



Mrs. Welke and Lee Ann... a bonanza of bounty because Lee Ann won the 1959 baby derby.—The Frontier Photo.

Lee Ann Welke Winner of 1959 Baby Derby



Mrs. Boyle... funeral services held Wednesday.

Mrs. James P. Boyle Dies Unexpectedly

O'Neill Housewife, 54, Diabetes Sufferer

Mrs. James P. Boyle, 54, a resident of O'Neill since 1927, died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, January 3, at her farm home south of O'Neill, immediately outside the city limits. She had been ill with diabetes for a number of years.

Her death was unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated. Burial was in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were Joseph Gokic, Clarence Gokic, Fred Heerman, Peter Donohoe, Dominick L. Bohn and James Rotherham. A rosary was said at Biglin's chapel at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Gladys Irene Tackett was born December 12, 1905, at Herman. Her parents were Edward Tackett and Hattie Laughlin. On July 14, 1924, she was united in marriage to James P. Boyle at Council Bluffs, Ia. The family moved from Arlington to O'Neill in 1927, where Mr. Boyle was employed by the Northwestern railroad. They became the parents of 10 children.

The late Mrs. Boyle was a member of the Altar society of St. Patrick's church.

Three children died in infancy. A son, Jimmy died May 12, 1949. He was a high school student at St. Mary's academy. Another son, Joseph Franklin, died in 1936, at the age of 18 months old.

Survivors include: Widower—James; sons—Donald of Ft. Riley, Kans.; Edgar of Page and Gilead; daughters—Mrs. Marion Trowbridge of Omaha and Mrs. Patricia Boham of Syracuse, Kans.; mother—Mrs. Hattie Tackett of Crawford; brothers—George Tackett of Redding, Calif., Claude Tackett of Billings, Mont., and Harvey Laughlin of Arlington; sisters—Mrs. Edna Haseke of Crawford; Mrs. Agnes Toppam and Mrs. Anna Washko, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and 11 grandchildren.

Gildersleeve Children on TV on Coast— While spending Christmas in Los Angeles, Calif., visiting relatives, Linda, Kathy, Phillip and Donna Gildersleeve, children of Dr. and Mrs. Harry D. Gildersleeve, appeared on the Marzo Cobley television show on KEYT in Santa Barbara, Calif. Miss Cobley wanted four children for her show and the Gildersleeve children were chosen.

They talked to Santa, ate snowballs made of ice cream, helped with the commercials and were very much at ease.

The baby, Donna, 1 1/2-years-old, is a seasoned traveler. She has been from New York to California in the last six months.

The Gildersleeves went swimming in "Uncle Phil's" pool and the weather was nice.

A little lassie with a reddish tint to her hair is the winner of the 12th annual first baby contest sponsored by The Frontier and O'Neill's leading merchants.

Lee Ann Welke, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces, was born shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday, January 1, at St. Anthony's hospital and thus became the first Holt county baby in 1959. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milan Welke of Ewing.

The parents had no choice as to a boy or girl. But the first name was a cinch, boy or girl; it was to be Lee, and behind that is a story. The daddy's second name is Lee. The mother's second name is Ann; thus evolved Lee Ann.

The little mite accosted "Voice of the Frontier" listeners in an exclusive interview, Saturday. Her little voice rang out over "Frontier Land."

Nurses at the hospital say she certainly can kick those blankets off. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Welke of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott of Chambers.

Lee Ann's father is employed as a herdsman at the H. A. and Bob Van Horn registered Hereford ranch.

Lee Ann and her mother were dismissed from the hospital Monday.

These prizes await the Welkes and Lee Ann: A From McIntosh Jewelry, a 10-karat gold baby ring; Gambles furniture department, a hardwood training chair in natural birch finish; Shelhamer's Jack and Jill will furnish one case of Heinz baby food; O'Neill Photo company, one dozen three-by-five portraits; Harding Cream company, five pounds of Harding's famous butter (Lee Ann's grandfather, E. L. Welke, is employed here).

Moore-Noble Lumber company, five hundred pounds of coal or the equivalent of other merchandise; Western Auto, five dollars worth of Morris paint or wallpaper; Patton's Ben Franklin, one dozen nursing bottle sterilizer; McCarron's a pair of Red Goose shoes; Beatrice Foods, one case of Hi Vita Milk.

