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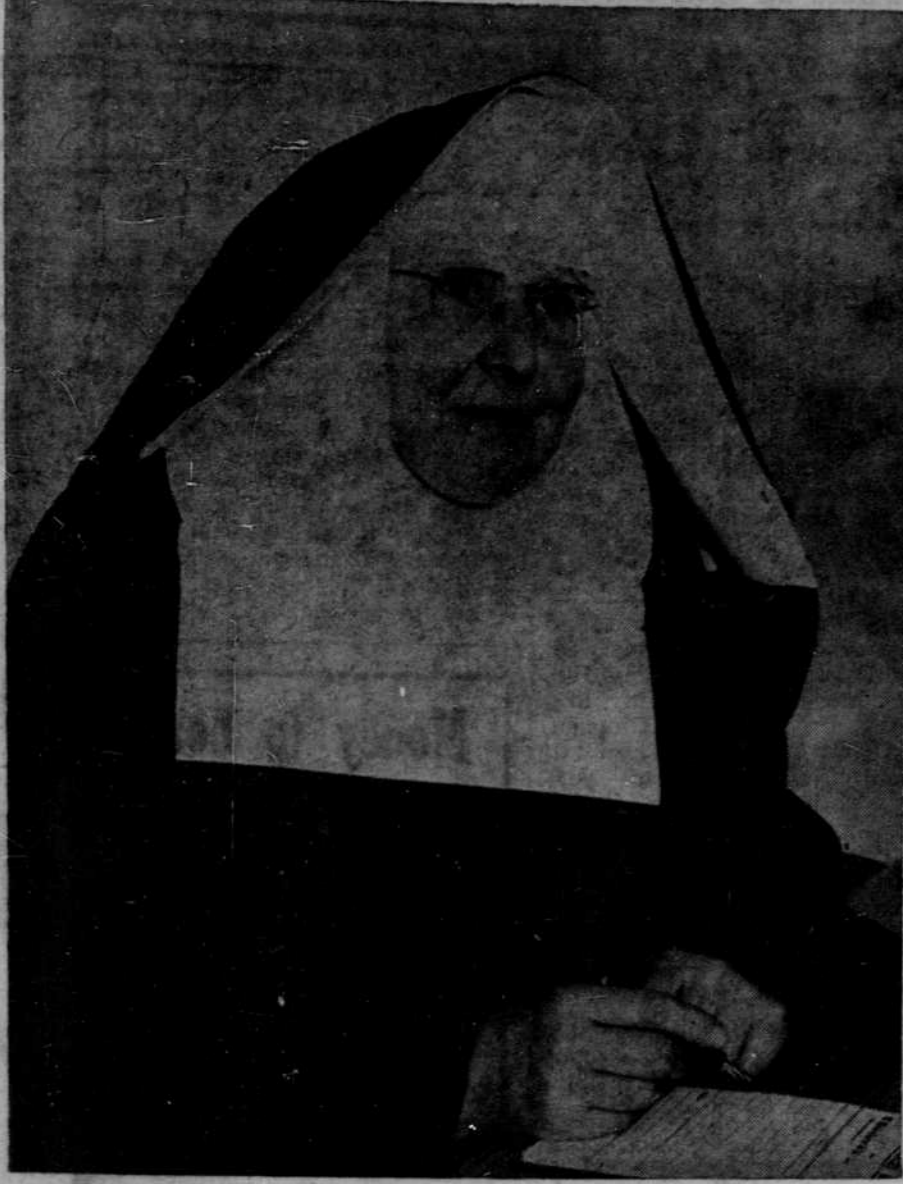
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Ewing Man Struck by Locomotive

Slowing Train Hits 'White Object' at Clearwater Station

EWING—Cecil A. Bergstrom, 43, who operated the Sinclair service station in Ewing, was killed early Saturday morning, July 23, when he was struck by the 1:05 east-bound Chicago & North Western passenger train at the Clearwater depot.

C&NW officials reported Bergstrom was lying curled up between the rails when he was struck by the diesel engine.

Only the pilot of the diesel engine passed over Mr. Bergstrom's body, and he was not struck by the wheels, the railroad reported.

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Reverend Dix to Speak Here

The annual Holt county Sunday-school group gathering will be held Sunday, July 31, at the Homer Ernst grove northwest of O'Neill.

The morning service starts at 10 o'clock. Rev. C. P. Turner will be the morning speaker. The afternoon service starts at 1:30 o'clock with Missionary Earl E. Dix of Butte as speaker. He is a returned Africa missionary.

"Everyone is welcome to these services," a spokesman said.

Gambles Plan Birthday Event

Manager Henry Lofflin of Gambles in O'Neill reports intensive preparations are being completed for the firm's 21st anniversary sale to be held during August.

It was 21 years ago Gambles-Skogmo, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn., then at the ripe young age of nine, decided to establish an O'Neill company-owned and operated store.

