Black Prairies Tell Tale of Sweeping Fires... 300 Volunteers Fight Blaze Near Chambers...

The black aftermath of an epidemic of prairie fires has spotted the Beef Empire.

Cautious ranch hands have been watching the horizon closely for telltale whisps of smoke that could mean one of the black patches has started up again.

One of the oldest menaces of the plains, the prairie fire, was no fun for hundreds of volunteers in Holt and surrounding counties. Dozens of small fires and two large ones broke out Monday and smoldered into Tuesday.

Approximately 600 acres or more of prairie burned on and near the Wolf brothers ranch about 30 miles south of O'Neill.

Bulletins from the west ranch site late Monday morning called for volunteers and about 300 men and eight fire trucks arrived on

By noon the blaze was believed to be under control but not before long tongues of flame whipped by strong winds swept the fire into Holt county.

Men fought the blaze with wet blankets, gunny sacks and in some cases, even the shirts off their backs.

Fire departments from as far south as Burwell and north as far as O'Neill were on the scene. Before most of the trucks arrived, including the O'Neill and Atkinson trucks, the fire was fairly well under control.

Groups from Elgin, Bartlett, Chambers, Atkinson, Burwell and O'Neill fought with just about everything they could lay their hands

Eyes On A Winner

n won first place for his St. Mary's team in the shot put in Bur

well. See sports page. The Frontier Photo.

Tomlinson Sets Shot

Election Results

In O'Neill Area

defeated

Bill Rick

ter Bergstrum.

CHAMBERS

Dwaine K. Miller for the village

be George Porter, who defeated

Elected to the school board were

Ed Coday and Dwaine K. Miller.

William Crawford and Tom Lam-

EWING

pier. They defeated Wilbur Spang-

ler and Lionel Gunter. Richard

S. Brion was elected to fill a va-

cancy for a two year term on the

board of education. He defeated

Richard H. Shain. Wayne Shrader

was elected to fill a one year va-cancy. He defeated J. L. Pruden.

ATKINSON

City clerk R. S. Griffin said the \$10,000 fire truck bond issue car-

Dr. James Ramsey and Wayne

Orlan Anson and Mike Coday

PAGE

Ivan Heiss and A. G. Braddock

bers. They defeated Willard Fre-next two weeks.

ried "by a good margin."

are the new councilmen.

Willis Rockey and Frank Noffke

city clerk W. D. Reninger.

Walter and Glen Adams

Vernon Harley and

They defeated Lloyd West and Les- to the town board.

Record at Ord Yesterday

ds after this picture was taken, Larry Tomlin-

finish behind Mullen. St. Mary's

lost by only 1 and 5/6 points

ricks and M. G. French jr.

SPENCER

LeRoy Nyquist, incumbent, Rus-

sell Angus and Louis Klasna, Har-

Friedrich were defeated.

Elected to the village board were

George Thompson was re-elected

Blair Drickey and Robert Krot-

ter defeated Ralph Friedrich and

STUART

Charirman of the O'Neill cancer

fund drive, Mrs. William Claussen,

held a meeting of city captains in

City captains, who will direct

volunteer solicitors in the drive to

end April 25, include: Mrs. A.

Marcellus, Mrs. Floyd Wilson, Mrs.

her home Monday afternoon.

to the police magistrate post.

Eva Lamason.

cek, city clerk.

McGuire, city clerk.

board. The police magistrate will old Haun, Robert Hickey and P. O.

bert were defeated according to Herbert Sieler for the school board

Galyan were elected to the school Ivan Pruss and Mrs. Clay Johnson.



The Wolf ranch fire . .

The Frontier Photo

Chmbers firemen also put down a blaze on the Hendrickson ranch six miles southeast of Chambers on the same day.

In addition to these fires, two small ones were reported to have burned several acres north of Atkinson on Monday morning. Local ranch hands and volunteers had these blazes out in short order. Some of the latest fires in this general area were reported in

Grant county. An unconfirmed report said eight head of cattle were killed in the Henderson and Phipps ranch fire 15 miles northwest of Hyannis. Smaller fires were also reported around Alliance.