Coast-to-Coast, a colorful space saving plastic laundry basket; Helen's Flower and Gift shop, a plastic baby bath; the New Outlaw store, a television General Electric wall clock; Apparel shop, a half-size Gilligan's shirt; Gilligan's Rexall store, a fine Rexall stock nursing bottle sterilizer; McCarron's a pair of Red Goose shoes; Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling company, a case of pop, choice of any flavor; McDonald's, a set of fitted crib sheets; Dankert's a \$25 discount on appliances; Coyne's, a Norge major appliance; Coyne's, a Norge major appliance; Coyne's, a Norge major appliance; Coyne's, a Norge major appliance.

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That makes 22 gifts for lucky Lee Ann Welke.

St. Mary's, Inman Top-Seeded Teams

At a meeting of athletic officials from Holt county high schools held here Monday, pairings were made for the 1959 tournament to be held January 19-23 at O'Neill.

St. Mary's academy was seeded first; Inman, second; St. Joseph of Atkinson, third; O'Neill, fourth.

Monday, January 19: Chambers vs. Ewing, 5:30 p.m.; Stuart vs. O'Neill, 7 p.m.; Page vs. St. Mary's, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20: St. Joe vs. winner of Chambers-Chambers game; Atkinson vs. Inman.

Semifinals will be played Thursday night, January 22, and finals will be played Friday night, January 23.

Meanwhile, the Holt girls' volleyball tournament has been scheduled for March 2 at Stuart.

SALE PLANNED—Members of the Page American Legion auxiliary will sponsor a food sale Saturday, January 10, at the Cook cafe.

The sale will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until goods are sold.

Crackdown on Lottery Violations

'Free Day' Promotion of O'Neill Firm Is Halted on 3d Day

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin Monday evening addressed the Chamber of Commerce and said there would be a crackdown on all types of lottery in the county.

He said recent trade committee promotions at Atkinson and Stuart were stopped at Christmas time and that an O'Neill store's "free day" was halted Monday—the third day of a sales promotion sponsored by Meyers Midwest Furniture & Appliance.

He said the lottery laws are clear and the attorney-general has ruled that games of chance and promotions with prize as a feature are "taboo." He said bingo, door prizes, certain coin machines and other inducements do not escape the lottery law.

Griffin said he received three "protesting letters" on the "free day"—all from out-of-town sources.

Griffin explained that Nebraska has constitutional lottery prohibitions (with exceptions such as parmutual betting) and statutory prohibitions. He said many well-meaning persons have attempted to circumvent the statutory laws, but the laws are explicit and rule out such "innocent appearing inducements as completing jingles, filling out coupons for gainful opportunity, setting foot on premises where goods or chattels are being provided by lottery."

He said the ban would apply to newspaper and radio media who likewise can be prosecuted along with the promoters.

Griffin said "bank nights" at theaters were outlawed several years ago. He said there are three elements in a lottery: (1) Consideration; (2) element of chance; (3) prize or reward.

Sup. J. Baack of the O'Neill city schools outlined forthcoming school activities here including: Jan. 19-23—Holt county basketball tournament; Feb. 23-27—Class D tournament; April 16-17—district basketball; April 22—county track and field meet; May 11—North-Central conference frosh-soph track and field meet.

Twenty persons attended the meeting at the Municipal Airport authority's progress. He said there is a time lag between O'Neill's application for Frontier air line service and when the matter will be reported to the civil aeronautics board. He said Frontier's passenger showing during the first three months of operation on the north-south route is not particularly bright, but Frontier officials are hopeful business will pick up as people become familiar with the service.

Spencer — The Inman high Tigers emerged on top in the four-team Spencer invitational basketball tournament held last Thursday and Friday nights.

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Remains of the dwelling occupied by the Alden Breiner family. Next morning the debris was still smoldering. Breiner and Lyndley Crumly and their sons view remains.—The Frontier Photo.

TV Booster Doomed; UHF Station Next

45 Hens Destroyed in Rural Blaze

CELLIA—Fire that broke out at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the Mark Hendricks farm, 10 miles north of Atkinson, completely destroyed an 8x12 brooder house in which there were 45 laying hens, a 10x14 grain bin, hundreds of pounds of commercial cattle and poultry feed and a small A-type hog shed.

The flames were confined to these buildings although a large barn and cattle shed were situated less than one hundred feet away and 25 stacks of hay in the feed yard were located less than two hundred feet away.

