At the time of the accident he was a construction worker at the Oahe dam.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church, Rev. Robert Duffy will officiate.

Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Full military rites will be conducted at the graveside.

Pallbearers will be Nick Ayers, Thomas Arch, Michael Boyle, George Ramold, Leo Babutzke and Stanley Price.

A rosary was recited at 5 p.m., by the Catholic Daughters and at 8 p.m., at Biglin's funeral chapel.



**Charles W. Cronk, Ill 2 Years, Dies**

**Funeral to Be Held Today at Page**

PAGE — Funeral services for Charles W. Cronk, 73, a retired farmer and longtime member of the Page community, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Methodist church in Page. Rev. Lisle Mewmaw will officiate.

Mr. Cronk had been failing health about two years. He died Monday, March 17 in St. Anthony's hospital.

Burial will be in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers will be Leonard Hall, Wendell Wilson, Loren Wilson, Cordus Walker, Jesse Kelly and Otto Mutschulat.

Charles Wilson Cronk was born June 8, 1884 at Page. He was the son of James Cronk, a native of Pittstown, N. Y., and Adelaide I. VanGelden, who was born at Medina, O.

He was married to Jessie May Trowbridge on March 18, 1908 at Page. They became the parents of two sons. One son died in infancy in 1920.

The late Mr. Cronk was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Survivors include: Widow — Jessie May; son—Elwin R. Cronk of San Bernardino, Calif.; sister—Mrs. Roy (Daisy) Wilson of Page.

**Auction Calendar**

Friday, March 21: W. E. Jones dispersion sale four miles south of Creighton, one mile east, one half mile south, 97 Angus including seven registered bulls, 19 dairy cattle, 35 bred cows, full line of farm machinery; Col. Dean Moshier of Creighton, auctioneer; American National Bank of Creighton, clerk. (Details on page 7.)

Saturday, March 22: Consignment auction, including eight tractors, machinery, household goods, miscellaneous items, Durre's corner, five miles east of Chambers; Henry Durre, sale manager; Merlin Grossnicklaus, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. (Details on page 6.)

Friday, March 28: Carl and Alpha Christian, two miles east of Ewing on Summerland road and one-half mile south, will sell full line of farm machinery, household goods, miscellaneous items; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Willie Shradler, clerk. (Details on page 15.)

Friday, March 28: John Niewolner estate sale, 122 head of Hereford cattle, including 27 bulls; sale to be held at O Bar M ranch pavilion; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Edward T. Campbell of O'Neill, administrator; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 4.)

Wednesday, April 9: Frost Bros. public sale, one mile east of Atkinson; 25 head of cattle, dairy and stock; farm and hay-ming machinery; miscellaneous items; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Ed Murphy of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in subsequent issues.)

**TO HOSPITAL**

Miss Donna Fuhrer, 25, well-known O'Neill invalid who paints by using a brush in her teeth, Saturday was taken by ambulance from St. Anthony's hospital here to University hospital at Omaha. She is suffering from a heart ailment.

O'Neill firemen at 3 p.m., Monday were called to the John Turner feed yard near the Elkhorn river where fire damaged a barn. A short-circuit in the electric pump was blamed. There was damage to the rafters and hay.

Leo Matthews, O'Neill farmer who was hospitalized here more than week because of a heart condition, Sunday was taken to a Lincoln hospital by his brother, Lincoln Matthews of Lincoln.



**All-Sports Royalty Crowned**

O'Neill high school students frolicked Tuesday night in the annual all-sports ball at the American Legion auditorium. At the coronation, which climaxed the affair, Football Coach Marvin Miller crowned Larry Peterson King, and Basketball Coach William Edwards crowned Miss Sharon Nelson queen. Front row (left-to-right), Viola Lynn Parks, Mary Tingle, trainbearers; Janice Vidrick-

sen, crownbearer; Rickey Baack, crownbearer. Back row—Carolyn Schmeichel, junior attendant; Betty Schultz, senior attendant; Coach William Edwards; Coach Marvin Miller; Ray Thomas, senior attendant and Ronnie Smith, junior attendant. Not pictured are Miss Joan Wilson and Larry Otter, sophomore attendants; Darrell Ermer and Miss Maureen Schauf, freshman attendants.—The Frontier Photo.

**Fightin' Irish of Yesteryear—**

**McCaffrey Bidder for Heavy Title**

Time was St. Patrick's day was characterized in O'Neill, by a whooping good time and quite a few sons of the auld soil lived up to their reputation as fightin' Irish.

