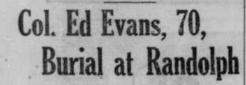
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## Light Shower, Dust Make Weather News

weather.



Colonel Evans . . . conducted million dollar livestock sale.



### Veteran Auction e e r Dies of Stroke

night, April 13, in a Sioux City a hospital patient 21/2 weeks.

Death was attributed to stroke. In mid-December he suffered the first stroke and he never fully recovered although he did make about three visits to

O'Neill.

The funeral rites were conducted from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. J. Timmer officiating. Burial was in the Randolph cemetrey.

A light shower and a wicked dust storm featured this week's 9:45 A.M. - 780 k.c.

The rainfall set in at 1:15 a.m. Monday, accompanied by some hail considerable lightning and wind. The precipitation measured .32 of an inch, giving a badly needed lift to thirsty pastures, fields, lawns and shrubs

#### All points between Inman and Stuart reported about a quarter of an inch or more.

Winds up to 50-miles-per-hour aced across much of Nebraska Tuesday. A cold front pushing across the state kicked up enough dust to rival dust storms of' the "dark thirties". The sun was partially obscured and visibilty restricted. Where the soil samples came from nobody seems to know. Winds diminished at nightfall

There was more wind on Wednesday but much less dust aloft.

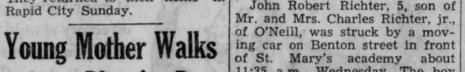
Burwell, Grand Island and Va-entine, Norfolk, Lincoln, also reporterd dust on Tuesday. Week's weather summary:

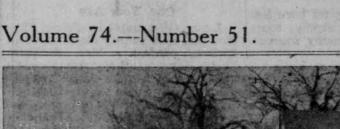
Hi Lo Prec. April 15 April 16 April 18 ......79 46 April 19 ......85 56 .32 

### **Butterfield Leases** Ewing Station— Elden Butterfield, formerly of

the Orchard community and for Funeral services were conduct- the past five years an employee ed at 2 p.m., Sunday at Randolph for Col. Edward G. ("Ed") Ev-has leased the Texaco station at ans, 70, well-known north-Ne- Ewing and will take over operabraska livestock auctioneer. He tion on Monday. The station is lodied about midnight Wednesday cated on the town's main square. James Rotherham formerly ophospital where he had submitted erated the station. Mrs. Butterto surgery April 5. He had been field and the two daughters Merna and Verna, will join Mr. Butterfield at Ewing upon com-pletion of the school term.

Mrs. Richard Farrier and family of Rapid City, S.D., visited last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. DeBolt. They returned to their home





"Voice of The Frontier"

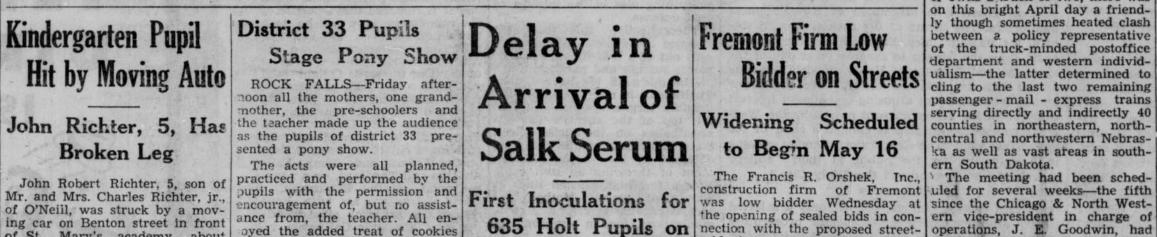


Train-savers from 25 cities and towns along the C&NW'S Omaha-to-Chadron line poured into Bassett's Main street Monday afternoon, arriving in special trains originating at both ends of the

line. The trains arrived simultaneously. The Frontier's photographer, John H. McCarville, snapped a portion of the crowd.

North-Central Nebraska's BIGGEST Newspaper

O'Neill, Nebraska, Thursday, April 21, 1955.



# 308 Aboard Specials; Savers Make Headway

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BASSETT-This is a thriving cow town (pop. 1,000) in Nebraska's sandhills and is situated 250 miles northwest of Omaha. Bassett is the capital of Rock county, which counts cattle in a 100-to-1 ratio in comparison to human bengs. It's in the center of the lucing area.

world's largest native hay pro-The most important single event in Bassett's frontier history was the day a band of vigilantes hung Kid Wade, a pink-cheeked outlaw, to a railroad whistlepost. That was February 6, 1884. On Monday Bassett was the locale for a blustery two - hour

conference between a zealous yet sincere band of train-savers and a top - drawer postoffice department official.