By far the most serious fire of the day broke out in South Dakota near Vivian.

The fire at Vivian blackened a strip over seven miles wide and 20 miles long as Governor Ralph Herseth called out the National

High winds and extremely dry conditions sent fires roaring over several hundreds of acres in Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. Some of these areas included Lower Brule, Aberdeen and Mission and lesser ones at Leola, Westport, Onida, Carpenter, Salem, Kodoka and Chamberlain in North and South Dakota.

One of the biggest problems in fighting a prairie fire is the good chance that it can start up hours after it's believed to be con according to local firemen.

Several of the fires, including the one on the Wolf ranch and the smaller blazes north of Atkinson started up several times after they were believed to be under control.

Men fighting the fires used sprayers, bulldozers, road graders,

tractors and disk harrows to stop the blazes. One method used quite successfully on the Darnell ranch fire south of O'Neill was the use of a grader pulled by a bulldoner. Deep slices of earth were overturned a few feet from the cuter

edge of the blaze to keep the fire from jumping.



bottle gas tank were destroyed.

burned 680 acres.

The fire, which started on the Darnell ranch, spread to the

Chambers firemen also put down a blaze on the Hendrickson

Thunderbolt and Wolf ranches, and according to press reports,

the granary at the Darnell ranch. A brooder house, granary and

MON. · WED. · SAT. 9:30 to 9:55 A. M.

FRONTIER

SECTION ONE

"The Voice of the Beef Empire"

Rites Held Tuesday

For Tractor Victim

D. N. Loy and Hurley Jones.

Wilson Rites Held

In Ewing Wednesday

with Dr. W. H. Ross officiating.

Survivors include his wife, three

sisters, Mrs. Addie Hartford of

Bonesteel, S. D., Mrs. Rose Zollers

of Concordia, Kan.

Jefferies Funeral

Tompkins Celebrate

50th Wedding Date

an open house in June.

magistrates and school

Our Thinclads Win

The O'Neill Eagles came home

Ainsworth Invitational track meet.

Those events in which they

members, were seated.

runs were reported ...

ing as new village board members,

Election Results 3-36-2

The funeral of Frank Wilson, 76

long-time resident of the Ewing

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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, April 9, 1959

Seven Cent

O'Neill's Guard To Be Infantry

The O'Neill company "D" of the 195th National Guard tank batallion will be changed over from a tank to an infantry company May 1 according to First Sergeant Bill" Kramer.

Kramer said this was the second time an anticipated change has been made. It was believed that the company would become an artilliary group a few weeks ago. Kramer said O'Neill would lose it's tank in the process and that the change would affect over 60

Kramer said headquarters has made it possible for the company to enlist 12 more men in the Guard. for six men to leave for six months active duty on April 26, five men trict 3 high school music contest.

on May 10 and one man on May The first events will be Wedneshe said.

He said anyone interested in the office.

Auto and Equipment Fair Date Set Here

Besides Tomlinson's two first The O'Neill Chamber of Commerplace wins, he placed second in ece has set April 16 as the day for Larry Tomlinson pitched the the 60 yd. high hurdle event and shot 52 ft. 6 in. yesterday at the second in the 100 yd. low hurdles. Ord Invitation track meet setting Lambert Belina took first in the the Auto and Equipment Fair. Automobile and equipment dea-lers in O'Neill will display their a meet record. Despite this hercu- 440 dash and second in the 220. new products at a place to be lean effort, plus a win in the dis- | St. Mary's also placed first in cus, the O'Neill cinder men had the 880 relay and compiled 45 blocked off on north Fourth Street.

to be content with a second place points in the second place finish. In conjunction with the Auto and Three new members of the town board were elected. They included Arnold Tikalsky, Ralph D. Stevens and George Clasey. Anton issue of The Frontier, may be O'Neill High School. used to get big discounts on hundefeated according to city clerk dreds of items.

Coupons will be in use for the entire weekend.