Not so nowadays. But memories of fightin' Irish of yesteryear were revived in an informal "Voice of the Frontier" (WJAG, 780 kc) feature on Monday's program, 9:30 a.m.

Emmet McCaffrey, retired farmer at Emmet, was called upon to tell about his famous uncle, Dominick McCaffrey, who lived south of O'Neill after leaving an illustrious boxing career behind in the East.

Dominick, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., was an amateur heavyweight turned professional. He commanded high respect in the East. A widely-heralded gent from San Francisco, Calif., named James J. Corbett came East to conquer Corbett had solid backing of wealthy West coast sportsmen.

Corbett and McCaffrey were matched in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1891.

"Gentleman Jim" went on to become world's heavyweight champ.

McCaffrey also had a crack at the "Boston strong man"—John L. Sullivan—when Sullivan was world's champ. He went four rounds with Sullivan, but the judges held up the decision three days. It was Corbett who dethroned Sullivan in 1892 at New Orleans.

Turning his back on the fight world, Dominick came to Holt. He never encouraged his sons or kin to take up the ring.

After about seven years here, Dominick yielded to the wishes of his wife and moved the family back to Pennsylvania.

Emmet vividly remembers his uncle, assisting him in the hay-fields and on the farm.

"Occasionally Dominick would put on an exhibition. Once he boxed with my father, Joseph, at an O'Neill celebration."

"He was built square and was powerful," Emmet recalled. "He never talked much about his fight background and lots of people never knew how high on the ladder he had been."

Ben Gilligan, an admirer and student of "Montana Jack" Sullivan, told how Sullivan, born and reared here, became an amateur boxer at Butte, Mont., overnight turned professional, lost a 20-round match to the great Stanley Ketchal, who is often regarded as the greatest middleweight of all time. Sullivan, 80, now lives in Butte, Mont.

"Montana Jack" chased Ketchal all over the West coast in quest of a rematch while Ketchal was wearing the middleweight crown, but he could never catch up with either Ketchal or a Papke, the ranking contender.

Leo Carney recalled St. Patrick's days of yesteryear when the town's pump house—an "athletic club" of a sort—closed down on the day of the wearin' o' the green.

"There were always fights to be seen on the streets," Carney declared. "Quite a few have memories of those days," he observed, "no boxes in the nose."

But the fightin' Irish of O'Neill were a quiet lot St. Patrick's day, 1958.

**Former Resident of Atkinson Dies**

**Mary A. Dierks, 55, Rites Held**

ATKINSON — Mrs. Mary A. Dierks, 55, a former Atkinson resident, died Thursday, March 13, in Scottsbluff after an illness of many months.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, March 17, at First Methodist church here. Rev. Charles Gates officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home.

Pallbearers were: James Boettcher, LaVern Claussen, Keith Jones, Duane Weldon of Burwell, Stanley Barthel of Burwell and Larry Frandsen of Minden, all nephews.

She was the daughter of Fred G. and Marie Hahn Boettcher and was born April 3, 1903, in Atkinson. On March 8, 1922 she married William A. Dierks in Neligh.

They lived on a ranch 35 miles south of Atkinson until about 10 years ago. They moved to Scottsbluff where they owned and operated a motel.

Survivors include: Widower — William; daughters—Mrs. Betty Morris of Scottsbluff and Mrs. Robert (Donaldson) Thompson of Scottsbluff; sons—William of Versailles, Mo.; and Gary of Cheyenne, Wyo.; mother—Mrs. Marie Boettcher of Atkinson, now residing at Rest Haven in Stuart;

brothers—Fred Boettcher of Atkinson and Clarence Boettcher of Dallas, Ore.; sisters—Mrs. Carl (Iva) Barthel of Burwell and Mrs. Morgan (Hazel) Weldon of Burwell; nine grandchildren.



Emmet McCaffrey... his uncle fought Corbett, Sullivan then came to Holt to farm.—The Frontier Photo.

**Kieth Abart Files for Court Office**

Kieth A. Abart of O'Neill last Thursday filed for the republican nomination for clerk of the Holt county district court. Howard Manson, incumbent, filed earlier for the same nomination on the same ticket.

Abart, who is a native of Emmet, has been engaged in the sale of real estate, farm equipment and home appliances.

Only other filing during the past seven days at the office of County Clerk Kenneth Waring was the filing of Earl Collins of Atkinson, republican, a candidate for both the county and state GOP conventions.

April 3 is the deadline for filing for county and state offices.

