



Lonnie McDermott (left) and Ronald McDermott display egg-size hailstones which fell around 6 o'clock Tuesday evening about 10 miles south of O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Dom McDermott and the children took refuge at the Durra station during the storm.—The Frontier Photo.

## More Bountiful Rains Visit O'Neill Region



Mrs. George . . . ill 18 months

## Mrs. Ralph George Dies of Pneumonia

### Holt Farm Woman Since 1931

Mrs. Ralph L. George, 72, an O'Neill farm woman who had been a resident of Holt county since 1931, died Thursday, July 3, in St. Anthony's hospital. Death was caused by influenza turning into pneumonia. She had been in failing health about 18 months and had been hospitalized 12 days. A year ago she was hospitalized nearly a month. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at First Methodist church here. Guy B. Dunning of Cozad, minister of the Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. The remains lie in state Monday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel and Tuesday noon at the church.

Survivors include: J. F. Contois, Howard Mansson, Clair McVay, Bennett Sanders, Harry Lansworth, all of O'Neill, and James Hawk of Ewing.

Born at Fairmont February 13, 1886, Mrs. George's maiden name was Viola Mae Barr. Her parents were David F. and Mary F. Martin Barr.

On June 18, 1911 at Lincoln she was united in marriage with Ralph Lowell George.

The Georges lived in Antelope county, near Royal, before moving to Ewing in 1931. In 1941 they moved onto a farm located 12 miles north of O'Neill and three miles east, where she continued to reside.

The late Mrs. George was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star lodge and was a member of the Church of Christ here.

Survivors include: Widower — Ralph L.; son—Norris C. of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Howard (Rose Ethel) Reese of Brawley, Calif.; Mrs. Dale (Lucretia) Holm of Covina, Calif.; Mrs. Paul (Marcia) Nielsen, who is in the missionary field at Sendai, Japan; and Mrs. Darrol (Phyllis) Switzer of Omaha; brother—John M. Barr of Rosemead, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Blood Bank Needs Additional Donors

St. Anthony's hospital is needing more donors for its walking blood bank. "No patient at St. Anthony's has ever suffered from want of blood". However, on occasion the margin is slim and occasionally a "would-be-donor" cannot be located or is temporarily unable to donate.

Prospective donors must be between 18 and 65 and in good health. If you are willing to oin the walking blood bank, write or phone the hospital and necessary forms will be provided. (An application blank and details will appear next issue.)

## Tour Paper Mill—

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and family returned Sunday, June 29, from their vacation on the West coast. In Oregon they toured wood pulp and paper mills. Their trip took them to Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gore of Long Pine were weekend visitors in O'Neill from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6.

Some hail damage was reported in an early Tuesday evening storm in the Goose lake vicinity in southern Holt county.

At Roy Rees ranch, south of the lake, virtually all glass was broken in windows on one side of the house. The egg-size stones reduced the screens to threads. Point was knocked off and there was damage to the barn roof.

Tree leaves could be raked and stacked like hay.

At the Delbert Whiting place, 26 miles south of O'Neill and one mile east, the stones pounded holes in the roof of the barn.

The short-lived storm produced .70 of an inch of rain here—68 before six o'clock and .02 after that hour.

Harry Thompson, who resides on the so-called Picadilly road near Page, reported 3 1/2 inches of rain Tuesday evening. Mrs. N. D. Ickes, st., The Frontier's Page correspondent, said .60 fell in town. Lynch reported a two-inch deluge Anoka, .50; Albion, .65.

More than two inches of rain fell in 20 minutes in the Deloit community, south of Ewing, boosting the July total to four inches. There was some hail.

Inman received 1.50 inches and hail damage to corn was reported southwest and southeast of town at the Donald Keyes, Kenneth Smith and Louis Sobotka farms.

Other reports in the area: Plainview, .63 Osmond, .75. Joe Stein, living north of O'Neill, reported only a sprinkle. The storm passed to the east, he said.

During the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m., Thursday, O'Neill received .90.

Atkinson early Tuesday received a one-inch rain.