Sale Dates Claimed

race according to George Sedla-April 15-Mr. and Mrs. George Wright machinery, livestock, cleanup sale. Ranch located 4 miles N. W. Coats and Lawrence Hamnorthwest of Ewing on Highway 275 (Golden Valley Ranch.) Col. were elected to the village council. ik and J. B. McGrew were elected Wally O'Connell, auctioneer. Robert Ramm and Cecil Taylor

April 18—To settle the estate of the late Charles Sobotka, all real and personal property will be of-fered at auction at the west edge of Inman by heirs of the estate. Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, licensed Elected for a three year term were elected to the school board. to the board of education were Delbert Addison and John Newman Floyd Butterfield and Alfred Na- were defeated according to T. E. Cancer Fund Meeting real estate broker and auctioneer and George Colman of Inman auc-Is Held at Claussens

> April 18 - Over 20,000 feet of material consisting of lumber, posts, wire etc., at public auction at the O'Neill speedway. Wally O'Connell, auctioneer and Ed Mur-phy, clerk. (Details in next issue.)

On April 17, the estate sale of Henry Cook, selling 160 Acre improved farm and all personal pro-Any person interested in work-ing with the cancer fund drive Neill Drive In Theatre and approxshould call one of the above cap- imately 21/2 Miles North.

Watch next weeks issue for large Solicitations will be made door sale bill. Ed. T. Campbell, Adminare the new school board mem- to door by volunteers during the istratorn; Col. Wallace O'Connell,

O'Neill City Council Says 'No' To Another Liquor Permit

Music Contest is Scheaniea

O'Neill schools will be hosts next We have been authorized to look Wednesday, Thursday and Friday or six men to leave for six months toclasses B, C and D of the Dis-The boy was killed in a tractor accident at the farm home between Orchard and Royal. The first events will be Wednes-The boy is survived by his parents and a 10-year old sister, Cecilia.

day with piano and miscellaneous entries at St. Mary's Acadamy. meeting their military obligation in the Guard should contact him at the office.

Class C and D entries will participate Thursday at St. Mary's and at the O'Neill High Auditorium with class A events on Friday. Band entries will be Thursday and Friday nights at the O'Neill High

Tickets will be sold in the O'Neill High Auditorium for the morning, after noon and evening events.

Schools participating are as fol-lows: Wheeler Co., (Bartlett); at the United Presbyterian church Page; Royal; St. John the Baptist School, (Petersburg); Rock Co., (Bassett); Inman; Plainview; Valentine: Oakdale; Elgin; Verdigree; Creighton; Meadow Grove; of Kearney and Mrs. Lillie Harris Equipment Fair, local merchants who will not be displaying merchandise will offer shoppers in the chandise will offer shoppers in the ph; Keya Paha Co., (Springview); Mrs. Michael Haynes of Vermillarea same good buys. Coupons, Atkinson; Butte; Spencer; Lynch; ion, Kans., Mrs. J. Frank Taylor which will be found in next week's Stuart; St. Mary's Academy and of Crosser, Wash., Mrs. Iola Hill

Sorensen Rites Held

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Sorensen, 72, of Page who died Saturday was held at the Methodist church 67, of Ewing was held Tuesday at in Page Wednesday. the Church of Christ in Clearwater.

She is survived by sons, John Burial was in the Clearwater cemof Page and James of Lincoln; sisters, Irene Neken of Creighton and brothers, Pete Sonder of Ver-Jefferies of Cozad and one borther, digre and John of Omaha. George of Ewing. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1952 and a son and

Husband of Former Chambers Girl Dead

Inman celebrated their 50th wedding on March 17. No formal cele-CHAMBERS—Friends here have just learned that Captian Charles bration was held. The couple were married on March 17, 1909 in Norfolk at the A. Walker, a navigator on a B-47, was killed Thrusday, when his plane crashed near Boise, Idaho. Captain Walker's wife was Bavone Hansen, a former resident Doughty. She moved to Norfolk at of Chambers and a graduate of the the age of three.

Mr. Tompkins has lived all his Two sons, Jerry and Dale also life near Inman. After their marsurvive. Captain Walker was orriage the couple moved to a ranch iginally form Newton, Kan. near Inman where tney lived for 32 At the present time Mrs. Walker lives at 110 Carneige Drive, Tusyears. They moved to town 17 vears ago. con, Ariz. The couple became the parents of two children, Harvey of Inman

Red Heads Will Play Guard Men in O'Neill

Chambes high school class 1942.