The PO people hold the single most important key to retaining and firming up the two trains. Out on this windswept prairie

where distances are vast, baby calves are "dropping" by thousands and every farmer or rancher owns a truck or two, there was on this bright April day a friendly though sometimes heated clash between a policy representative of the truck-minded postoffice department and western individualism—the latter determined to cling to the last two remaining passenger - mail - express trains serving directly and indirectly 40

central and northwestern Nebraska as well as vast areas in southern South Dakota.

Goodwin pointed to a 60-

thousand-dollars' per year an-nual loss and declining reve-

nue from mail being diverted,

Goodwin came to the sandhills

in November, 1954, agreed to an

express could be built up. But the

mail haul continued to drop. In

October, 1952, the average daily

sack dispatch on westbound train

mostly to trucks.

and diversions.

HE FRONTIER

dumped onto Bassett's Ma street, all traffic halted and the modern vigilantes entertained no whistlepost ideas; all they wanted to do was firm up two trains which for years had been giving dependable all-weather service. Now the equipment is modern and an accelerated schedule is planned.

TWELVE

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Seven Cents

Fresh in everybody's mind is the winter of 1948-'49, when the region was snowlocked for months and when highway travel was tied up or fouled up for weeks but the trains invariably got through.

The battle lines had been drawn elsewhere. These people simply aren't frightened by national trends, ie: (1) declining mail revenues for rails, yielding

to planes and trucks; (2) declining passenger revenues brought about by private automobiles, planes and busses.

They make no bones about it. They want their last two trains, even if it means bucking the trends

Some business firms financed trips for a handful of high school pupils in the belief the outing and meeting would be a useful lesson in civics; possibly historic, too, the trains' days might be numbered. High schoolers boarded the special at Inman, O'Neill and Atkinson, high, O'Neill high, academy, Atkinson high and St. Joseph's hall. They were accompanied by chaperones

The Chadron crowd wore dis The meeting had been sched-uled for several weeks-the fifth tinctive red hats and red jackets. was low bidder Wednesday at since the Chicago & North West- Their civic groups already had 635 Holt Pupils on April 28th and 20th the opening of sealed bids in con-ic con the proposed street-ic con the figure: announced last fall from the line's 13, if necessary, even at the ex-

Colonel Evans maintained headquarters here although he regarded Randolph as his hometown. At the height of his 25tional sale. He was well-known at most major livestock marts in Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota

Edward G. Evans was born March 6, 1885, at Columbus Junction, Ia. He came as a child with his parents to the Welsh settle-ment near Carroll. In 1907, he Mrs. Howard Carr had just rewas married to Miss Edna Long- turned from a ride in the plane, necker. They lived at Ashton and Boise, Ida., and farmed near Carroll until 1921, when they dizzy from the ride and wandermoved to Randolph.

Following Mrs. Evans' death in 1951, he moved to O'Neill. During his illness he was cared for at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John F. (Claire) Atwood, at Randolph.

Survivors include: Daughter-Mrs. John F. Atwood of Randolph; sister-Mrs. Laura Connor of Oxford Junction, Ia.; brothers Fremont; Wayne of Booneville, Springview.

Mo.; grandchildren-Edward C. Atwood, student at Iowa State college, Ames, and Sara Jo At-wood of Randolph.

#### Sandhills Group in **Pre-Sale Meeting**

The Sandhills Cattle association will conduct a pre-sale meeting at 8 o'clock Friday evening at the O'Neill Livestock Market, spelling champions were deter- man, district 60, daughter of Mr. Purpose of the session, to which all cattlemen are invited, is to O'Neill public school where six select a date to make preparations for the annual fall Sandhills sale to be held here. The association

will sponsor either four or six sales at strategic sandhills points in the fall. A lunch will be served at Fri-

of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wabs. day's meeting. Any proposed changes in sale rules will be discussed and general information though she tossed in the apostra- Wolfe, district 233. will be presented. phe for good measure. She is the

#### Vernon Berry Gets Army Separation

AMELIA-Vernon Berry, who has served the past two years in the army, has received his honorable discharge and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lierman received word that their son, Gene, reached the States Monday, April 18. Gene had been in the Far East the past 18 months. Pvt. Calvin Coolidge is spending a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coolidge, before going overseas. He expects to go to Germany.