From a modest beginning the store has grown into a 3 1/2-floor department store, the biggest in north-central Nebraska.

Mr. Lofflin says all shoppers in the area will be entertained while they shop on Thursdays and Saturdays during the sales event.

Purchases of "little or no profit items" were made six months ago in preparation for the August birthday party. Each week these items, including furniture, appliances and clothing, will be offered at "real savings," Mr. Lofflin declares.

Gambles are inviting those who are usually inclined or trained to enter music contests. There are no age limits or disqualifications. Anyone so inclined is invited to compete.

Mr. Lofflin explains. Each contestant will be paid at the rate of one dollar per hour for the time they perform. The public will vote on the popularity of the performers considered best.

Each dollar spent on any one floor entitles a customer to one vote for his favorite entertainer. The contestants receiving the most votes at the end of the month will receive \$20 in cash.

Each contestant is to furnish his or her own instrument. Performances will be on Thursday and Saturday afternoons and evenings throughout the month unless numerous entries make it necessary to offer time on other days of the week.

Top contestants will be permitted to broadcast on "Voice of The Frontier" programs, which will originate on Wednesday from Gambles furniture (third) floor.

The public is invited to watch the half-hour broadcasts, starting at 9:30 a.m. Broadcast dates from Gambles are August 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Mr. Lofflin suggests that all candidates stop in as soon as possible at the office in the store so that performance schedules can be worked out.

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Teacher in Dramatic Recovery

Late in the afternoon on May 18 three sisters were enroute to their farm home northeast of Page. They had spent the afternoon at a rural school where the oldest of the sisters, Miss Thelma Summers, 17, had just completed teaching a term of school. They had spent the day mopping up the place . . . the car was filled with books, papers and personal effects belonging to the teacher, who was contemplating a long and enjoyable summer.

Riding homeward with her that afternoon were her two sisters, Leona, 16, and Joyce, 12. Suddenly, with a rending crash two cars collided on an intersection on a country road 13 miles east of O'Neill.

The three girls were taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's hospital. Two men in the other car, Louis Juracek and Henry Meyers, both of Niobrara, were taken to Creighton for medical attention.

Doctors soon determined Leona and Joyce were not seriously hurt and would recover. From Creighton came word the men were not badly injured.

She said: "No." That was her first word after a prolonged, agonizing silence. More words came. Last week her Wesleyan Methodist church group held a picnic in the Page park and she conversed with most of them.

Thelma now walks about the house—with assistance. She writes and has pasted together a scrapbook. The first clipping, taken from the May 19 issue of The Frontier, was headed: "Driver, 17, Critically Injured."

One day she asked to be driven to the scene of the accident. She had never known the intersection was strewn with books, papers, broken glass, blood and auto wreckage.

About the future? Miss Summers, now 18, hopes to recover sufficiently to resume teaching at the start of the second-half of the 1955-56 term.

She has baffled the medics since that fatal May 18 afternoon. At the clip she is traveling on the road to recovery, she might be back in the teaching groove sooner than that.

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Holt Youths Break Jail at Lynch BUTTE—Three Holt county youth, who were sentenced to jail at Lynch last week and later broke out of jail, are back in custody and serving their sentences in the Boyd county jail here.

The three are James Kubik and William W. Osborne of O'Neill and Lavern Thurlow of Stuart. They were arrested at Lynch on charges of disturbing the peace and molesting two Lynch girls, and were meted 30 days in jail by the police judge there.

After breaking out of jail they returned to Holt county. Sheriff Claude Collins Butler went to Holt county during the weekend and returned the three to the Boyd county jail, where they are now serving out the sentences.

Old Settlers to Reunite—The annual Old Settler's picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 2, at the Elmer Dvall grove, where it has been held in the past. There is much interest in the picnic this year and additional entertainment is being planned.

NEW LOCATION—Wick's Body Shop will be open for business Monday, August 1, in their new, larger building, situated on US highways 20-281, two blocks north of Earley's Service Station. The firm, owned by Marlin Wichman, formerly was located on West Douglas.

BREAKS COLLARBONE ATKINSON—Ronald Bouska, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bouska of Atkinson fell from a haystack last Thursday and suffered a fractured collarbone. He is in Atkinson Memorial hospital.

According to the results of a study made by the B. F. Goodrich company, American families are driving 700 miles more per year than they drove 15 years ago.

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Mercury at 104; Rain Brings Relief

Tuesday was a memorable day in Holt county on two counts: 1. The mercury climbed to 104 degrees officially the highest mark for the season.

2. Thunder showers during the afternoon and evening chased away the torrid temperatures and broke a dry spell, which had the pastures, the growing corn crop, lawns and gardens on the ropes.

Showers set in about 11:15 p.m., at O'Neill after rain had threatened since late afternoon. Intermittent rainfall until midnight brought .30 of an inch officially.

