



This Tip Started 1959 Cage Classic

Here's the tipoff that launched the 23d annual Holt county high school cage tourney here Monday night. Soaring for the tip are Larry Rotherham (13) of Ewing and Larry Swanson (23) of Chambers. Other dark-uniformed Tigers (clockwise) are Ronnie Thoendel (31), Leon Hahlbeck (41), and Harold Parks (33). Other Coyotes are Bob Klabenes (31), Harlan Lieswald (32), and Richard Grimes (33). Semifinals will be played tonight (Thursday). Details on page 6. Other tourney pictures on pages 3 and 6.—The Frontier Photo by Larry Frisch.

'Television Booster to Stay Awhile'-Contois



Application Likely for UHF Station

J. F. Contois, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's television committee, said Wednesday he is "convinced there's no necessity for anyone to get all excited about the loss of television".

The general communications commission December 31 announced that all unlicensed TV boosters, repeaters and relays would have to shut down in 90 days and based the statement on an order issued in May, 1956, authorizing translators (boosters) for UHF (ultra high frequency) channels.

Contois said he felt quite certain O'Neillites would want to proceed with an application for a licensed UHF station.

"Our booster is harming nobody, it is crystal controlled and substantially built, and an FCC representative gave us tacit approval a year ago to go ahead and operate."

"I feel, personally, the men who run FCC are reasonable people and they'll not shut us down overnight."

He said the FCC and Nebraska congressional delegation have been deluged with mail since the surprise December 31 announcement.

Contois conceded that in more densely populated areas (where VHF stations are denser) the maverick operations without a doubt are creating interference and improving reception for some but spoiling it for others.

Contois said the FCC inspector, who looked over the O'Neill installation last spring, has written that the O'Neill setup is not the flimsy type that the December 31 FCC order was primarily directed.

Fourth District Rep. Donald F. McGinley (D) said in a letter to the Frontier:

"I have asked for some of the FCC's time to discuss the booster problem generally and specifically to consider extending the effective date of conversion."

"I do not believe that the FCC should be considered a villain that has as its object that of taking television away from anyone or to cause undue expense to people. The agency has a vital responsibility to maintain an orderly operation of all communications."

Several music students from the two schools will provide entertainment.

Brady Will Emcee Leahy Banquet

Reservations have been pouring into The Frontier and radio station KBRX offices for the Frank Leahy homecoming banquet to be held Monday, January 26. The 7 o'clock banquet will be held at the American Legion auditorium and will be served by the ladies' auxiliary with Mrs. Vern Reynoldson in charge.

John Brady, KBRX sports announcer will be master-of-ceremonies. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, will offer invocation and Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, will offer benediction.

Several music students from the two schools will provide entertainment. Leahy, the former Notre Dame university football coach, is a native of O'Neill. Leahy will be principal speaker.

Tickets are \$1.75 per plate and deadline for reservations is 1 p.m., Friday, January 23.

Leo Tomjack returned Tuesday from Lincoln where he had gone Sunday to attend the Nebraska Peace Officers' convention.

BENEFIT SLATED

ATKINSON—There will be a polo benefit small girls' volleyball game here Saturday night at the public school gymnasium.

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Seven Cents

Steinberg Rites Today At Page

Longtime Resident in Failing Health for Past Two Years

PAGE—Funeral services for Herbert Steinberg, 52, a longtime resident of Holt county, will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at the Page Methodist church. Rev. Lisle Mewman will officiate. Burial will be in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The body will lie in state at the church from 11 a.m. today until the funeral hour.

Palbearers will be Jerome Ruther, Duane Allen, Leland Finley, William Watterman, Homer Rutherford and Lloyd Holliday.

Mr. Steinberg died Monday, January 19, at St. Anthony's hospital where he had been taken the preceding day by ambulance. He had been in failing health for the past two years.

Herbert Henry Steinberg was born November 12, 1906, at Dodge. His parents were John N. and Helena M. Heinrich Steinberg, both natives of Germany. He came to Holt county with his parents in 1909 and attended school at Emporia.

He was united in marriage March 24, 1928, to Miss Vivian Eleanor Cook of Page at Neigh. They became the parents of one daughter, Naomi Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinberg lived on farms in the vicinity of Page and Emporia the 30 years of their married life. They resided on their farm five miles southeast of Page at the time of his death.

