



Mike Smith and his wife, Inace . . . he is recovering from last week's harrowing experience in ice-choked river. The Frontier Photo.

Hendrick Dies at 73; Rites Held

Retired Farmer Is Fatally Stricken Sunday at Home

Felix W. Hendrick, 73, a well-known retired O'Neill farmer-rancher, died unexpectedly about 9 a. m., Sunday, March 30, at his home southeast of the city. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Hendrick came to the O'Neill community 37 years ago. Funeral services were conducted at 1 p. m., Wednesday, April 2, at First Presbyterian church with Rev. Samuel Lee of Osborne, Kans., formerly of O'Neill, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The church could not accommodate the overflow crowd that attended the services.

The body lies in state at Biglin's funeral chapel Tuesday afternoon and evening and at the church from 11:30 a. m., Wednesday until the funeral hour.

Active pallbearers were Carl Hansen, Arlo A. Hiatt, Harold T. Young, George C. Robertson, C. E. Jones, Lloyd Gibson, Dwight Harder and Elmer DeVall. Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Johnson, Harry Van Horn, Homer E. Davis, Emmet Wertz, C. R. Hill and Hurley Jones.

Born February 15, 1885 at Lorimer, Ia., the son of James Hendrick and Mirande Smith Hendrick, he came to Holt county in 1922 from Afton, Union county, Ia. His parents were natives of Illinois.

He was united in marriage to Millie Zahler October 1, 1908, at Creston, Ia. They became the parents of six children.

The late Mr. Hendrick was preceded in death by a daughter, born in 1911; brothers—Elmer, Claude and Burris.

Survivors include: Widow — Millie; daughters — Mrs. M. V. (Margaret) Landreth of Page; Mrs. W. E. (Mabel) Aitken of Hastings; Mrs. A. W. (Helen) Alm of Lynch; Mrs. E. E. (Mary There Baby).



"On the Third Day", dramatic Easter cantata, will be presented Sunday evening in Ewing's United Presbyterian church. Foreground: Miss Vlanda Biddlecome and Glenda Napier; background—Floyd Butterfield, Mrs. Ralph Shrader, Dianne Shrader, Archie Johnston, Mrs. Archie Johnston and Wayne Shrader.—The Frontier Photo.



Halva . . . retired in 1954

Jerry Halva, 56, Is Heart Victim

Came to U. S. in '21; Farmed at Lynch

Jerry Halva, 56, a native of Czechoslovakia and a retired Boyd county farmer living at O'Neill, died at 9:45 a. m., Saturday, March 29, following a heart attack. He was fatally stricken at his home, 625 Hitecock.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, April 1, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Rosary was said Monday night at Biglin's funeral chapel.

Pallbearers were Frank Maly, James Maly and Floyd Kaasa, all of Lynch; Ray Bohn and George Janousek, both of Brainard; John Janousek of Lynch; and John Janousek of Brainard.

The late Mr. Halva was born February 3, 1902, at Lesonovia, Czechoslovakia, a son of Thomas and Francis Boeck Halva. He was one of a family of 13 children.

In 1921 he came to the United States, having been induced and aided by an older brother, Victor, to make the change.

On June 7, 1947, at Omaha he married Agnes Ratkovec. They lived on a farm near Lynch, retiring in 1954 and moving to O'Neill.

He was a member of St. Patrick's church.

Survivors include: Widow — Agnes; mother—Mrs. Frances Halva of Czechoslovakia; brothers—Victor of O'Neill, who currently is convalescing at the Veterans hospital in Grand Island; Bohumel and Albert, both living in Czechoslovakia; sisters—Miss Mary and Mrs. Ludmila Kacirova, both of Czechoslovakia.

Two brothers in the native land died recently of heart ailments. One brother was 46-years-old. News of the two deaths behind the iron curtain reached O'Neill relatives this week.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halva, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halva, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kaasa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mulhair, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Svoboda, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Purviance, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tonner, Frank Maly and Mr. and Mrs. James Maly, Sr., all of Lynch; Mrs. Tillie Stevens of Colon; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halva, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Halva and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caldwell of Gregory, S. D.