Week's weather summary:

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July 3	81	64	.90
July 4	80	58	
July 5	80	54	
July 6	83	53	
July 7	76	53	.12
July 8	84	62	.68
July 9	70	57	.08

Total 1.68

## Wilhelm Boettcher, Homesteader, Dies

### One of Boyd County's Oldest Residents

SPENCER — Wilhelm Boettcher, 92, who came to the United States from Germany at the age of 12 and homesteaded in Boyd county in 1895, died Tuesday, July 8, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

He was born in Saxony April 24, 1866. He made the trip to America with his parents and with several sisters.

His parents were Wilhelm and Marie Raabe Boettcher. He married Miss Elsie Boettcher (no kin).

The couple became the parents of five children. His wife died in 1924.

The family homestead was located 7 1/2 miles northwest of Spencer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at Immanuel Lutheran church here. Rev. John Luther will officiate. Burial will be in the Lutheran cemetery north of town.

The remains will lie in state at the Jones funeral home from this afternoon (Thursday) until the funeral hour.

Mrs. Boettcher's sister, Minnie Ehrlich, died this spring. She lived north of Spencer.

Survivors include: Sons—Adolph of Bonesteel, S. D.; Walter of Spencer and Robert of Butte; daughters—Mrs. Henry (Martha) Brunmeier of Fremont and Mrs. Hamilton (Ella) Kimmel of Omaha.

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## L. J. Spittler, Ewing Man, Dies At 77

### Hardwareman-Banker Ill Three Weeks; Rites Held Monday

EWING—Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m., Monday July 9, at St. Peter's Catholic church in Ewing for Leo J. Spittler, 77, well-known hardware merchant. He died at 10 a.m., Friday, July 4, in St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha following a three weeks illness.

Rev. Peter F. Burke, pastor of St. Peter's church, officiated at the rites and burial was in St. Peter's cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. The rosary was said Sunday evening at the Spittler residence.

Father Burke was assisted by Rev. Alfred Hoising of St. John's church at the requiem high mass. The church could not accommodate the overflow crowd that gathered.

Mrs. Kermit Jefferies was organist and Mrs. Richard Spittler was vocal soloist.

Active pallbearers were Kermit Jefferies, Clifford Hahlbeck, Frank Nofke, Clifford Edwards, Joseph Kneivel and Joseph Funk. Honorary pallbearers will be M. B. Huffman, Edward Spahn, Louis Reimer, J. J. Berigan and Arthur Ruroede.

Leo Joseph Spittler was born November 28, 1880, at Washington, Ia., a son of John and Elsie Feltz Spittler. His parents were natives of France.

The late Mr. Spittler came to Nebraska with his parents in 1884, making their home in Ewing. He



Spittler . . . prominent Ewing businessman.

was reared here and attended Ewing public school.

On September 12, 1922, he was united in marriage with Laura A. Robinson at St. John's church. Their entire married life was spent in the Ewing community and they became the parents of five children.

Following the death of his father, who operated a hardware store in Ewing, the late Mr. Spittler and his brother, John, formed a partnership and continued the business. Mr. Spittler enjoyed outdoor life and spent considerable time in late years on the family farm.

His hobby was hunting and he was a gun collector. He also played the piano.

At the time of his death he was vice-president and director of the Farmers State Bank here and had been identified with the bank for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, five brothers and three grandchildren.

Survivors include: Widow — Laura; and sons—Dr. Leo, Jr., of Norfolk and Richard of Valentine; daughters—Mrs. Raymond (Frances) Funk, Ewing; Mrs. Sammie (Lois) Regan of Inman, and Robert (Rosalie) Bartak of Ewing; brothers—John B. and Arthur E., both of Ewing; 12 grandchildren.

## Climb Aboard!

### Race Caravan Planned

The Frontier once again is sponsoring a bus caravan for a day at the Madison races.

Thursday, July 17, has been designated as O'Neill Frontier day at Madison Downs. Five round buses will leave O'Neill at 12 o'clock noon and arrive at Madison Downs well in advance of the first race.

O'Neillites will have grandstand seats and will be honored. There will be an O'Neill handicap feature race and Mayor D. C. Schaffer will present the blanket to the owner.