Survivors include: Widow—Vivian; daughter—Mrs. Paul (Naomi Jean) Hartigan of Page; grandchildren—Donelle and Billie Hartigan; sisters—Mrs. Anna Spongrer of Denver, Colo. N. and Marie Clemans of Creighton and Mrs. Nellie Wegner of Scribner; brothers—John and Floyd Steinberg of Orchard; four nieces and five nephews.

Applecreek Line to Link with Lynch

Eight Families Given Authority

DORSEY—The Applecreek Telephone company has been granted authority by the Nebraska state railway commission to transfer from the exchange area of the defunct Dorsey Telephone company to the Lynch exchange area.

The Applecreek company was organized last summer at about the same time as the South Star Telephone company was organized. The latter firm is in the process of hooking up with the O'Neill exchange.

Eight families were involved in the original Applecreek organization, involving the northeast portion of the old Dorsey manual exchange area which found itself high-and-dry when nearby exchanges converted to dial.

The Boyd County Telephone corporation converted to dial May 20, 1958.

The eight original signers with Applecreek are: Eddie Hrbek, Joe Hrbek, Roger Rosenkrans, Mrs. Herschel Miles, Richard Marston, A. W. Ellis, Cara Alder and the late J. W. Wiley.

Meanwhile, pay raises for county officers, authorized last year by the board, will be felt next week when officers claim their January salary warrants. Pay for the county treasurer, assessor, and superintendent was upped from \$3,600 to \$4,400; the clerk of district court was raised from \$3,200 to \$4,400; sheriff from \$2,800 to \$3,700; attorney from \$2,500 to \$3,400.

BRISTOW—The farm home of William Pratt, located a half-mile east of Bristow, was destroyed by fire 10 days ago. An oil-burning water heater was believed to have caused the blaze.

Library, Roads to Receive \$5,000 Each

In spite of severely cold weather and snow the annual Gratton township meeting held Tuesday at the library was well attended.

Five-thousand-dollar was voted for the library fund for the new year; also five-thousand-dollar for road purposes. Mill levy for both purposes is expected to be the same as last year.

Three road overseers named for the three districts within the township were Bernard Pongratz, Orville Morrow and Harold Burge.

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He was born July 16, 1902, at O'Neill. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. G. Widfeldt.

Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. Amanda Smith of Denver, Colo., and brother, Albert of O'Neill.

Anybody See Meteor Falling Early Friday?

W. E. Eigsti, director of the Hastings Museum and McDonald Planetarium, also known as "the house of yesterday," has asked The Frontier to help locate any person or persons who saw a bright meteor (or fireball) in the O'Neill-Neigh area.

The meteor reportedly fell about 1:30 a.m. Friday, January 16. The object is believed to have been seen by a Broken Bow woman and a Hastings man.

Eigsti says the museum is interested in having a record of observation, direction it was traveling, color and information as to whether or not the object reached the earth.

The director says there are two types of meteors: The iron nickel meteorite and the stony meteorite. The iron type is inclined to be smooth and of a dark brown color. The stony usually is covered with a dark brown to nearly black crust.

Milk Processing Plant Under Study

A dinner meeting was held Wednesday evening at Slat's Supper club, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-two persons heard Grant Langley and Robert Flynn, both of Odebolt, Ia., tell of possible establishment of a milk processing plant at O'Neill.

Langley operates a plant at Odebolt and at present trucks milk from western and north-central Nebraska points and southern Dakota to Odebolt for processing. His "milk tankers" regularly pass through O'Neill.

The Langley firm ships powdered milk, ice cream and bottled milk to Chicago and eastern outlets.

Langley and Flynn spent Wednesday looking over buildings that might house such a plant here.

Breiner Benefit Funds Are Slow

Funds for the homeless Aiden Breiner family are slow in coming in, according to a preliminary survey at the O'Neill banks and at the Page Co-Op Credit association.

Breiner, who alone is raising a family of four boys, lived in Rock Falls township before moving last spring to the William Anderson farm northwest of Page.

The dwelling and virtually all of the contents were destroyed by fire Saturday, January 3.

Breiner's good neighbors organized the fund-drive and asked The Frontier and radio station KBRX to assist in the fund-raising. Checks should be made payable to the "Aiden Breiner Family Fund" and left at (or mailed to) one of the above-mentioned banks.