Because the rural telephone line had snapped earlier in the day, Mrs. Hendricks was obliged to drive three miles to a neighbor's house for help. The neighbors had to drive to Atkinson to summon the fire department.

The firemen arrived within 20 minutes after receiving the alarm and were credited with saving the other property.

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Firemen Lose Fight in Subzero Weather

Breiner Dwelling Is Destroyed

PAGE—The farm dwelling occupied by Alden Breiner, seven miles northwest of Page, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night and firemen from Page and O'Neill battled the stubborn blaze for several hours.

Mr. Breiner, who lives with four young sons, entered the house at 7:15 p.m., and thought he detected smoke. The dwelling was opened up for a brief airing. A few minutes later he dispatched his son, Phillip, 15 upstairs to investigate. He reported the three upstairs rooms filled with smoke.

Another son, Russell, 18, was sent to the Lyndley Crumly farm, three miles south, to telephone for help. Chumly called the Page firemen, who reached the scene at 7:45 p.m.

The fire started near one of two chimneys on the two-story frame dwelling. It is possible some mortar might have clogged the chimney or the combination wood-coal heating stove became overheated on that cold night with the mercury at 16 degrees below zero. The heater was not the direct draft type.

The Page firemen, who started their pump before leaving the fire station, felt they were making headway until they ran out of water. O'Neill firemen were summoned and had difficulty getting their pumps operating. The mercury was continuing to drop.

The fire centered in the east wall. The front porch was first to collapse.

It wasn't until 10:30 o'clock that the firemen gave up on the stubborn blaze. A tiny dwelling, 60 feet away was saved although water was needed to protect it.

The Breiners moved last spring onto the three-quarter section farm, owned by William Anderson O'Neill. Because there was no electricity at the place, the Breiner's appliances were stored upstairs and all were destroyed. Only some first-floor light furniture, clothing and bedding were saved.

Breiner carried no insurance on the contents. Anderson said the loss of the dwelling was only partially covered. Anderson built the farm in 1911 and retired about eight years ago.

The dwelling measured 30x36 and was regarded as the homeplace for the Anderson family. The farm located 10 miles east of O'Neill on highway 108 and two miles north.

TV prospects would have to be made because there is a "great appetite" here for TV. City officials said the present booster will continue to operate until other arrangements can be made or until FCC forces a close down.

FCC last week said communities with boosters would be given 90 days to make other arrangements.

Eby said Dierks and Smith volunteered engineering services and services of KTIV's Washington counsel for the preliminaries in making the transition from a non-licensed, unorthodox operation to a licensed UHF service.

They said the FCC's boost in peak power for UHF is the key to the O'Neill picture and urged O'Neillites to ready an application at an early date.

Each standard TV set (without built-in UHF) would require a UHF adapter that would cost approximately \$35.

Thus, to perpetuate TV viewing in the area, will involve a considerable amount of money.

Opportunity for a standard TV station was lost three years ago when area resident showed distinct interest in a plan advanced by KHOL-TV (Holdrege) for a 50,000-watt satellite (possibly channel 3) station near Long Pine. The channels have since filled up.

MARRIAGE LICENSES—Francis I. Heumesser, 20, of Ewing and Mary Lois Noffke, 18, of Ewing, on Wednesday, December 31.

Ken Werner of Chambers engineered the original installation which has served well during the past year.

Ray Eby, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said a study of

John Hall, Wife Wedded 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, 230 W. 5th st., Blue Earth, Minn., celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday in Blue Earth. Their daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Dobrovolsky, left with her brother and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Hall of Broken Bow, to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are former residents of O'Neill. Their son, Reverend Hall, was minister of the Assembly of God church in O'Neill.

Expected to Recover from Skull Wound

Dr. George Carstens of O'Neill was summoned. Burtwistle was removed to O'Neill by ambulance and flown by air ambulance to Sioux City where emergency surgery was performed.

A prayer Monday hospital attendants said there would be a chance of saving the patient's eyesight and his hearing is good.

Initially little hope was held for his recovery.

A prayer service was held Sunday evening in his behalf at Memorial Baptist church. The Burtwistles reside east of the Hoerle station.

His father, R. M. Burtwistle returned home late Tuesday. He said the injured man recognized his wife and his father and was eating lightly when he (the father) left the hospital.