Mrs. Rose Frank of Winner, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halva and Kathleen and Mrs. Paul Elam and Patty, all of Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Liska of Niobrara; Mrs. John Janousek and John of Brainard; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ratkovec of Val-ley; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ratkovec; Mrs. Harry Schwartzlander, all of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Koranda and son Edmund, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kremliasek, all of Malmo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bouc of Cedar Bluffs and Jacob Bouc of Wahoo.

Guests arriving Thursday to spend Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young will be their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wade, of Broken Bow.

Smith Can Smile Following Ordeal

The man who survived a slip in the Spencer hydro-electric dam reservoir, was forced underwater through a flood gate and tunnel, dropped about 14 feet on the apron of the dam and was flushed into a mad whirlpool is recovering.

Mike Smith, 51, superintendent of the dam, submitted to partial surgery Friday night—72 hours after the ordeal in the Niobrara river.

His right leg was crushed and he suffered head injuries.

Saturday morning he could smile and greeted his friends in an exclusive "Voice of The Frontier" interview heard on WJAG (Norfolk, 780 Kc., 9:30 a.m.).

WEATHER SUMMARY

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March 27	44	33	.05
March 28	47	33	.09
March 29	49	36	.02
March 30	53	30	
March 31	59	34	
April 1	53	44	.03
April 2	59	28	

F. E. Parkins of O'Neill has written a rock 'n roll tune that ranks in the top 10 at the Vel-Dez music and record club at Lomita, Calif. The song: "Be There Baby".

Mattie B. Enders Expires in Omaha

Former Resident of North-Holt

Mrs. Mattie M. Enders, 89, a former Lynch and Redbird resident, died in an Omaha hospital Saturday, March 29. She had gone to Omaha in 1946 and had been ill 12 years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, April 1, at a 10 o'clock Union church with Rev. Glen Kennicott officiating.

Burial was in the old Union cemetery.

The body lies in state at Biglin's funeral home from 10 a. m. until noon Tuesday and at the church from 1 p. m., until the funeral hour.

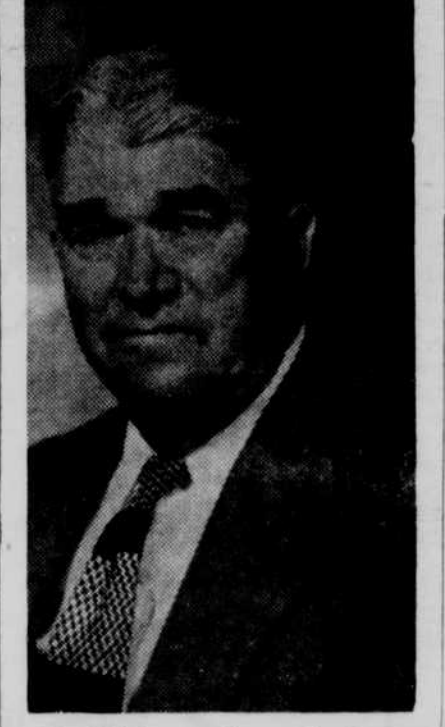
Pallbearers were Chester Ross, Oliver Ross, Cecil Miller, Clarence Ross, Ronnie Ross and Bruce Miller.

Mrs. Mattie M. Enders was born November 11, 1868, in Sweden, Ill., the daughter of Phoenix R. Briggs and Martha Van Meter Briggs.

In 1887 she was married to Leonard W. Enders at Redbird. They became the parents of two children. A son, Jesse Enders, died in 1952. Her husband also preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Daughter — Mrs. Martha Ross Torbert of Crescent City, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill of Kilgore; Mrs. William Wells and Lee Wells of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Art Bessert and Howard Wells, granddaughter of Redbird, and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sedivy of Spencer.



Hendrick . . . here 37 years

Jo Deao of Omaha; son—George of Omaha; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother—Clyde of Murray, Ia.; Ross of Lorimer, Ia.; and Frank of Omak, Wash. The latter was unable to attend the funeral.