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Peter Bonenberger Dies at Rochester

Lived Near Atkinson Until 1957

ATKINSON—Peter (Pete) Bonenberger, 54, former resident of Atkinson, died Tuesday evening, January 20, in a Rochester, Minn., hospital.

The remains will reach Atkinson today (Thursday) and the Seger funeral home will be in charge of funeral arrangements which have not yet been completed. Relatives said funeral services likely will not be held before Friday or Saturday.

The late Mr. Bonenberger had been in failing health several years and had been hospitalized at Rochester since Thanksgiving time.

Peter Bonenberger was born June 23, 1904, at Atkinson, the son of Bernard and Mary Mick Bonenberger.

He married Freda Viola Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, at Burke, S.D., April 10, 1925. The couple spent most of their married life on a farm four miles southeast of Atkinson.

In January, 1957, the family moved to Staples, Minn., where Mrs. Bonenberger died unexpectedly March 8, 1957, at the age of 47. She was buried at Woodlawn cemetery here.

Mr. Bonenberger was engaged in dairy farming at Staples and frequently returned dairy cattle here for sale.

He was also preceded in death by one child.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. George (Mary Ann) Albrecht of Atkinson; Mrs. Lawrence (Dorothy) Brau and Mrs. Jay (Jeanette) DeGroff, both of Omaha; sons—Leo of Bassett; Richard of Beemer; Peter, jr., who is in the air force and is stationed at Spokane, Wash.; Ronnie, 16, Larry, 11, and Roger, 10, all of Staples; 13 grandchildren; brothers—Michael, Nicholas and John, all of Atkinson; sisters—Mrs. Elizabeth Howard of O'Neill; Mrs. George (Margaret) Mathis of Atkinson and Mrs. Mervin (Marie) Johnson of Staples.

Mrs. Landreth to Head Heart Fund

Mrs. Milo Landreth of Page was named by Nebraska Heart Fund Chairman Stanley Huffman of Ewing to serve as the 1959 Holt county heart fund chairman.

The 1959 heart fund drive, to be conducted next February, advances the activity of the Nebraska Heart association in combating heart and blood vessel disease which last year caused 54 percent of Nebraska's deaths.

"Heart fund chairmanship carries with it heavy responsibility," stated Huffman. "I am sure, however, that every county will advance beyond the records set in 1958."

He went on to urge all residents interested in working on the 1959 heart fund drive to contact the county chairman.

"At least three-fourths of all funds collected will remain in Nebraska," Huffman added, "with over half slated to again be allocated to research."

Three-Day Rodeo Possible for 1959

Officers and directors of the O'Neill Rodeo association convened Friday evening at the Virgil L. Laursen offices and planned a weekend for the 1959 rodeo.

It will be a dad's day weekend event—June 20-21—for certain. It is possible the association will make the rodeo a three-day affair this year.

The 1958 rodeo was the most successful ever staged here.

Frontier Purchased by Wayne Publishers

Stewart's Plans Are Indefinite

Cramer, Champion to Helm February 1; Region's Largest

CARROLL W. (Cal) Stewart, editor-publisher of The Frontier for the past 12 years, and W. Irl Todd, co-publisher since October 1, 1958, this week announced the sale of The Frontier newspaper and commercial printing business to Alan Cramer and James Champion, both of Wayne.

The new owners will take possession February 1.

Both Cramer and Champion "grew up" in the weekly newspaper field. Cramer's father, the late Mark E. Cramer, was a publisher of weekly newspapers in Iowa and Nebraska for over 30 years. Champion started as a printer's apprentice at the age of 14 in his hometown of Denison, Ia.

Champion will manage The Frontier and will move his family to O'Neill this weekend. They have rented the Hagosack apartment on South Fourth st. The Champions have one son, Jon, one-year-old.

Champion is a graduate of Iowa State college at Ames where he majored in agricultural journalism. While a student he was advertising manager and business manager of the student daily newspaper and worked as a printer and linotype operator. For the past six months he has been an advertising salesman at The Wayne Herald.

Champion is 25, an army veteran and is a member of the Catholic church.