Return trip will start approximately 20 minutes after the final race and the caravan will go to Ye Old Tavern at Norfolk for dinner. The group will be served prime ribs of beef, baked potato, salad, juice, rolls and choice of coffee, tea or milk.

The return caravan is expected to reach O'Neill about midnight. Caravanners, by making special arrangements at The Frontier,

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A firing squad of a sort turned out Sunday night to fire a volley at "last rites" for North Western passenger trains at O'Neill. Three young lassies placed black crepe paper wreaths on the snoot of the locomotive and Conductor G. O. Gill of Fremont offered no comment on this nostalgic moment. The trains were on-again-off again during a strange series of legal events. Many disbelieved the trains were making their final run.—The Frontier Photo.

## Dobrovoly Rites Held at Atkinson

### Guest of Rest Home Dies at 80

ATKINSON—Mrs. Anton Dobrovoly, 80, a longtime Atkinson resident who had been a guest at a rest home at Long Pine for the past two years, died Thursday, July 3, in the Ainsworth hospital. She had been a patient at the hospital only one day.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, July 7, at the Methodist church in Atkinson with Rev. Charles Gates officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home.

Pallbearers were Lloyd James, Fred Boettcher, Henry Dickau and Al Baker, all of Atkinson; N. L. Robinson of Bassett, and William Dierks of Scottsbluff, formerly of Atkinson.

The late Mrs. Dobrovoly's maiden name was Laura Beebe. She was born June 29, 1878, in Ohio, the daughter of Howard and Nancy Sterling Beebe.

She married Charles W. Davis on November 20, 1902. They became the parents of one daughter, Leila, and one son, Clarence Richard. The son died February 14, 1904.

The deceased was married to Mr. Dobrovoly September 2, 1913. They became the parents of one son, Thomas Howard, who died July 27, 1941.

Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

The late Mrs. Dobrovoly spent most of her life in the Atkinson community.

Survivors include: Widower — Anton of Atkinson; daughter — Mrs. Leila Davis Herrington, who lives south of Bassett; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Mary Neely of Tilden.

## Visit Valentine—

Mrs. Mary Tomlinson and Larry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hostetter of Valentine from Thursday, July 3, until Monday, July 7. They also attended the rodeo.

## Clem Olberding, 67, Rites Set Friday

### Resident of Stuart Area 44 Years

STUART—Clemens A. Olberding, 67, who had been a resident of this community 44 years, died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been hospitalized three weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Friday, July 11, at St. Boniface Catholic church here. Burial will be in St. Boniface cemetery. Reverend Goodnow, substitute priest, will officiate.

The rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock this evening (Thursday) at the Seger funeral home.

The late Mr. Olberding was born February 25, 1891, at Arcadia, Ia., a son of Frank and Philomena Meyes Olberding. He was reared and educated at Arcadia and for a time farmed with his father. He married Anna Rehker at Arcadia, Ia., February 4, 1914, and the couple immediately moved to Holt county.

The Olberdings resided for many years 17 miles north of Stuart in Cleveland township. Their son, Elmer, now resides on that place. The Olberdings then moved onto a farm east of town where they lived about 10 years. That place is now occupied by another son, LaVerne.

Mr. Olberding and his wife moved into retirement October 1, 1957. Prior to that he had served as township and rural school board member. He was a member of St. Boniface church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph, who died in 1919; also by two brothers, Louis and Barney, and by two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Schrad and Mrs. Anna Thieman.

Survivors include: Widow — Anna; sons—Leonard, Elmer, Arthur and LaVerne, all of Stuart; 14 grandchildren; brother — Alphonse of Emmet, Ia.; sisters — Mrs. Clara Weber of Norfolk and Mrs. Mary Rehker of Ashland, Ore.

## Voters at Emmet Okay New School

EMMET—The old school building in district 20, a landmark in the town for more than three generations, will soon be retired. Patrons in the district Monday evening stamped a 78 percent approval on plans for a new two-room building.

A 55 percent majority was needed to put the construction plans in operation.

