Honored on 80th

Sunday was honored at open-

house at the home of her daugh-

ter, Mrs. Elmer Devall, north

of O'Neill. She was observ-

ing her 80th birthday anniver-

Delia Goodsell. She was born

in Minnesota, came with her

parents, two brothers and one

sister to Niobrara by train when she was five-years-old. The fam-

ily made the trip from Niobrara

to the Phoenix community by covered wagon. Mrs. Harrison

has four living daughters, 29

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. — The Frontier.

ates for the two board of educa-

Municipal votesrs will be con-

fronted with races for the city

day, April 1. But interest appears

Leigh Reynoldson, incumbent,

R. E. Moore, incumbent, will

not a candidate for reelection.

police magistrate.

are petition candidates.

thony's hospital

needs of the territory.

showed a loss of \$10,805.35.

New Pastor Signed

by Two Churches

Advisory Board Goes to Work-

To Elect Two for

School Board

Her maiden name was

Mrs. Delia Harrison (above)



no longer to be seen in auction rings.

Deadline for Filing Week Away

Oliver Shane After **Board Post**

Oliver Shane, Atkinson republican, is the latest candidate to file for a major Holt county office. He will seek the nomina-tion for supervisor in the Seventh district.

Other candidates for the same post who filed earlier are Eli Mc-Connell of Atkinson, republican, and Willard S. Linville of Atkinson, democrat.

Other filings this week concerned minor offices: Frank J. Brady of Atkinson, republican, for county and state conventions; Joe G. Brewster of Stuart, republican, for county and state conventions. Deadline for filing for county and state offices is Thursday,

Filings todate (besides those mentioned above) include: For supervisors, First district: Edward N. Flood of O'Neill, democrat; Irene Booth of O'Neill, republican. Flood is the incumbent. First supervisor, Third district: Clarence Ernst of O'Neill, republican; Robert Hanley of O'Neill, democrat. Ernst is the incum-

For supervisor, Fifth district:
Harlan Dierking of Amelia, republican; Lloyd L. Durre of Chambers, republican. Dierking is the incumbent by appointment. W. Griffin of O'Neill, republican; John R. Gallagher of O'Neill, democrat. Griffin is the incum-

county clerk: Kenneth Waring of O'Neill, republican in-

Hancock Unopposed

For county assessor: William Willis Rockey. Wefso of Atkinson, republican incumbent. For county sheriff: Leo S. Tom-

jack of O'Neill, democratic incumbent. For clerk of district court:

Howard Manson of O'Neill, republican; Kieth A. Abart of O'-Neill, republican. Manson is the incumbent. superintendent: For county

For county superintendent: Quiet City, School Alice L. French of O'Neill, non-Election Seen political incumbent.

Frank Nelson of O'Neill, present state legislator from the 28th district, earlier filed for renomination here. His is the only fil- to be slight. ing todate for that office.

Meanwhile, a big race is developing in Knox county for the berger for the Second ward counoffice of sheriff. The roster includes eight men — four republicans and four democrats. Can- be opposed by D. A. McKamy in

Democrats-Kenneth Haach of Center, Larry Erbst of Bloom- didate for the council in the First. John A. Jessen of Bloomfield. Republicans A. J. (Pat) Ryan Niobrara (at present the for reelection as mayor, having the many people he has boosted children four great-grandchilddeputy), C. F. Knudson of Bloomfield. John McElhose of Creigh-

Lowell Fleming of Creigh-

EYE BANK PLANNING

The O'Neill Lions club in ses- tion. George Hammond is the Derby, Colo. sion Wednesday evening furthered lone ballot candidate for the plans for participation in the other vacancy. University of Iowa eye bank (cornea transplant) program.



Going to Norfolk

V. J. Towle (above), station agent for the Chicago & North-Western railroad here since July, 1947, will be transferred Norfolk to become C&NW agent there, effective April 1. No successor will be named here for 10 days or two weeks. The Towles have been residing at 820 East Clay st. Mr. Towle was agent at Albion before comhave two sons-Gerald, a Nor-University of South Dakota medical student at Vermillion.-The Frontier Photo.





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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, March 27, 1958.

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SECTION ONE

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This Issue

Prominent Auctioneer Dies at 67

Volume 77.—Number 47.

'Buv' Wanser Spends 43 Years in Field: Funeral Set Friday

(Photo at left.)

PAGE-Buy E. Wanser, 67, wellknown in northeast and northcentral Nebraska livestock, auctioneering and race horse breeding circles, died about 11:30 a. m., Wednesday, March 26, in St. Anthony's hospital.