Cramer attended the University of Nebraska and the State University of Iowa where he majored in community journalism. He has published The Wayne Herald since 1954 and has lived in Nebraska since 1947. His family will remain in Wayne and he will serve as editor of The Frontier temporarily. Cramer is an army veteran and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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Our Thanks

These lines that tell of the sale of The Frontier flow haltingly and laboriously from this typewriter.

Alan Cramer and James Champion are the new owners and publishers and will assume management February 1.

The Frontier's acceptance and growth during the 12 years we have been at the helm have exceeded all expectations. The "growing pains" sometimes overwhelmed us but we loved the work every step of the way and, particularly, we have enjoyed the people we have been privileged to serve.

Cramer and Champion are fine young men who have been reared in the industry. They are highly trained for the publishing field and their enthusiasm for this newspaper and the area it serves is unbounded. Both have fine academic backgrounds. Both have had military service. And both are young family men.

They have been identified with successful weekly newspaper operations in Iowa and Nebraska and have established themselves as thoroughly capable newspaper people.

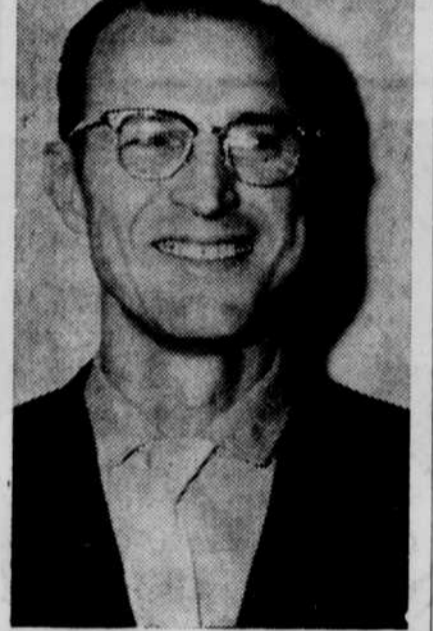
We are confident their talent and know-how will be of extreme value to Frontier Land. Their unique qualifications for enhancing the prestige of this newspaper and making it a more effective institution in the O'Neill empire were important factors in our decision to turn the reins over to them.

The Frontier, its readers, and the folks in Frontier Land will forever remain close to our hearts, even though in days that lie ahead we likely will resume publishing under a different banner at a different city. For the moment, however, we are anticipating a rest.

A faltering typewriter cannot convey the appreciation we have for all the good things that have happened to us during these past 12 years.

—CAL STEWART

Auction Calendar



Todd . . . from Alaska

A money-raising auction at Burwell Monday, January 26, tops The Frontier's auction calendar. Near-new and used automobiles, tractors and farm equipment will be sold in a joint auction sponsored by the Storchmann Equipment company and Mayberry Motors, both Burwell firms.

(Details may be found on page 11 of this issue. The Frontier north-central Nebraska's auction newspaper, is handling all advertising arrangements including repeated "Voice of the Frontier" radio announcements.)

Other upcoming sales:
Monday, January 26: Two rural school buildings and other small buildings, district 147 and district 187, near Atkinson; Col. Ed Thorn of O'Neill, auctioneer-real estate broker. (Details on page 9).

Wednesday, January 28: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleming, who reside 1 1/2 miles north of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, will sell livestock, machinery and feed at public auction; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Ed Murphy of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 8).

Wednesday, February 4: Frank Seales, now residing in Denver, Colo., will hold a public sale at his Holt county farm, located 2 1/2 miles west of O'Neill cemetery, or 1 1/4 miles west of Municipal airport; selling livestock, machinery, feed, some good farm machinery; moving to another state. Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill and Max Wanser of Ewing, auctioneers; Bank of Orchard, clerk. (Details in next issue.)

Saturday, February 7: Holt County Angus Breeders' association sale, O'Neill Livestock Market.

Saturday, February 28: Thirty-eight registered Hereford bulls at auction, North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, annual spring sale; Col. Tug Phillips, Bassett, secretary-manager.

Awarded Honor by York Jaycees—Roy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson sr., of O'Neill, has been awarded a distinguished service medal by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at York for his work in behalf of community betterment.

Johnson, who has a family, formerly was associated with Lo-Haus Motor company here and has been at York over three years.



The Stewart family . . . 12 years identified with The Frontier. Left-to-right: Scott, Peggy, Suzanne, Anne, Cal. —The Frontier Photo.