



Queen Clara Thurlow and her escort, Dean Garwood . . . Atkinson hay days royalty.—The Frontier Photo.

## Shorty II, Angus Steer, Fair Grand Champion

### Amelia to Give Up Its High School

### Prospective Teachers 'Frightened Off'

AMELIA — It appeared late Wednesday that Amelia's two-grade high school, which has been the object of a bitter semi-legal and legal battle, will not operate this fall.

Not because of a statehouse decree, explain the members of the board of education, but for a lack of a teacher.

Duane Carson, veteran high school teacher, resigned to take a post at nearby Chambers high school. The Amelia board has been unable to replace him.

His wife, Dona, has been hired to teach the upper grades. Mrs. Orland Fryrear will teach the lower grades. Previously Mr. Carson, the high school teacher, also taught seventh and eighth grades.

Officers of the board of education indicated the "cloudy" status of the two-grade high school has "frightened off" several teacher prospects.

Clyde Widman is president of the board; Mrs. Birdie Fullerton is secretary, and Lloyd Waldo is treasurer. There are three other members on the board. The composition of the board will be changed to three if the high school is written off in the district which is known as 228.

In the Nebraska supreme court the Amelia board defeated the state education commissioner and state board of education on technical questions. State officials have denied accreditation and been trying by other means to close up the high school. Authority of the state board is still being tested by Amelia and a number of other high schools similarly situated.

Last term the two-grade high school had four students. There would have been about the same number this year, but in a year or two the enrollment would have increased sharply.

Closing of the high school part isn't official yet. But the death knell may be sounded legally before the school bell beckons in 10 days.

### Theodore Hopkins Succumbs in Idaho

INMAN — Theodore Hopkins, former Inman resident, died of a heart attack Thursday, August 14, in Buhl, Ida.

"Ted" as he was known, was the youngest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopkins, who farmed southeast of Inman for many years.

He was united in marriage to Lily Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stark, also former Inman residents. To this union five children were born.

Survivors include: Widow—Lily; sons—Dean, Gene and Howard; daughters—Mrs. Norma Thompson and Karen; several grandchildren; brothers—Kem and Walter, both of California; Harvey of Omaha; sister—Mrs. Sis Ebsgaard of Ewing.

Mrs. James Sobotka of Inman, sister-in-law of the late Mr. Hopkins, left Thursday evening on the train from Grand Island to attend the funeral.

### Pre-School Meeting for Teachers

Pre-opening meeting for all rural teachers of Holt county will be held Friday, August 29, 9 a. m., until noon at the O'Neill public school auditorium. Supplies will be distributed. Beginning teachers and teachers new to the county will meet again the afternoon.

### 80 Stitches Needed to Mend Hand

Mrs. William Spence of O'Neill, formerly of Ewing, had her hand caught in a clothes wringer.

On Sunday surgery was performed at St. Anthony's hospital. A total of 80 stitches were required to mend the ripped hand.

### State Champion

Gary Fick, 15 (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fick of Inman, Tuesday won high individual honors in the state range riding contest at Valentine. Fick finished highest among all 4-H entries in the state, having earlier won the district honor at Burwell. A year ago young Fick won top state honors in weed identification. Elmer Juraeek of O'Neill placed in the adult division in the state competition. — The Frontier Photo.

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## Baler Hurts Prove Fatal to Pospichal

### Unexpected Death for Father of Four Small Children

AMELIA—Milo G. Pospichal, 28, father of four small children, died at 10:35 a. m., Sunday, August 17, in the Burwell Community Memorial hospital. His death resulted from complications of a hay field accident which took place Monday, August 11, at the Marden Malmsten ranch, 13 miles north of Ericson.

Pospichal, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Pospichal, who live west of Amelia, was working alone in the field with a round baler. The conveyor became clogged by heavy hay, and Pospichal attempted to kick it free. He slipped and



Shorty II, Angus steer calf, and a Robin Wood heifer (right) owned by Bob Beelaert of Page, established an enviable record at the 1958 Holt county fair. Shorty, a May 1957 calf, raised on the Beelaert farm near Page, was champion in his class and grand champion of the fair. The heifer was champion Angus heifer and grand champion female of the fair. The heifer was calved in February 1957. Beelaert won similar honors two years ago and last year won top showmanship honors.