Building bonds will be sold and a special levy will be added to finance the project over a period of several years.

Wayne Bates will head the building committee and two other members will be appointed.

Members of the board of education are: G. Owen Cole, Mrs. Elmer Schaaf and Mrs. Wayne Fox.

Building plans will be submitted by the committee to the board and the board of education, in turn, will submit the bond proposal to the Holt county board of supervisors for okay.

The Emmet district shows a cash balance of \$1166.30 in the general fund, and about six-thousand-dollars in United States government bonds.

## Clarks Arrive from England

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark drove to Omaha Thursday morning to meet their son, Howard, and wife, Joyce, and two sons, Gene and Mark. The Clarks had left England the day before by plane.

They spent the past three years in England and will be located here for a time.

## Heart Ailment Is Fatal to Pritchett

### Pritchett . . . lifetime resident of area.

Nathan E. Pritchett, 52, an O'Neill farmer who never married, died at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 5, in St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha. He had suffered a heart ailment.

Mr. Pritchett had been taken to Omaha the night before by his brother, Joseph, and had entered the hospital only a few hours before his death.

Funeral was held Wednesday with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Rosary was recited Tuesday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel. Pallbearers were Earl Kiefer, Calvin Murphy, Edward Young, Paul Zakrzewski, James Van-Every and Cash Turay.

The late Nathan Elmer Pritchett was born January 6, 1906, at Lynch, a son of Marion and Bertha Foran Pritchett.

He and his brother, Joseph, farmed in partnership many years in the Opportunity locality on what formerly was known as the Henry place, located about 15 miles northeast of here.

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

Survivors include: Brothers — Charles, Joseph and Alphonse, all of O'Neill; sisters — Mrs. Ray (Helen) Orsborn and Mrs. E. A. (Angeline) Morgan, both of O'Neill.

## Train Timetable

1876 (unofficial): First passenger trains through O'Neill. 'Til 1930: Three C&NW passenger trains per day each way.

August, 1953: Road signified it would take necessary steps to discontinue passenger trains.

December, 1953: Streamlined coaches replaced old-style coaches with straw seats.

January, February, March, 1954: Passengers business up 43 percent through S-T-A efforts.

February, 1958: Commission in split decision okays discontinuance.

July, 1955: C&NW filed application for discontinuance.

August, 1957: Railway commission hearing conducted at Valentine.

February, 1958: Commission in split decision okays discontinuance. March, 1958: Commission vacates position; rehearing ordered.

July 3, 1958: Supreme court reverses March 7 commission order.

July 6, 1958: Trains 13-14 grind to halt.

## High Court Upsets Rail Commission

### Passenger Trains Off as C&NW Flaunts Rules and Directive

See editorial on page 4, "Icing on the Cake"

Events moved fast during the long holiday weekend and the Omaha-Chadron mainline of the Chicago & North Western railroad's passenger-mail-express trains 13 and 14 Sunday, July 6, made their final, historic runs.

Here's what happened: Early Thursday the Nebraska supreme court announced it had overruled the Nebraska state railway commission's March 7 order for rehearing in the five-year running battle between the Save-the-Trains association, which sought to keep the trains in service, and C&NW, which worked painstakingly to remove them.

August hearing was held at Valentine on C&NW's application to discontinue. February 7 the commission approved the removal. A storm of protest arose and the commission on March 7 set aside the discontinuance order and ordered a rehearing.

S-T-A counsel, Einar Viren of Omaha, left Wednesday, July 2, for a 10-day Canadian fishing trip. Next day C&NW announced the trains would be knocked off during the discontinuance order.

Supreme court rules provide a 20-day lapse between its decision and issuance of a mandate to the commission. The commission, then, would be compelled to order trains discontinued. The 20-day lag is intended to provide time for protestors to file a motion for rehearing.

But C&NW jumped the gun with public notices. The road's legal department declared the court's decision was "clear."

Saturday morning the commission directed C&NW to keep the trains running pending the commission's formal issuance of a final order. The directive fell on deaf ears.

"The trains will be discontinued as stated," C&NW announced on Chicago, Ill.