#### Parkers Return-

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker returned Friday from a fourmonths' trip through seven Southern states. They spent most of the winter in Miami and Key West, Fla., but also stopped off in Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Parker said Texans were rejoicing over recent rainfall

into Plane's Prop had gone into the street to meet his parents, who were seated in a waiting car. year auctioning career he sold a million-dollar Denver, Colo., na- Dead Upon Arrival A vehicle driven by Miss Fran-ces Reimer of O'Neill struck the

at Hospital

BASSETT — A 25 - year - old mother of two small children was ed to her husband, "Johnny must unit — company D of the 195th ed to her husband, "They get tent battalion — participated in have been run over." They got out of their car to investigate and which her husband piloted. It ther immediately took the boy to was believed she became ill or the hospital. Mr. Richter told The Frontier ed into the propellor.

The Carrs live on a ranch 35 miles northwest of Newport, near the small community of Mills. Mrs. Carr is survived by her husband, a son of school age, a daughter of pre-school age, her resting well at St. Anthony's hos-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milbert pital, but his physician said it

Bothwell, and a sister, Mrs. Mar- could not yet be determined tin Peterson, also of Mills. whether or not a brain concussion had been suffered. The body was taken to Ainsworth. Funeral services were Mr. Richter said the doctor in--Elwyn of Waterloo, Ia.; Erv of conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesdav in dicated the boy would recover.

nunciation let alone filling in all

Holt county's 1955 grade school

syllable words were a dime a

Master John Wabs, who single-

their proper order.

dozen.

grade laurels.

Most of us have trouble in pro- Mrs. Vernon Whitaker.

mined Saturday afternoon at the and Mrs. Harvey Krugman.

the vowels and consonants in district 23, daughter of Mr. and their proper order. Mrs. L. C. Crumly.

**Tankers Ready for** 'Minute-Man' Alert boy and dragged the lad a number of yards.

Ainsworth

tank battalion - participated in the nationwide practice surprise found him with a broken leg, alert designated as "Operation abrasions about the head and a Minute-Man" on Wednesday evebad flesh cut on the leg. The fa- ning. Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr.

ompany commander, reported word was received in O'Neill at the driver of the car didn't realize 6 p.m.; by 7 p.m. 41 percent of company D had assembled; by 8 she had struck the boy. He said she saw the lad's hat fly in the p.m. 771/2 percent of the men had air and immediately stopped. reported; by 9 p.m., 811/2 percent Late Wednesday the boy was of the men were on hand for duty

baked by Rita Vequist. Rita

also an active 4-H member.

against a mythical enemy. National guard men reporting to O'Neill on this alert came from Creighton, Clearwater, Lynch, Elgin, Ewing, Inman, Page, Venus, O'Neill, Chambers, Spencer, Atkinson, Stuart, Emmet and

cism", "gorgeous", "crystal", "ab-solutely", cucumber", "civiliza-

They both faltered on "curio-

sity", they both muffed "em-

April 28th and 29th 699.10. Other bidders and amounts

First Salk vaccine inoculation vere: Booth & Olson, Sioux City, shots for 635 Holt county first 50,333.15; Dobson Brothers, Lin- trains. nd second grade school children oln, \$51,394.78; Missouri Valley will be delayed one week. Construction Co., Omaha, \$51,-65.30; Diamond Engineering Co., Originally the first shots .vere to be administered today (Thurs-Grand Island, \$54,312.01. day) and Friday at O'Neill and

Acceptance of one of three lowest bids pends ratification by the U.S. bureau of roads. According to Miss Alice French of O'Neill, Holt county super-The contract specifies start of construction about May 16. intendent of public instruction, the new dates for administration of the first polio shots are Thurs-The street - widening, which

lay and Friday, April 28 and 29, at O'Neill. A new schedule has been fixed for the first and secgraders in the Atkinson ond area

Atkinson.