Mr. Burtwistle, employed at the Burtwistle farm, was working with Richard when the accident occurred.

Burtwistle's wife is the former Davonne Hubel. They have three children—Linda, Betty and Richard III. His wife is near him at St. Joseph's hospital.

Harley G. Pereboom Dies in California

Harley Glen Pereboom, a former O'Neill carpenter who later operated a grocery store at Ertow for four years, died in late December at Pomona, Calif. Death was attributed to cancer of the throat.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 2, in Todd Memorial chapel at Pomona.

The late Mr. Pereboom was born in South Dakota.

He married Merle Chmurt at O'Neill May 23, 1941. Mr. Pereboom came to O'Neill from Burke, S. D.

In 1952 the Perebooms moved to Pomona where he was a general contractor until his illness which developed three years ago.

Survivors include: Widow—Merle; daughters—Misses Sharon and Carolyn, both of Pomona; stepchildren—Richard Rosenkrans and Mrs. Allen (Connie) Walters of O'Neill; two brothers and two sisters.

Child's Death Not Highway Fatality

Nebraska's 1958 highway traffic toll was reduced one when the state traffic record's bureau removed the name of Ronnie Rost, 6, of Lincoln from the list.

He was killed December 24 in a one-car accident on abandoned U. S. 20 near Emmet.

The road was closed to traffic at the time, state officials said but it was not barricaded. The accident occurred a few feet from the new U. S. highway 20 right-of-way. The death will be charged to county highways.

King's Daughters See Pictures

PAGE—A family supper was held by the members of the King's Daughters society and their families Tuesday evening at the Page Methodist church.

Following the supper hour, Miss Alice Young showed slides taken while she was in Belgium last summer as an international farm youth exchange student.

Miss Young was narrator for her pictures while her brother showed the slides. Nathan Gold paid half of the expense of her trip and the Rural Youth of Nebraska paid the remaining half. About One hundred people were in attendance.

Year-End Bank Comparisons

The following table provides a comparison of Holt county banks including assets, deposits and loans:

	Assets	Deposits	Loans
O'Neill National Bank	\$4,428,673.61	\$4,055,777.52	\$650,557.26
First National Bank, O'Neill	4,054,496.20	3,665,240.52	496,878.89
First National Bank, Atkinson	3,737,903.49	3,395,803.83	769,687.50
The Tri-County Bank, Stuart	1,695,448.57	1,569,716.70	562,867.62
Farmers State Bank, Ewing	1,234,628.26	1,121,898.57	359,524.41
Chambers State Bank, Chambers	1,020,741.33	942,764.80	228,950.50

Bell to Erect Building for Dial Service

"Future service requirements will make a new building necessary," Petersen said, "and the purchase of the land is the first step in that direction. We are considering a change to dial service in O'Neill but many factors must be considered. We must determine when probable growth will take us beyond the point where it becomes uneconomical to add to the present system."

"We must also have a good idea of what service demands will be for some time after that so we can order the right amount of equipment. When we know the amount of space needed to house the equipment, we can design the building."

"After all the facts are in and decisions are made, we'll be glad to tell our O'Neill customers of the approximate change date."

One project that will be started soon is to prepare for dial operation involves all rural lines. Dial equipment is designed to serve no more than eight customers per line and Northwestern Bell representatives will confer with those folks who have their lines to help arrange for the necessary construction work to adjust the lines to this basis, Petersen said.

"A great deal of work will be done on this probably will be done before a building is erected to house the intricate dial switching equipment and new dial long distance switchboard."

Petersen pointed out that there are now 1,276 town and 232 rural telephones connected at the O'Neill office as compared with only 470 town and 130 rural in 1940.

Mrs. NINA CHURCHILL

ORCHARD—Mrs. Nina Churchill, 84, died Friday, January 2, at Denver, Colo. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, at Evangelical United Brethren church here with Rev. L. O. Lenz officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley cemetery. Survivors: Son—Raymond Eyer of Denver.

Larsons Quietly Note 50th Wedding

EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson of Ewing quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, January 6, at their home in Ewing.

They are the parents of six children: sons—Leonard, Anchorage, Alaska, and Donald of Ewing; daughters—Mrs. Henry Reimer of Ewing, Mrs. Elmer Pahl of Oakland, Mrs. Donald Starr of West Point and Mrs. Carl Christon of Denver, Colo.