Pospichal . . . he was recalled to double amputation.

### Utility Executive Takes Own Life

### Russell G. Bowen, 47, O'Neill Native

Russell G. Bowen, 47, a district manager for Interstate Power company and a former O'Neill resident, was found dead at his home in Dubuque, Ia., early Monday, August 18.

He died of a gunshot wound which Dr. Leonard P. Zelinkas, assistant coroner, said was self-inflicted.

Bowen went to Dubuque in 1937 from O'Neill, where he was reared. He had been with Interstate Power 30 years. Interstate was predecessor to Consumers Public Power in this portion of Nebraska.

Funeral services were held in Dubuque at 2 p. m., Wednesday, August 20.

Survivors include: Widow; one son; one daughter; brother—Elmer of O'Neill.

The brother here said that Russell had just completed a new home and would be moving next month.

In 1955 Bowen was elevated to district manager. In that position he was officer in charge of 250 personnel.

### Ranch Home Is Destroyed by Fire

### Lightning Is Blamed for Blaze

EWING—The Ewing rural firemen were called shortly after 3 a. m. Tuesday to the John ("Jack") Sisson ranch, located about 1 1/2 miles west of Ewing near U. S. highway 275.

Upon arrival the firemen found the interior of the small dwelling on the ranch completely destroyed by fire and the roof was ablaze. Harold Parks, who with his wife and family live in the large dwelling on the place, heard the fuss of the family dog, looked out the window and saw the dwelling ablaze several hundred yards away. He called firemen.

Parks believes the fire was caused by lightning. There was considerable electrical disturbance in the sky that night and some rain.

Firemen were successful in preventing the spread of the blaze to the other buildings on the ranch.

Mr. Sisson, who does considerable traveling, was reached later in the day near Detroit, Mich., where he has several race horses competing. Mr. Sisson had been living in the small dwelling until earlier in the summer when he set out for some of the race tracks.

All of the contents in the dwelling were lost, including an electric refrigerator and range.

The Parks family lived in O'Neill until recently.

### Burwell Woman, 83, Injured Fatally

BURWELL—Mrs. John Penas 83, who was injured Sunday night when struck by a car she crossed highway 91 near her home in Garfield county, died in an Omaha hospital Tuesday.

She was struck by a car driven by Earl Holousky of Sargent. Mrs. Penas was first brought to a hospital in Burwell then transferred to Omaha.

Her home is three miles west of Burwell.

### NEW WELL

LYNCH—Drilling of a new artesian well for the Lynch swimming pool was begun last week.

### Mrs. James White Dies at Ainsworth

### Former Resident of Atkinson

ATKINSON—Mrs. James White, 90, widow of a longtime Atkinson dairyman, died Friday, August 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Kernan, at Ainsworth.

The late Mrs. White, whose maiden name was Aletha Ella Guy, was born April 23, 1868, at Watertown, O., the daughter of Mike Guy and Lucy Beebe Guy. She came to Holt county about 75 years ago.

She married James S. White of Atkinson January 23, 1890. He was engaged in the dairy business here until his death in 1935. At that time the widow moved to Long Pine and then to Ainsworth.

One daughter, Mrs. Lucy Binkinger, died in 1926.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Grace Kernan of Ainsworth; sons—Guy of Casper, Wyo.; George and James, both of Omaha.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. Monday, August 18, at the Seger funeral home, Rev. Charles H. Gates, Methodist pastor, officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Palbearers were Arthur Regal, C. Raymer, Anton Tasler, George Tracy, Elmer Spence and Millard Ellenwood.

### Knox Youth Dies in Auto Crash

CREIGHTON—Loren Jensen, 16, of Winnetoon was killed and his 15-year-old brother, Lyle, was seriously injured when their car left the road about 10:30 p. m., Sunday while the boys were enroute home from a young peoples' meeting at the Brazile Mills Lutheran church.

Their machine apparently struck a rut in a gravel road five miles north of Creighton, went out of control and rolled over several times. The wreckage and injured boys were not discovered until 1 a. m. Monday.

Lyle was still in a state of shock Wednesday morning at Lundberg Memorial hospital in Creighton and had not been told of his brother's fate.