He became ill late Saturday after "working" the Glenn Harris sale near Page. After being ill Sunday and Monday, he was induced to enter the hospital.

By Tuesday his condition had worsened and members of his

immediate wamily was notified. He suffered a heart ailment. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, March 28, at the Congregational church in Plainview with Rev. Clarence Hanseom, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Plainview cemetery.

The remains will lie in state at Biglin's funeral chapel today (Thursday) from 4 until 5:30 p. m., and from 7 until 9 p.m., and at Plainview Friday from 11 a. m., until the funeral hour at the

Born at Plainview The late Winfield Edson Wan-

ser was born February 4, 1891, at Plainview, a son of Fred E. and Mary Lucas Wanser. He came to Holt county in 1910 from Plainview.

On January 10, 1911 he married Orpha Lulu Dutcher of Plainview. Wanser "cried" his first sale in 1915 for William Nelson on the William Riege farm northwest of Page. In later years he was to become one of caucus was held Tuesday eve- known figures in the ning, March 18, to select candid- rings in this sector. In the twenties Mr. Wanser and

tion positions. Lionel Gunter was Clyde Wade purchased a general chairman of the session and merchandise store in Page from Loyd West was secretary. The the late John Melvin and operat-For county treasurer: J. Ed following persons were nominated and selected: Ray Magwire, Archie Tuttle, Lionel Gunter, and ser farmed 1,100 acres northwest of Page-requiring a herd of

The three-year terms of Lionel mules to do the work.

Gunter and L. A. Hobbs expire. He is remembered He is remembered for having Three members of the board mules working 12-abreast in of trustees will be elected: Elmer breaking land on what is now Bergstrom v s. Lewis Carter; known as the Edmisten place; Willis Rockey vs. Jerry Rother- also the farms now known as ham; Julian Sokja vs. Gene Zim- the Lyndly Crumly and Otto Termerman. All are caucus candid- rill places.

Operated Pavilion

Between 1929 and 1935 he operated a livestock market at Page and in later years was associated with his son, Max, in the operation of the Ewing Livestock

council in two wards next Tues-Market. He was a fancier of good dogs and horses and owned ranking illness horses in state race circles. will be opposed by Oscar Spitzen-Last season Andrew Johnson, O'Neill trainer, entered a Wanser mare, "Precious Dawn" - the last of the Pete Duffy string of |

race horses-in Nebraska competition. A. W. Carroll is the lone can-"His generosity was unmatch- les Sullivan of Elgin; sons -Harfield. Norris Brandl of Creighton, The incumbent, J. J. Berigan, is ed" wrote The Frontier's correspondent, Mrs. N. D. Ickes, sr. D. C. Schaffer is a candidate "Tales are many and varied of

> served one term. Ralph Walker along the way. Survivors include: Widow is a candidate for reelection as Lulu; sons-Max of Ewing and H. L. Lindberg is a candidate Beverley (Bid) of Hartington; to succeed himself on the city brother-L. L. of Denver, Colo.; school district 7 board of educa- sister-Mrs. Leonard Horst of

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter who died in All printed names on the ballot 1923; his parents; brother—S. P. who died in 1931; sisters-Mrs. tor of the Wisconsin Electric William (Lorinda) Johnson of cooperative at the annual meet-Plainview and Miss Virginia of Denver.

EASY FOR FIREMEN

STUART-Rev. Herbert Young of Ash Grove will be the new pas-A Thompson Tobacco company tor of the Stuart Community truck driven by Dick McLain church and the nearby rural came to town Wednesday after-Cleveland Presbyterian church.
His wife and their 2½-year-old ablaze. An observer called fireson will be moving to Stuart in men from the Golden hotel while McLain drove the rig to the fire The parishes have been without station for the convenience a pastor since the departure of firemen.

ELGIN—Henry D. Taylor, 74, a resident of Elgin, died Monday at his home following a lingering Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Boniface Catholic church Catherine; daughter-Mrs. Charold and Sam, both of Albion; Francis of St. Edward; 17 grandren; brother-Edward of Moor-Co Op Director

Smith and his wife . . . he narrowly escaped drowning in icy Niobrara river.

FIRMS TO CLOSE

ing held Monday in Madison, O'Neill stores will close at 3 Wisc. The cooperative operates p. m. on Good Friday and will in Wisconsin and nine other states, including Nebraska. remain closed the remainder of the day, according to an announcement made by the retail Mrs. Davis had papered one trade committee of the Chamber the bedrooms the day before. of Commerce.