The All-American Red Heads, women's basketball team will play an exhibition basketball game with the local National Guard un-The game will be played at the

high school gym and the proceeds will be used to defray the expences of the dance held a few months

ago.
The basketball "sharpshooters" have played all over the United States and have apppeared on the

Retreat Sunday For **Presbyterian Elders**

ORCHARD—The funeral of Craig, the six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walmer was held Tuesday at the Evangelical church here.

The Ruling Elders of the First Presbyterian church of O'Neill held a planning retreat Sunday afternoon and evening at the Bethany Presbyterian church near Chambers.

The program of the church was evaluated and plans for the coming year were made. Committees were formed to carry out the

plans. Relatives attending the funeral from O'Neill included Mr. and Mrs. Committets and their members are as follows: stewardship, Weston Whitwer; Christian education, Mrs. Harry Ressell and Mrs. Harry Peterson; Evangelism, Mr. Ray

Shelhamer, Mr. Harry Clauson, and Mr. William Artus. Nine new members were taken into the O'Neill Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

O'Neill PTA Elect State Delegates to Norfolk on April 30 Members of the O'Neill PTA

elected two delegates and an alternate to attend the Nebraska Congress of Parents and Teachers to of Beatrice and Mrs. Boyd Dochow be held in Norfolk April 30 and

Representing O'Neill at the Norfolk meeting will be Mrs. Dale Perry and Mrs. Stanley Longenecker, delegates, and Mrs. Melvin Marcellus, alternate. Stanley Longenecker, newly elected PTA president, will also attend. New officers elected at the Mon-

He is survived by his son, Dwight day evening meeting were: Stanley Longenecker; president, Mrs. Dale Perry, vice president; Mrs. Wayne Smith, secretary; and Mrs. John Kersenbrock, treasurer. The officers were installed by a past president, Bill Brewster.

Out going officers included president, Allen Van Vleck; vice pre-Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tompkins of sident, Mrs. Dwight Worcester; secretary, Mrs. Ruby Holcomb; and treasurer, Mrs. Dale Perry. Mrs. James Newman, Stuart, district PTA president, made her ofhome of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Doughty. Mrs. Tompkins was the former Ethel meeting of the term. Mrs. Winnie Mullen, a retiring teacher, was given a lifetime membership.

Entertainment prior to the business meeting was provided by the dance students of Mrs. W. D. Me-

O'Neill Lions Plan **Local Talent Night**

and Dr. C. A. of Tuceson, Ariz.
They have eight grandchildren.
Plans are being made to hold The O'Neill Lions Club has made plans for a local talent night contest of which there will be three divisions:

1. Junior Division, under 10 Election judges and city clerks in most of the towns surrounding O'Neill reported very light ballot-

2. Intermediate Division, 11 to 15 years inclusive. 3. Senior Division, 16 to 19 in-

Although most of the communi-The number of Contestants in ties reported several contested each act is a maxium of eight, seats, very few close election and the time limit of ect is a maximum of six minutes.

This will include all schools and clubs in Holt county who wish to participate.

Winners from each division will Wednesday with first place in the attend a district contest at Fullerton April 24th and winners at Fullerton will be sent to a state conplaced first were the 120 yards est at a later date.

high hurdles, the shot put, the dis-Prizes will be given for the first cus and the 180 yard low hurdles. three places in each division. Valentine placed second; Bas-Entries must be forwarded to set, third; Ainsworth, fourth, and Duane Miller, band instructor of set for the deanery meeting which the show.

4 Council members **Present**

The O'Neill city council said no" to an additional liquor license in the city Wednesday night

After deliberation for nearly an hour, the four present members of the council cast their votes un-

Present to vote were William McIntosh, Dr. E. W. Gleeson, Leigh Reynoldson and A. W. Car-

R. E. (Bob) Moore and Fred Heermann were not present at the council meeting.

Earlier 500 names had been placed on petitions circulated in liquor stores and taverns objecting to the granting of more li-

The petitions grew out of the formal application of the Town House for a license to sell mixed

The council room was crowded with observers as well as those men who would be directly effected by the granting or refusing of

Dick Tomlinson spoke for the present holders of liquor licenses in O'Neill before the council deliberated.