The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jensen, have attended high school at Creighton. The accident was investigated by State Highway Patrolman Leroy Hodtwalker of Randolph.

## Fred Dunn, 65, Stricken Fatally Dies While Mowing His Lawn

ATKINSON—Fred Dunn, 65, who was forced to retire about two years ago because of ill health, was fatally stricken about 11:30 a. m., Friday, August 15, while mowing the lawn at his home at the east edge of the city. He died of a heart attack. He was a lifelong resident of this community.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Monday, August 18, at the Methodist church here. Rev. Charles H. Gates officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home. Vocal music was provided by Mrs. Elaine Schorn and Mrs. Dean Fleming.

Palbearers were Earl Elsbury, Albert Krystl, John Beck, Percy Mentzer, Joe Judge and Alfred Kazda.

The late Mr. Dunn was born August 25, 1892, in Atkinson, the son of Thomas J. Dunn and Rosa Schmit Dunn. He was reared and educated here.

He married Lulu E. Mitchell on March 21, 1934, at Butte.

Mr. Dunn worked many years with the maintenance of way crew for the Chicago & North Western railroad.

He was preceded in death by a twin son, who died in infancy; his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include: Widow—Lulu; sons—Fred of Lincoln and Dale of Atkinson; brother—George of Salem, Ore.

## Boy's Neck Broken in River Dive

### Wendell Leroy Hull Strikes Underwater Object Near Bridge

REDBIRD—Wendell Leroy Hull, 18, a 1958 graduate of Lynch high school, died Saturday afternoon, August 16, while diving into the Niobrara river near the Redbird bridge, five miles south of Lynch. He is believed to have suffered a fractured neck and brain concussion. The physician who was summoned did not fix drowning as the cause of death.

Swimming and diving with Hull was Richard Truax of Redbird. The two boys and others in the locality frequently indulged in swimming and diving on the Boyd county side of the river immediately west of the bridge. It was customary to dive from wooden bridge piling into a 15-ft. water hole.

Hull, according to Truax, had moved westward a few feet from the usual site and apparently struck a foreign object in the water at a lesser depth than the water hole.

Truax succeeded in getting his companion out of the water, but Hull lived only a short time after the accident.

### Marching Band

There will be marching band instruction for all members and prospective members of the Municipal band starting Tuesday, August 26, and continuing through Friday, August 29, according to Band director Duane Miller. Class starts at 9 a. m.



Hull . . . fatally hurt while on river outing.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## Clara Thurlow Is Hay Days Queen

ATKINSON—Miss Clara Thurlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Thurlow, Tuesday evening was crowned queen of the 1958 Atkinson hay days.

Coronation was performed by Bus Emeric of Norfolk, who was judge of Nebraska's first all-Appaloosa horse show, which was held in conjunction with the 1958 Atkinson hay days.

Two thousand persons jammed the grandstand in the park for the coronation. Dean Garwood was Queen Thurlow's escort.

Appaloosa awards were made as follows:

1957 filley—Helen and Roy Edwards of Prairie Home, Mo.

Grand champion stallion—Robert and Margaret Acomb of Stamford, N.Y.; reserve—Charley W. Peterson of Atkinson.

Grand champion performance horse—Charley W. Peterson.

Grand champion mare—Dor Huff of Booneville, Mo.; reserve—Margaret Johnson of Waco, Tex.

Miss Thurlow will be a senior at Atkinson high school this fall. She is a brunette.

### AWARDED DEGREE

William Edwards of the O'Neill high school faculty was recently awarded a master of education degree in physical education at State University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Those attending were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Edwards of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tingle of Atkinson and Mrs. Edwards and daughters.

### TO TEACH IN WEST

Miss Esther Kinnier and two sisters of Spalding are moving to Corona, Calif., about September 1, where she will be commercial instructor in the senior high school. Miss Kinnier formerly taught in O'Neill high school. She resigned at the end of the 1957-58 school term.