Meanwhile, Atkinson enjoyed a 45-minute mid-afternoon shower which brought welcomed moisture, totaling about half an inch.

Monowi and Verdell received afternoon showers and Plainview and Page were on the privileged list early Tuesday evening.

The Chambers locality Tuesday received about an inch of moisture. There was a good shower about 8 o'clock and a shower later in the night.

Lloyd Glead, who lives six miles west of Chambers, said water was standing on his place and described it as a "wonderful rain."

The Deloit community on the Wheeler-Holt county line salvaged only a drop from the scattered showers. North of Ewing at the Frank Cronk, Walter Sojka, Lyle Davis, Herbert Kemper places more than an inch fell. Mr. Cronk, who lives north of Emporia or about 12 miles north of Page, estimated "well over an inch" at his farm.

The town of Ewing fared about like O'Neill—30 of an inch.

Vincent M. Thiele, who lives six miles west of Clearwater, said .80 of an inch of moisture was recorded Tuesday night at his place although neighbors to the south received only a sprinkle.

While the ground was so thirsty the meager amount of moisture was immediately soaked up, the showers broke the dry spell and more showers are forecast today (Thursday).

Harold Summers, who lives about 12 miles northeast of Page, has harvested 50-bushel average oats. They were planted April 25 and fertilizer was used. Ivan Heiss, in the same area, cut 45-bushel oats planted about the same time without fertilizer.

All ranchers in the Amelia locality are busy haying. The crop is reported "very light" on the high ground but "quite good" on the lower ground.

Farmers and ranchers are rushing around to get the harvesting and haying done. The ladies are coming and helping in the fields. Could use a little moisture in the Deloit community.

Oats are turning out better than expected in the Riverside community, east of Ewing. This is particularly true in view of the dry spring.

"Corn and alfalfa need a lot of rain," according to Mrs. Carl Christian, The Frontier's correspondent there. "Harvesting and haying are in full swing."

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With Secret Service During War

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City Golf Qualifying Rounds Begin—Qualifying play for the city-wide golf tournament starts this week at the Country club.

All players are to turn in their qualifying scores to A. P. Jaskowiak by Tuesday, August 2. There will be flights for all players, Jaskowiak said.

Company D Will Leave for Ripley

Tank Outfit Joining Other Guards for Two-Week Period

Two officers and 49 enlisted men, representing company D of Nebraska's 195th national guard tank battalion, will leave O'Neill early Sunday for a two-weeks' encampment at Camp Ripley, Minn.

The commander, Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., said the unit would assemble earlier and leave the armory at 7:30 a.m., for a fortnight of active duty.

A noon stop will be made at Sioux City and the company will bivouac that night at Marshall, Minn. The convoy will continue on to Ripley on Monday. Ripley is located near Brainerd in the Minnesota north woods country. Thousands of guardsmen from several midwestern states will converge there for the training period. The active duty dates are July 31 to August 14.

The O'Neill tankers are looking forward to field training conditions with tanks.

The roster registers are O'Neill except as designated: Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., commanding officer; 2/Lt. Ben Vidricksen, deputy commanding officer, both of O'Neill.

M/Sgt. Erwin W. Kramer (first sergeant).

Sergeants first-class: Robert W. Amen, Harmon M. Grunke, Lowell E. Nesbitt, Edward T. Schmucker of Atkinson.

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Young Mother Buried at Albion

Mrs. Loran M. Kruse, 36, mother of two children, died at 1:10 a.m., Monday, July 25, at her home located 16 miles south of O'Neill and one mile east. She had been ill nine months.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, from the Bethany Presbyterian church, east of Chambers, with Rev. Ralph Chamberlain of Grand Island officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery at Albion under the direction of Biglins.

Palbearers were Mark Gribble, Charles Fauquier, Ralph Hoffman, Max Farrier, Omar McClanahan and Emil Klabenec.

The late Mrs. Kruse, whose maiden name was Veva Laraine Hinkle, was born November 16, 1918, in Platte county, a daughter of G. W. and Ella Eschliman Hinkle.

On May 11, 1940, at Fullerton she married Loran M. Kruse. The couple became the parents of two sons and one daughter. One son, Gary Loran, died in infancy.

The Kruses came to Holt county in March, 1943, from Boone county.

The late Mrs. Kruse was a member of Bethany church, the Ladies Aid society of that church, and the Rebekah lodge.

Survivors include: Widower—Loran; daughter—Karen Ann, 14, at home; son—James Randall, 10, at home; parents—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hinkle of Albion; brothers—Everett Hinkle of Buckley, Ariz.; Elmer Hinkle of Petersburg; Vilas Hinkle of Selah, Wash.; and Merle Hinkle of Ogallala. Sisters—Mrs. Melvin (Dolores) Hovelsrud of Petersburg and Mrs. Gerald (Maxine) Walthor of Loreto.

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