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to retain two U.S. federal high-The initial shots will be given Thursday afternoon, April 28, at business district. the Atkinson school auditorium Meanwhile, at Lincoln today for the first and second graders (Thursday) bids will be opened

in that area. Rural pupils looking for the new West O'Neill corner to Atkinson for administration of and 1.5 miles of bituminous mat shots will be received at 3 p.m. Miss French, who is coordi-At a special meeting of the city council Monday, the board stud-ied revisions of old ordinances

nator for Salk vaccine inoculations among the first and second graders, explained Wednesday the vaccine is being delayed in arrival about one week.

street between Benton (school The delay is widespread in the corner) and the city limits on nation, chiefly because serum has the south edge of the city. had to be diverted to Southern, The "U" restrictions will not states where a polio epidemic

O'Neill schedule: Thursday, April 28: St. An-thony's hospital (north door); 8:30 a.m.—first and second grad-

barassed", and likewise the two ers of St. Mary's academy and The council has been confrontmissed "accidentally". The clock O'Neill public school; 9 a.m.ed with more municipal<sup>8</sup> water ticked on and the pronouncers by first and second graders of Page, problems. It's the same old story by Postmaster General Summernow were well down the list of Inman and Chambers public -a diminishing water supply due field and Assistant Postmaster

erected.

north to the drive-in theater cor-

and adopted a resolution making

"U' turns unlawful anywhere on

Douglas street and on Fourth

become effective until 30 days

after publication of the amend-

ed ordinance and until appro-

priate signs and markings are

Holt county rural school pupils spent Wednesday in O'Neill at

At 10 o'clock the harmony

various activities.

tos and filling in the wells. Deep- General E. George Seidle, who is Friday, April 29: St. Anthony's er wells, down to blue shale, may in charge of all postal transpor-(north door); 9 a.m.-first and be the answer. The city's best tation in the nation. Nebraska's second graders of Ewing and rural districts which have elected O'Neill as site for Salk inocula-

capable of delivering 1,200 gal-Second shots at O'Neill will be administered within four weeks Mayor-Elect Alva Marcellus sat on dates to be announced. A to-

in at Monday's session. here.

The Atkinson schedule has been Rural Pupils Take revamped, compared to the initial schedule which was publish-Part in Rehearsals ed last week.

The inoculations will be administered for all first and second graders in that area-numbering 231-on Thursday after-noon, April 28, at the public school auditorium.

In field trials the Salk vaccine was found to be 80 to 90 percent effective in preventing paralytic practice.

Alternate Choice

panied on the piano by Mrs. Howard Manson. The lower **Turns** Out Okay grades were directed by Mrs.

Walters. ROCK FALLS - It's not alto-

The city was brimming with gether a disappointment-when, children and parents. Six groups after hurrying to get all the farm toured The Frontier plant, "Voice chores finished early and the young fry all tidied up for the of The Frontier" radio studios second or third time in the day and o ther points of interest.

offices in Chicago, III., that ap- pense of delaying by a number propriate steps were being con- of hours some of the mail. Chadsidered for curtailing the two ron is a college town with a population of 4,200.

> Wayne Marcellus, auto dealer and president of the Bassett Chamber of Commerce, met postal and Save-the-Trains officials and escorted them to a buffet dinner in a private din-ing room at the new hotel.

A fleet of decorated automo-biles was at the disposal of the eight-months' experiment with streamlined equipment; the quickly - formed Save-the-Trains town's temporary guests, trans-porting the rail boosters to cafes. was the subject of a hot munici-pal election and litigation, affects passenger and express support But as the trains rolled through

the luscious sandhills with stops certain portions of Douglas street and promised inquiry into the at each station to pickup die and South Fourth street in order postal transportation reroutings hards, Mr. Marcellus hovered over the telegrapher's shoulder

ways on location through the Passenger business bounced at the station. The word was passed the hosts would have back, some bigger stations reporting monthly gains up to 300

more guests on hand than origipercent over corresponding peri- nally bargained for. Immediateods a year ago. Declines in exly plans were made to transfer press revenues were arrested, but (Continued on page 6) the train-savers had confidence

Boy, 14, Suffers from Blood Loss

13, from the Omaha terminal There was a collision of two (one of the nation's largest) was automobiles about 4:30 p.m., Sun-1,700; in October, 1954, the figure day at the intersection of Second was 1,100; in January, 1955, 866. and Clay streets. Cars driven by The nifty Rock county high school band whooped up "There Keith Anderson, 17, son of Mr. Is No Place Like Nebraska" as and Mrs. Merrill Anderson of two special trains inched into Redbird, and Paul Shelhamer, town, bulging with 308 train-sav- 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shelhamer of O'Neill, figured in the ers. The specials were hurriedly accident. contrived when it was learned

that Lawrence E. Ernst, chief of Authorities said the Anderson the postoffice department's railmachine overturned twice and vay transportation service, would came to rest against a tree. In be present. He was dispatched to the field overturning, the Anderson ma-

chine also hit a parked car belonging to Herman Janzing.