Brothers attending the funeral were Clyde and Ross. Also present were Mrs. Hendrick's brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zahler of San Diego, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Zahler of Chariton, Ia.; and Frank Zahler of Des Moines, Ia. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shaffer of Murray, Ia.; Mrs. Bessie Seifkas of Murray, Ia.; Catherine Zahler of Des Moines, Ia.

Friends from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen of Litchfield, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Landreth and Mrs. Lizzie Landreth of Lorimer, Ia.; and Charlene Ward of Omaha.

Woman Stricken on Dance Floor

ORCHARD — Mrs. Otto Schwager, 63, of Orchard died of a heart attack about 12:30 a. m., Saturday, March 29, while with her husband at the Riverside ballroom south of Norfolk.

She collapsed while dancing.

Funeral services were conducted at Orchard.

Survivors include: Widowers—daughters—Frances, Minnie and Erna; sons—Frank, John and Edward; sister—Mrs. Jessie Volz of Iowa; brothers—Arthur Bridge of Orchard; James Bridge of Rushville and William Bridge of Washington state.

Gillespie Files for Assessor Job

L. G. Gillespie, longtime O'Neill businessman and a former Holt county assessor, Wednesday filed for the nomination for county assessor on the republican ticket.

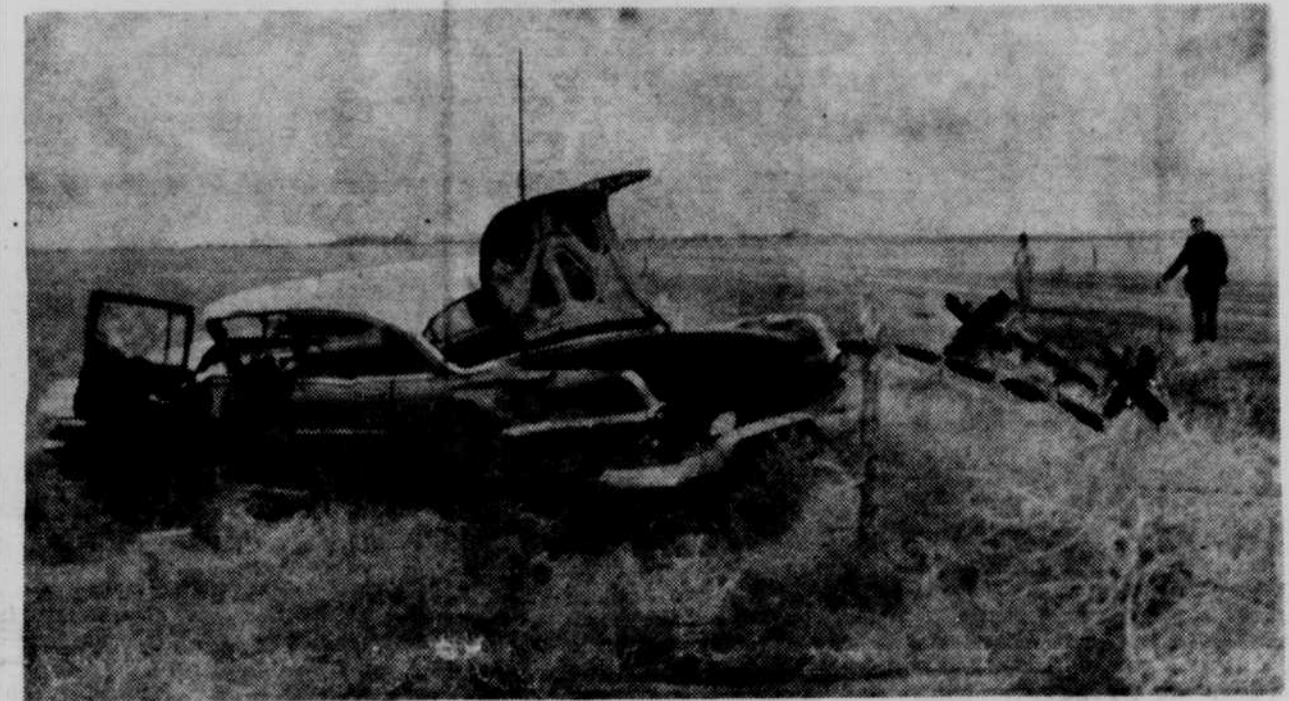
The incumbent, William F. Wefso of Atkinson, had filed earlier as a republican.