**Sigman Vs. Reed—**

**Winded Charlie, 76, Is Winner**

AMELIA — The following article was written by Mrs. Ralph Rees, Amelia, and The Frontier's Amelia correspondent believed it justifies being passed on.

Last week, Charlie Sigman, a veterinarian of long standing from Amelia, and Tim Reed, a well-known rancher from south of Chambers, were talking about the "good old days". The conversation reached the point where they simply had to determine who was still the better man.

To settle the argument it was decided to start a footrace. And, as a small consideration was placed on the outcome, the dispute had to be settled then and there!

The starting point was to be the stop sign by the Durre filling station east of Chambers and

the race was to be run on the hardsurfed U. S. highway 281.

As Reed was a rancher, he wore cowboy boots. Sigman, being only a veterinarian, wore oxfords and high-topped overboots. Charlie, believing no holds were barred, removed his foot gear and ran in stocking feet.

Both were winded before they reached the finish line.

Sigman was declared winner. What adds interest to the story is the fact Sigman celebrated his 76th birthday anniversary, March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Meals, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meals and Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan of Atkinson brought sandwiches and birthday cake and came to Mr. Sigman's home in Amelia Monday evening to help him celebrate.

Ralph Rees and John Zinkon were also guests.

**C&NW Will Appeal Commission's Action**

The Chicago & North Western Railroad filed notice of its intent to appeal to the state supreme court from a railway commission decision ordering the railroad to reinstate service of trains 13 and 14 between Omaha and Chadron.

The railroad said it intends to prosecute an appeal from the commission's order of March 7.

At that time, the commission set aside and vacated its previous order entered February 7 which granted the railroad authority to discontinue service of the two trains.

**10-Member All-Holt Honor Team Revealed**

The Frontier's annual mythical all-Holt county basketball team for 1958 is announced in this issue (see page 14). Atkinson high school and Inman high landed two players each on the dream team.

Coaches and officials assisted The Frontier sports department with the selections. Photographs of the individuals in the composite picture were supplied by O'Neill Photo company, The Atkinson Graphic and The Frontier's photo department.

**Bassett Woman, 80, Dies of Exhaustion**

**Walks 2½ Miles After Abandoning Car**

BASSETT—An 80-year-old Bassett woman, Mrs. Julia Braddock, formerly of O'Neill, was found dead about 1:30 a.m., near Bassett.

She was driving alone in her car about five miles south of here and one mile east. Her car either became stalled or failed due to a malfunction. She set out to walk through the snow to the nearest neighbor.

After being missing 24 hours, the Rock county sheriff conducted a search and found her body about 2½ miles from her stranded car.

Death was attributed to exhaustion or exposure or both. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Bassett and burial was at Chadron.

A snow bluff found in her car had not been used. It was apparent she had attempted to get the car out of the drift by placing hay in front of the rear wheels.

Mrs. Braddock had left her home Wednesday, March 12, to drive to her ranch. By late Thursday it was discovered she had not arrived there and friends became concerned.

Her body was found a half-mile from the Bessie Weinz ranch buildings, neighboring the Braddock ranch.

Mrs. Braddock, a widow of a Chadron banker, owned a ranch near Newport, also a ranch at Chadron and formerly owned land near O'Neill.

For a time she lived on the Braddock-Gilmore ranch (Ditch Camp ranch) south of O'Neill. At one time she owned land east of O'Neill.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Doris Henry of Los Altos, Calif., and Mrs. Gladys Pegues of Chadron; sister—Mrs. Ella Frederico of Portland, Ore.

**Ewing Marksman Dies Unexpectedly**

**Harry Keeler Rites Set Friday**

EWING — Harry Keeler, 71, long prominent in Nebraska trapshooting circles, early Monday, March 17, was discovered dead in a chair at his home south of Ewing.

His wife, Amanda, had gone to summon him for breakfast. He had not been seriously ill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Methodist church here with Rev. Leon Brigid officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery at Neligh under direction of the Snider funeral home of Clearwater.

The remains will lie in state Friday at the church until the funeral hour.

Pallbearers will be Henry Leidling, Gordon Drayton, Theo Hurtig, Raymond Hurtig, Mervin Hurtig and Francis Montgomery of O'Neill.

The late Mr. Keeler was born June 10, 1886, at York.

Despite his age he was one of Nebraska's ranking trapshooters and competed in state and national competition. He was a member of the O'Neill Gun club.

Survivors include: Widow — Amanda; daughter—Mrs. William Nelson of Ewing five brothers and four sisters.

The Keelers raised a boy, Vance, from the age of eight.