"We believe that the granting of another license would work a hardship on the present holders." said. "The liquor business is not now considered to be the best business because of increased operating expenses."

Robert Clinkscales, speaking for the Town House, asked that his application be accepted because of a survey he had conducted at the business establishment for the past as Chelt Huntly, Virgil Laursen

"The survey shows that 77 percent of the guests in the Town House are tourists and this goes to show that we are serving peo-ple out of town. We believe that our selling mixed drinks would not hurt the present holders of li-

to a close the controversy.

In other council action, board admitted the building permits of four persons for the construction of new homes. One new warehouse permit was granted and the Standard Oil station building the Standard Oil station building the Standard Oil station building the brats, George Bosn will be

The council also discussed the possibility of licensing all sellers of fireworks. In the past it has not been necessary for retailers to play the brats' mother and baby obtain permits. Action on this is-

Catholic Women Meet

A meeting of the officers and board members of the O'Neill deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women was held Friday. Members from, Spencer, Emmet, Amelia, Ewing and O'Neill

were present. Plans were made and the date ted and a dance was held after the O'Neill public school by April will be held here on Wednesday,



Diane Cork was elected "Queen of Sports" at the annual Page athletic banquet. James Misses gave a speech at the banques and awards were presented to basketball and volleyball. The five senior girl members of the pep-club received a necklace.



Clair Parks King of Sports" at the Page athletic banquet. The attendants were James Nissen and Donns Crumly. The welcome was given by Vivian Ragland and the re-sponse by Clair Parks. The toastmistress was Donna Crumly.

O'Neill Legion Post Plans Talent Show On Friday, April 24

The O'Neill American Legion post has planned a talent show patterned after a late television show on Friday, April 24.

The cast will include James Ear

ley as Bat Masterson, Hugh Ben-Verne Reynoldson, Marlin Wichman and Chuck Fox as the Lenis sisters, George Janousek as Char-lie Weaver, Jack Everitt as John ny Cash and Bud Cold as the lonely

Other players will include Wil not hurt the present holders of licenses," he added.

The vote by the four present members of the council brought kler as the Mills brothers, Al Carroll as the Mills brothers as the Mills brothers as the Mills brothers. iam Cousins as Jack Parr, Eat roll as a balloon salesman, Bob Cole as Genevieve and Francis Belzer and Bob White as Trigger Dean Streeter will play the man with the fiddle, Don Becker will Tennessee Ernie Ford, Russell Moler and William Kelly will he

Charile Weaver's parents. and Bill Jansen will be Red Foley. Tickets will be on sale at most business pusiness places. The show is under the direction of Bill Jansen.

First Annual Party

Approximately 250 persons attended the American Legion's first annual public party at the Legion hall Tuesday evening. The stage show was well accep-

The members of the Legion pro-

Seat Five Unopposed Councilmen

councilmen and two members of ballots. the board of education.

of the 53 votes cast. In the second ward, George Jan- Gleeson, a dentist, received 36 for Dr. Wilson was as follows:

tion Tuesday to seat five unopposed for the greatest number of cast

tosh, a jewler, received 50 votes 42 of the 43 votes cast. In the fourth ward, Dr. E. M. 43; fourth ward, 35. The voting

to the O'Neill polls in the city elec- pected. This ward held the record a one-year term. In the third ward, Fred Heer- school board. The voting for Lo-In the first ward, William McIn- mann, a motel operator, received haus was as follows: First ward,

Dr. Rex Wilson and Henry Lohaus were both elected to the 46; second ward, 62; third ward,

Sorry, Some News Left Out Due to alast minute flood of advertising in this week's issue of The Frontier a number of items concerning the people in the area had to be left out. If you do not ousek, a grocer, received 70 votes of the 41 votes cast for a of 73 cast. Mild surprise greeted two-year term. William Mattern observers in this ward since a with the O'Neill Production Credit,