Deadline for filing for state and county offices in the forthcoming primary election will be at 5 p. m., today (Thursday).

Meanwhile, Mrs. Guy Cole of O'Neill filed for delegate to the state and county republican conventions; Anna Brown of O'Neill filed for the county GOP parly.

SCHROEDER NAMED

EWING—Dwight Schroeder became manager of the Ewing Co-Op Creamery Tuesday, succeeding Floyd Butterfield, jr., who resigned. Butterfield will travel for Allied Mills.



Berger wreckage, X in background indicates where machine left road; near X indicates where car overturned and hurtled across fence, landing upright.—The Frontier Photo.

Balloting Light Here in Tuesday's Election

O'Neill voters went to the polls Tuesday. They reelected a mayor, police magistrate and two city councilmen. The voters also chose one new councilman and one new member for the city school board of education. An incumbent member of the school board was reelected.

Only 335 ballots were cast—a sharp drop in comparison to the municipal elections of 1956 and 1957 when high interest turned out nearly 1,200 voters.

D. C. Schaffer with 323 votes was given a second term as mayor. He was unopposed. Alva Marcellus received 12 written votes.

Ralph Walker polled 327 votes for reelection as police magistrate. He was unopposed.

In the first ward balloting, A. W. ("Al") Carroll was unopposed. He will succeed J. J. Berger, who was not a candidate for reelection.

Leigh Reynoldson was reelected to the council for a second term from the Second ward, defeating Oscar Spitzberger, 106-27.

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Linville Reelected Atkinson Mayor

ATKINSON — Willard Linville was reelected mayor of Atkinson in Tuesday's balloting. He defeated George Randol, 253-130, in moderately heavy balloting. Both were petition candidates.

Don Smith was reelected to the city council from the First ward, unopposed; Ernest Brinkman was elected to the council from the Second, also unopposed.

Leo Seger edged Michael Co-day, 89-83, in Third ward balloting for the council.

Raymer Funk with 231 votes and Albert Lemmer with 212 were chosen for board of education vacancies. Unsuccessful were Dean Fleming with 186 and Wayne Galven, a written candidate, with 97.

Precedence Set at Inman

INMAN—Highlight of Tuesday's election here was the election of a woman, Mrs. Hazel Lorenz, to the board of education—the first time in history a woman has been elected to the board. She received 42 votes.

Also elected for a three-year term was Louis F. Kopecky, jr., with 69 votes. Kenneth Coventry was chosen for mayor over Horace Sholes, 50-16.

Elected to the village board without opposition were Ira L. Watson with 41 votes and L. V. Butterfield with 44.

Minister Called

John Hart (above), a student at San Francisco (Calif.) Presbyterian Theological seminary, has been issued a call by First Presbyterian church of O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian church of Ewing Congregation. Meeting were conducted last week Mr. Hart, formerly of Superior, visited here in March. He expects to arrive July 1 and will be ordained and installed at the same time, according to Rev. Robert Ware of Norfolk, moderator for the two churches.

Max Berger Hurt in One-Car Crash

Bones Protrude Thru Flesh on Arm

Max Berger, 49, climbed from the wreckage of his car about 10:45 p. m., Tuesday, tied his broken right arm in an improvised sling and walked a mile to the home of his uncle, August Smith, reaching there more than two hours later.

Smith took Berger to St. Anthony's hospital where emergency treatment was given and the injured man was taken to a Sioux City hospital by ambulance, leaving here at 8:30 Wednesday.

Berger, who had returned to O'Neill about a month ago from California, was traveling northbound alone and was enroute to the home of his parents in the Opportunity locality. The 1957 Pontiac sedan, owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Berger, led the east side of the road, skidded on its side about 50 feet, overturned, hurtled a fence and landed upright about 140 feet from the point where it had left the road.

The car is a complete wreck. The accident occurred exactly one mile south of the Berger and Smith farms, which are situated immediately across the road from each other.