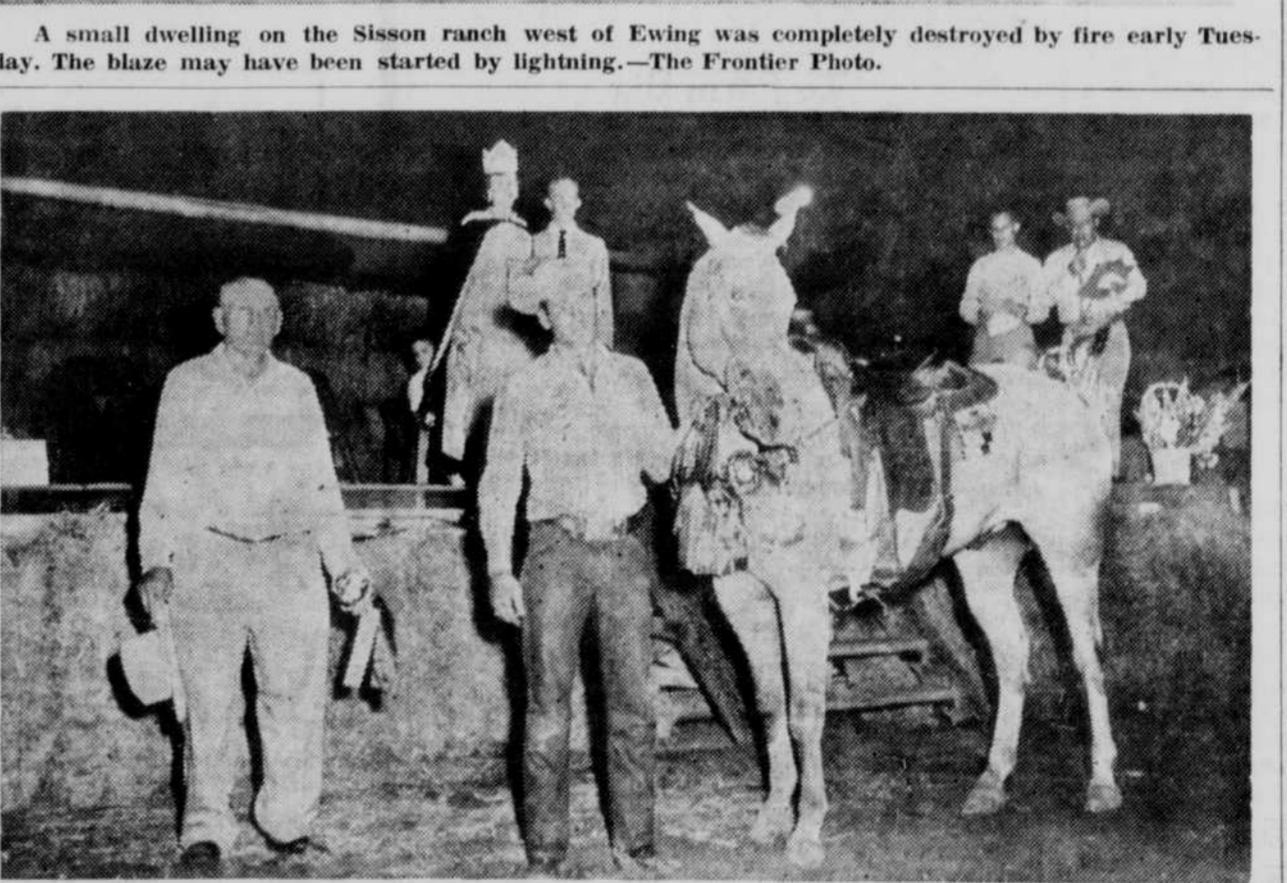
### 5 NAVY MEN COMING

Five young O'Neill men have finished boot training at the navy training center at San Diego, Calif. Jack Sullivan, arrived Wednesday, having flown home for leave. Gary Holly, Thomas Donohoe, James Enright and Darrel Dexter will arrive in Omaha today (Thursday) and be met there.

### SEEKS PASSPORT

Mrs. Alice J. Emmons of Atkinson applied for a passport on Monday, August 18. She plans to go to Okinawa to join her husband, who is stationed there in service.

Mrs. Fred Fritton entertained at a rehearsal dinner in her home Friday, August 15, for her daughter, Shirley Leahy and Ed Smith.



Grand champion performance horse at the invitational Appaloosa horse show, held Tuesday in Atkinson in conjunction with hay days, is pictured with its owners, Charley W. Peterson and Charles Peterson, Jr. In the background is Queen Clara Thurlow and her escort, Dean Garwood.—The Frontier