Frontier for printing!

The circle marks the point where Mike Smith was working before he fell into 18 feet of water. -Consumers Public Power Photo.



X marks the approximate place where Smith emerged after being forced through an underwater floodgate and flushed down the spillway. The water is intensely turbulent and there is strong undertow at this point, but Smith swam to safety and reached shore 300 feet downstream.—Consumers Public Power Photo.

Farm Home Burns with Family Away

Virtually All Lost district manager for Consumers in Davis Fire

farm home, located three miles held the post for 10 years. south of the junction of U.S. highway 281 and state highway 95, and three-quarters of a mile had held the post 10 years. west, was completely destroyed Mrs. Davis were away.

Mr. Davis had been to Creighfor medical attention and Humboldt. stopped off at the O'Neill Livestock Market enroute home. It Suella; son-John, who was gradwas there he learned his home uated from the United States was burning.

When Chambers rural firemen reached the scene the building was a mass of flames. managed to save a freezer, washing machine and some clothing, and prevented the flames from spreading to other buildings. Faulty electric wiring might put into operation. Channel

Sunday, Marcvh 23, was the of Mrs. Laura Wright of O'Neill. cellus.

ied.

Escapes Death in Icy Plunge

Godel Makes It to **Business District** in 70 Minutes

Loyd Godel, whose left leg was broken in 11 places in a September 15, 1957, two-car accident south of here, grew tired of staring at the walls at his home for six months. With benefit of braces and

crutches he inched his way downtown Friday for a visit and to greet friends. The trip required one hour and 10 minutes. His doctors advise him to walk some each day.

The return trip was made by

Wednesday he was in Omaha or a medical checkup.

Brilliant Meteor Sighted Near Here

Motorists Startled by Spectacle

Motorists Monday evening reported seeing a brilliant white or

Fred Moore, who lives south of he was startled by the brilliance.

der the lights in a ball park."

"It was 7:55," she said, "and gate. lightup was so bright I thought a motorist was in front with an extraordinary headlight. then realized it was a meteor. Lloyd Brittell and Orie Robin-

son, working at the municipal dump, reported to The Frontier they saw an oblong object in the The object had no wings and was silent as far as they were concerned. Tuesday skywatchers noted a

halo around the sun-sometimes known as "sundogs". Some persons were ready to blame the meteor and solar halo for poor television reception.

Bode, Formerly of O'Neill, Stricken

R. L. ("Ping") Bode, Ogallala Public Power and former operating superintendent for the O'Neill CHAMBERS—The Wade Davis 20, of a heart attack. He had He moved from O'Neill to Ogal-

lala 10 years ago. Previously he He moved from O'Neill by fire Thursday while Mr. and Ogallala 10 years ago. Previously he had been district manager at Albion and superintendent at

Survivors include: Widow Military academy and is now in the air force; daughter-Susan.

CHANNEL 2 ON TIR

Channel 2 of O'Neill's twinbooster television installation scene in time to assist Smith onto went on the air Monday-about the shore. six weeks after channel 13 was have been the cause, it was theor-Lincoln (channel 10). Channel 13 rebroadcasts KTIV, Sioux Mrs. Davis had papered one of City (channel 4).

Miss Lorna Marcellus of Lincouple's 17th wedding anniver- coln was a weekend guest of her sary. Mrs. Davis is the daughter parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mar-

Smith Thru Floodgate At Hydro

Never Unconscious Although Skull Is Cut, Leg Broken

Mike Smith, 51, chief operator of the Spencer hydro-electric plant, escaped drowning Tuesday evening in a harrowing exper-ience at the Niobrara river dam. He fell from a concrete ledge into the reservoir water immediately behind the dam, was swept through a floodgate, was flushed through the spillway into turbulent deep water, and had to swim to safety in the ice-choked water.

He emerged from the water 330 feet below the dam, near the abandoned highway bridge.