**Wilson to Head Country Club**

At a meeting of the stockholders and members of the O'Neill Country club held at the Golden hotel, the following officers were elected: Dr. Rex W. Wilson, president; John Conard, vice-president; L. A. Becker, secretary, and John H. McCurville, treasurer.

**Sagerses Note 60th Anniversary**

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sageres celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Monday, March 17. The Helping Hand club members and their husbands planned a surprise party that afternoon. They were presented a gift by the club.

**Closing of School Is Opposed**

**Bristow Files Action Against Education Board and Decker**

One of 22 schools voted for non-approval status by the state board of education last week, Saturday had filed a suit in Lancaster district court seeking temporary injunction to prevent the board from carrying through its action.

R. A. Barlow, Lincoln attorney, filed the action on behalf of Boyd county school district 30, the high school at Bristow, against the state board of education and Freeman B. Decker, state education commissioner.

The board voted to disapprove Bristow and 21 other high schools at its March meeting after a two-day hearing at which education department representatives cited inadequacies in curricula and facilities of the 22 schools.

Non-approval means a school district is cut off from free high school tuition.

The suit asked a judgement declaring unconstitutional Nebraska statutes which give the state board of education power to "establish standards and procedures for classifying, approving and accrediting schools".

Decker said he thought the board would welcome the suit to "clear the air."

Bristow has 21 high school students, seven of whom are non-resident students.

**Jury List Told for Anderson-Evans**

Thirty prospective jurors have been ordered to report for duty at 9 a.m., Monday, March 31, for the spring term of Holt county district court.

There is only one case to be heard by the jury: Duane Anderson of Omaha, plaintiff, vs. Lloyd Evans, Atkinson rancher. Anderson is suing for 100-thousand-dollars.

In 1956 Anderson brought an action against Evans and Mrs. Evans. A jury awarded Anderson 10-thousand-dollars damages. Evans appealed to the Nebraska supreme court, which remanded the case to Holt district court for retrial, finding a technicality in instructions to the original jury.

The prospective 1958 jury list includes: Jerome Allen of Page, Wayne Bates of Emmet, Paul Beha of O'Neill, Mrs. Helen Braun of Atkinson, Miss Doris Brunk of Stuart, Joe Beclart of Page, Mrs. Erma Carr of Atkinson, Anson Closson of O'Neill.

Mrs. Carmen Cronk of Page, Raymond Dexter of Amelia, James M. Deane, Sr. of Stuart, Donald W. Fernau of Redbird, Roy Gannon of Inman, Carl Lorenz of O'Neill, George McTaggart of Stuart.

H. A. Mitchell of Atkinson, Mrs. James F. Minkark of Ewing, Charles M. Fleenor of Stuart, Herman Orsborn of O'Neill, Joe Pritchett of O'Neill, Leslie A. Reppenning of Chambers, Mrs. Elsie Streeter of O'Neill, Mrs. Nellie Thomas of O'Neill, Charles L. Wright of Chambers, Ruby L. Wright of Ewing, Gertrude Kaup of Stuart, LaVeta Lehn of O'Neill, Mary Schmucker of Atkinson, Mary Eldon Sedivy of Redbird, W. E. Wanser of Page.

**Motion for New Trial Overruled**

Judge Lyle Jackson in Holt county district court Tuesday overruled a motion for a new trial which had been filed by Arthur O. Auserod of Bartlett, attorney for William ("Bill") Held of Chambers.

Held earlier had sought 50-thousand-dollars damages from Herman Cook, also of Chambers, alleging false arrest.

A jury in December found for the defendant.

Auserod did not announce whether or not an appeal would be made to the Nebraska supreme court.

**HELD TWO DAYS**

John Neckolite, formerly of O'Neill and Bassett, no permanent present address, was held by the Holt county sheriff two days last week on bad checks charges.

Warrants had been issued in Holt, Garfield, Lepp and Madison counties. He "made good" the checks. Sheriff Leo Tomjack said and was released Tuesday, March 11.

**Don Elsberry Guest—**

Mrs. Don Elsberry entertained at a birthday dinner Wednesday evening in honor of her husband. Also present were Mrs. Nellie Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Strong and family.

**Martez Winners—**  
Mrs. Homer Mullen and Mrs. P. B. Harty, the hostess, won at Martez Tuesday evening.

**WEATHER SUMMARY**

Date	High	Low
March 13	33	15
March 14	30	12
March 15	28	9
March 16	28	20
March 17	21	19
March 18	26	4
March 19	38	13