Berger had been in O'Neill late Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday evening, making arrangements for machinery and repairs. He planned to operate the Berger farm-ranch this year.

He told his parents it is possible he might have fallen asleep at the wheel. However, he was unable to recount exactly what had happened.

One of the bones near the shoulder protruded through the skin. Berger was exhausted and obviously suffering from shock when he reached the Smith place.

The parents were taken to Sioux City by Allan Van Vleck to be near their son.

Omahan Is Weekend Guest

Ed Liewer of Omaha was a guest Sunday of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reiser and family of Butte. Mrs. Gray's mother, Mrs. Cecelia Liewer, who had spent the winter with the Grays, returned to her home in Butte with the Reisers.

GUARDS TO RIPLEY

The Nebraska national guards, including O'Neill's tank company, will train at Camp Ripley, Minn., July 27-August 10.

Ewing Churches in Dramatic Cantata

(Other Easter in the Churches news on page 10.)

EWING — United Presbyterian, Methodist and Riverside Free Methodist churches are cooperating in the presentation of the dramatic Easter cantata, "On the Third Day".

The presentation will be made at 8 o'clock Easter Sunday evening at United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Keith Biddlecome is directing the drama cast; John A. Wood the music. Mrs. Wilbur Bennett is pianist and Edward Shrader is the stage manager.

Members of the drama cast are: Gaius (Floyd Butterfield), a young Roman legend; Rachel (Vlanda Biddlecome), wife of Gaius and a beautiful Jewess; Marcus (Archie Johnston), legion friend of Gaius.

Child of Gaius and Rachel is Glenda Napier; Anna (Dianne Shrader), a maidservant; Sarah (Mrs. Ralph Shrader), mother of Rachel; Christian friends of Sarah are Mrs. Archie Johnston and Wayne Shrader.

Mrs. Wendell Switzer will play Mary Magdalene, late in the drama; Duane Hord, a physician; Wayne Shrader, assistant physician.

Members of the choir are Mrs. Wilbur Spangler, Sandra Shrader, Sharon Johnston, Bertha Harris, Judy Cloyd, Mrs. Dale Napier, Betty Wright, Marie Davis, Mrs. Alfred Napier, Mrs. Rol Hord, Mrs. Don Larsen, Wendell Switzer, Leo Miller, Ed Hoag, Douglas Shrader and Paul Gunter.

Alex F. Forsythe Fatally Stricken

Dies While Visiting with Neighbor

ATKINSON—Alex F. Forsythe, 72, resident of the Cecilia community north of here for 18 years, died of a heart attack about 2:30 p. m., Saturday, March 30, while visiting with a neighbor, Ralph Arnold.

Forsythe was stricken at his home. He had not been ill. Earlier in the week he returned from a visit at Villisca, Ia., where he had spent sometime with relatives. His sister, Mrs. James Anderson, and her husband had brought Mr. Forsythe to his home.

The late Mr. Forsythe was born November 27, 1885, in Wapello county, Ia., son of John C. and Jennie F. Forsythe.

In 1940 he came to the Cecilia community from Iowa and purchased the farm, located 10 miles north of Atkinson, where he died. For a time he and a nephew, William Gross, were in partnership, which was dissolved when Gross left the community. Later another nephew, Paul Forsythe, became a partner and this arrangement continued for a number of years until this nephew left the state.

The late Mr. Forsythe never married. In his younger days he was a school teacher.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Monday, March 31, in First Presbyterian church here. Mr. Forsythe was an elder of the church. Rev. Curtis Barnett, church pastor, officiated.

The Seger funeral home forwarded the remains to Villisca, Ia., where services were held Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Alvin Sigafus officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Lewis, Ia.

The late Mr. Forsythe was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Survivors include: Brothers — Willard and J. C., both of Villisca, Ia.; and Perry of Walnut, Ia.; sisters—Mrs. Lon Bellman of Nogales, Ariz., and Mrs. James Anderson of Villisca; 14 nephews and nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Forsythe came to Atkinson for the services. Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bellman were present at the Villisca rites.