The accident happened at 7:15 p.m. There had been ice trouble blue-white meteor in the skies at the dam and Mr. Smith went out onto a narrow ledge with an ice "pike"—an instrument used Inman, was northbound and said to dislodge ice. He was on the ledge above the floodgate work-From near Inman he said the meteor appeared to be falling east of O'Neill.

ing to budge a large chunk of ice. The ice, under water pressure, reared up, causing Smith ing to budge a large chunk of sure, reared up, causing Smith "The path made a gigantic arc," he said. "It lighted the sky so brightly I thought I was un-

The gate is the only one at the Miss Donna Payne of The Fron-ler staff was driving on U. S. that operates vertically. The gate highway 20 in the vicinity of the was open and he was forced Elkhorn river bridge east of here, below the surface through the

He never lost consciousness but suffered a severe skull concus-sion (back of the head) and a broken right leg. The leg was crushed below the knee. He also received a severe scalp lacera-

"It seemed like I was in the water an hour," he said later, unable to recount exactly what all had happened. William ("Bill') Hambek, who

had been working with Smith, had gone inside the power plant to check instruments and reappeared outside the plant in time to see Smith disappear. Pulled to Safety

Hambek hurriedly closed the floodgates, grabbed a lifejacket and a rope, drove his car across the condemned and barricaded old bridge to the south side of the river. He threw the rope to Smith who managed to hold on

and Hambek pulled the exhausted man to safety. It was 8:15 when help came and Smith was removed by ambulance to St. Anthony's hospital, arriving here at 8:45. Help was called by phone from the nearby Smith home

Smith's condition late Wednesday was "fair", suffering from severe shock, exposure and injury. He was seeing only *members of his immediate family. Doctors, however, said he was expected to recover.

Surgery was planned later in the day but is being delayed until today (Thursday). Robert Whetham came to the

H. G. Kruse of O'Neill, CPPD operating superintendenat, investigated the accident and said there had been considerable ice in the reservoir and one large chunk of ice had lodge in the

Turbines were operating and created "intense turbulence and undertow" below the dam, Kruse pointed out that Smith went through the floodgate, not through the turbine flumes. To Spenecr in May

Smith, who with his family formerly lived at O'Neill, spent eight years at Tekamah, going to Spencer in May, 1957.

He makes his home near the dam with his wife. One daughter, Mrs. Duane C. (Doris) Smith lives south of Emmet. One sister, Mrs. Louis Wray lives in O'Neill.

Smith has been with Consumers 22 years and never before had been involved in an accident

Mummy and Mumps' Title of OHS Play

The senior class of the O'Neill public school will present its class "The Mummy and the Mumps", Tuesday evening, April athe high school auditorium. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Lois Tompkins with Betty Fetrow as student director. Members of the cast are: Jane Peterson, Faye Murray, Judy Johnson, Sharon Nelson, Lynda Haynes, Wayne Reynoldson, Michael Liddy, Edward Pierson,

Gale Holcomb and Melvin Luber



This view of the southeast corner of the Wade Davis farm home shows flames levelling the

After allowing for depreciation Other advisory board members but is pure "charity" work for but not including assets purchasare from O'Neill.

ed president; Harley, vice-presi-This figure was revealed to a dent; Dierks, secretary, and recently-appointed advisory board Leigh Reynoldson of O'Neill, at a meeting held Friday even- treasurer.

Hospital Shows \$10,805 Deficit

Making up some of the items The board, appointed by the of expense were wages, salaries, Sisters of St. Francis, is compos- fees paid to specialists such as ed of representative citizens from radiologists and pathologists and the territory the hospital serves totaled \$101,332.82. Food and and is intended to advise the Sis- supplies of different kinds exceed- at 8 o'clock at the youth center. ters in the operation and conduct ed \$29,000. Insurance, plant operof the hospital in order that the ation and interest came to an ad- will be discussed. Rodeo dates institution might fully meet the ditional \$8,841.96.

Last year - 1957 Advisory board includes: John work done by the hospital to- ing the meeting. Conard of Emmet, Ira Watson of taled \$2,240.28. Total charity Inman, Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, work since the hospital opened members and any others inter-Louis Harley of Chambers, Ray- totals \$14,978.60. This does not in-mond Heiss of Page, represent- clude services rendered for which

or debt retirement. St. An- At Friday's board meeting, L. cause those for whom the service may's hospital during 1957 D. Putnam of O'Neill was elect- was provided could not pay.

Henry D. Taylor

Survivors include:

Micanek Named

LYNCH - Emil Micanek of

Lynch has been named a direc-

WEATHER SUMMARY

in Elgin.

head, Ia.

March 20

March 21

March 22

March 24

March 25 March 26

March

Expires at Elgin

Rodeo Meeting Set for Saturday

A special meeting of the O'-Neill Rodeo association will be held Saturday evening, March 29, Plans for the are set for June 21 and 22. Some - the charity rodeo films will be shown follow-

All rodeo members, prospective

ing their respective localities, a charge was made but not paid, Try Frontier want ads!