Deputy Sheriff James Muller, who investigated, said two passengers in the Anderson machine were hospitalized: Victor Pickervell now produces about 650-gal- Sens. Roman Hruska (R) and ing, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. to sand filling in the wells: Deep- Carl T. Curtis (R) were assured Claude Pickering of Redbird, and mand for water makes it almost by Summerfield that Ernst would Victor's younger brother, imperative the city have a well be authorized to make decisions. Lynn, 13. Victor suffered a deep Ernst and V. A. Klein, head of leg gash and lost considerable the Fourteenth division of the blood. DeLynn suffered only postal transportation service at bruises and was released. Neith-)maha, and J. J. Bornhoeft, head or driver was hurt.

of the Tenth division at St. Paul, In a mishap at the corner of Jinn., plus their aides, faced up Second and Douglas streets Satto their problems early by board- urday about 8:30 p.m., cars driven ing the westbound special origi-nating at Omaha. The second Charles Fox, jr., of O'Neill, figtrain originated at the western ured in a collision. The westbound terminus, Chadron. Bassett is a Linehart machine was attempting midway point. n "U" turn. Damage was not

great, Mullen said. When the train-savers were





**7th Grade Competition Tough** 

By a Staff Writer Fifth grade—Danelia Whitaker, "circumstance", "efficient", "as-So you think you can spell? district 107, daughter of Mr. and sociate", "citizenship", 'criti-

Sixth grade-Bonnie Crumly,

Seventh grade- Janet Krug-

Eighth grade-Marlene Beck, district 36, daughter of Mr. and eighth grade words. Mrs. Ralph Beck. It was "colonel"-the army of-But the keen competition was ficer-that ousted Glenda. She handedly upheld the honor of the in the seventh grade. Fourteen missed two tries and Janet missboys in a nest of gal champions, contestants began the spelling bee ed once, spelling it correctly the successfully spelled button to win third grade laurels. He is the son Mrs. Ruby Holcomb as the judge. second time. Complete list of awards pre-By 2:30 all contestants had been sented and officials: Bonnie Clifford triumphed on eliminated except Janet Krug-

tion"

Grade Eight

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the word "neighbor's" - even man, district 60, and Glenda First (blue ribbon)-Marlene Beck, district 36; Mrs. Thaine tal of 404 pupils will be treated It was 3:05 - and humpteen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert words later-before Miss Krug-Humphrey, teacher.

Second (red) - June Carson,

Clifford and won top fourth man was declared the winner. The two handily chewed up such aistrict 32; Mrs. Schollmeyer,

Second shots at Atkinson will be administered on a date to be of her pupils. innounced.

polio.

Koenig Completes 4-Year Enlistment\_

EWING-S/Sgt. Jerry Koenig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Koenig, arrived home Wednesday, April 13. He received his discharge from the air force at Westover AFB, Mass., having completed a four-year enlistment.



Champion Holt county raral school spellers: Front row-Danelia Whitaker, fifth grade; John Wabs, third; Bonnie Clifford, fourth; back row-Bonnie Crumly, sixth; Janet Krugman, seventh; Marlene Beck, eighth .- The Frontier Photo.

and loaded into the family car, (Photographs of Frontier visitors you drive to a neighbor's only to will appear in the next issue). find that that neighbor has done GOING OVERSEAS the same thing. After turning reluctantly toward home again, Lt. Donna Shelhase, an army you decide to call on another nurse, departed Sunday for an family and spend a very pleasant overseas assignment. Her first evening after all - as was the stop will be Yokahama, Japan. case on Sunday when Mr. and She has been visiting her parents, Mrs. John Schultz and girls vis- Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shelhase, for ited at the Albert Widtfeldt home. the past 30 days. • •

Two cars driven by teenagers collided at intersection of Clay and Benton streets about 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The Shelhamer car (in background) remained upright; the Anderson machine (at right) overturned twice. (Story below.)-The Frontier Photo.