Pallbearers at the services here were Donald and Ronald Frickel, Paul and William Focken, Edward Walnofer and John Sicheneder.

Member of Pioneer Holt Family Dies

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 2, at 9:30 a. m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church for Miss Martha Hanley, 80, of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill.

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated. Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Miss Hanley, who resided in Omaha with her sister, Miss Mary, died Sunday, March 30, in Omaha.

A rosary was said at 8 p. m., Tuesday at St. Patrick's church.

Pallbearers were J. R. Gallagher, Ed T. Campbell, Ed Murray, John Murray, Anthony Stanton and H. E. Coyne.

The late Miss Hanley, a longtime resident of O'Neill, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hanley. The family lived four miles north and one mile west of O'Neill. When they returned to Omaha, Miss Martha moved with them. She stayed here until the death of her parents, and then went to live with her sister, Miss Mary, who was employed in Omaha.

The Hanleys were a pioneer O'Neill family.

Her parents and four brothers—John, Dennis, Patrick (Pat) and James (Jim)—preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sister, Miss Mary of Omaha.

Roundtable Set for P-TA Meeting

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association will be held Monday, April 7, at 8 p. m., in the band room of the public school.

The feature will be a roundtable discussion entitled: "School and Educational Problems".

Principal Willard Solfermoser will be moderating these participants: Supt. Milton Szack, as representative of the school; Miss Alice French, county superintendent of schools Mrs. Dwight Worcester, newly-elected vice-president for the coming year; Thomas Liddy, who was himself a former student here and has a daughter graduate; Rev. Donald Olmstead, minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church; and Mrs. Eugene Schmeichel, who is the mother of seven children—six of whom are currently attending the public school.

Special music will be furnished by Duane Miller's band pupils.

Jury to Get \$110,000 Suit Today?

Anderson vs. Evans Outgrowth of 1953 Fuel Explosion

The 110-thousand-dollar damage suit in which Duane Anderson, 23, of Omaha is the plaintiff and Lloyd Evans, Atkinson rancher, is the defendant today (Thursday) enters its fourth day.

It is expected the case may be turned over to the jury by lunch time today. When Wednesday's proceedings ended late in the afternoon, the defense attorneys indicated they had at least one more witness to introduce.

It holds true the defense could be finished by mid-morning. Only rebuttals and instructions to the jury would be left before the suit is turned over to the jury composed of four women and eight men.

Anderson, who was 18-years-old in 1953, alleges that he suffered personal injury and burns in an accident that took place August 2 of that year on the Evans ranch northeast of Atkinson. A minor, he was employed for the summer by Evans.

He said on the stand there had been difficulty in removing a broken stake from the rack of a truck, and told of efforts to bore out the remnant of the stake.

Anderson alleges Evans told him to pour tractor fuel on the stake to burn it out. The project wasn't accomplishing the desired results, he said. According to Anderson, Evans ordered him to pour on more fuel.

While the youth was lifting the can of tractor fuel at waist height, the can exploded.

Anderson was hospitalized at Atkinson and then transferred to an Omaha hospital for skin-grafting.

Doctors Testify

Anderson's witnesses included himself, his parents, Ralph Fuqua of Omaha (a friend who was with him), Dr. James Ramsey of Atkinson and Dr. Charles McLaughlin of Omaha, whose deposition was introduced.

Fuqua was about 25 yards from the explosion, he told the jury.

Evans on the stand declared he ordered young Anderson not to apply the fuel.

Evans' witnesses were himself, two sisters from the Atkinson hospital, Leo Seger of Atkinson, B. H. Wilson of Atkinson, Raymond Dexter of Amelia, Donald W. Fernau of Spencer, Roy Gannon of Inman, H. A. Mitchell of Atkinson, Charles H. Mulford of Stuart, Guy Fritchett of O'Neill, Mrs. Cloy of Atkinson, Charles L. Wright of Chambers and George McTaggart of Stuart.

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PLAN OPEN-HOUSE

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sageser, who have been married 60 years and are longtime residents of this community, will be honored at open-house Easter Sunday at the home of their son, Vern, near Amelia. Hours will be from 3 until 5:30 p. m. They request no gifts.