Later Saturday morning S-T-A filed with the supreme court an application for citing C&NW with contempt of court or a temporary restraining order. Chief Justice Robert Simmons set the matter for hearing at 9 a.m., Monday, July 14.

Viren is in Canada and does not know of the strange turn of events. Joseph Emmert, Omaha attorney, and Chauncey Barney, Lincoln attorney, were engaged by S-T-A to substitute pending Viren's return.

## Transition Being Made with Mails

A fleet of trucks has been placed on the highways to transport mail and express previously hauled by Chicago & North Western trains 13-14.

WESTBOND—Main leaving Omaha, 9:30 p.m., with mail load (train left at 11:30 p.m.); second truck leaves at 11:15 p.m. with newspapers and first-class mail. Trucks scheduled to arrive at O'Neill between 5:30 a.m. and 6:15 a.m. (Train from Omaha arrived 6:30 a.m.)

EASTBOND—Leaving O'Neill, 2 p.m., and 11:15 a.m. (train left at 12:18 a.m.) with first-class mailing privileges at station until departure hour. The afternoon mail reaches Omaha at 9:15 p.m., same day, and the night dispatch reaches Omaha at 9 o'clock the following morning. (The eastbound train reaches Omaha 9:30 a.m.)

There will be two mail dispatches and arrivals daily from O'Neill west to Valentine and return coinciding with O'Neill-Omaha schedules, permitting "working and processing" mail here with increased staff.

Mail will continue to be handled through the O'Neill postoffice for the O'Neill-Bonesteel route.

Monday and Tuesday many persons—particularly traveling salesmen—became aware for the first time mail had to be posted before 6 p.m. to avoid a 14-hour layover.

Postmaster Ira Moss announced Wednesday the lobby of the office will be kept open until 10 p.m. for late dispatch and mail in the box outside the postoffice would be cleared at 9:30 p.m., for dispatch the same night. This will be an important step in alleviating the loss of railway postal clerks (three to five) whose services were invaluable in expediting mail and speeding it through the Omaha terminal.

Mail transported in trucks is "dead" enroute to the terminals but O'Neill and Norfolk postoffices will be geared to help offset the loss of mail route clerks.

Other star postal service out of O'Neill is a general way will not be affected.

Moss points out the present truck schedules and handling are temporary. Permanent contracts will be negotiated. John Turner of O'Neill-Norfolk-Omaha, and O'Neill-Valentine-O'Neill mail first-second trunk out of Omaha is handled by an Omaha concern. (Continued on page 6.)

## Joseph Fernholz Succumbs at 83

### Funeral Rites Set Saturday

Joseph Fernholz, 83, a resident of Holt county since 1926, died Tuesday, July 8, at the Stuart rest home. He had been living at O'Neill until recently when illness and advanced age necessitated nursing home care.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Robert Duffy, assistant pastor will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers chosen are J. R. Gallacher, Herman Janzing, Joseph Peter, John Peter, Joseph Soukup and Rudy Clausen.

Rosary is scheduled for 8 o'clock Friday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel.

The late Mr. Fernholz was born May 28, 1875, in Germany and came to America as a youth with his parents, the late Joseph and Theresa Fernholz.

On January 30, 1910, he was united in marriage with Theresa Horse at Harrington. The family lived in the Bow Valley and Fordyce communities in northern Cedar county where they farmed until coming to O'Neill in 1926.

Mr. Fernholz farmed here until he retired. His wife died January 19, 1942. Mr. Fernholz continued to make his home here.

Survivors include: Sons — Albert and George, both of Portland, Ore.; Raymond and William, both of Winner, S. D.; Norbert of San Jose, Calif.; and John of Tacoma, Wash.; daughters — Mrs. Leo (Dorothy) Brown of Carroll, formerly of Chambers, and Mrs. Elsie Marcellus of Pico, Calif.; sister—Mrs. Josephine Schuth of Texas.

## RACE WINNER

AMELIA—Gene Hansen, Amelia, entered his car in the stock car races Sunday at Stuart and won first, second and the trophy prize. His machine was driven by his brother-in-law, Leo Monahan.