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O'Neill high royalty, Shirley Schultz and Kenneth Backhaus crowned at homecoming prom.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Driver, 74, Is Fatally Injured

Alma Drayton Dies in Norfolk Hospital; Rites Held Monday

ORCHARD—Mrs. Alma Drayton, 74, widow of the late John Francis Drayton, was fatally injured Friday when her 1953 model northbound car left a county road about three miles east of Orchard and 2 3/4 miles north. The machine struck a tree near the Miller farm.

Mrs. Miller heard the crash, investigated and summoned a doctor. Mrs. Drayton was in a semiconscious condition and was rushed to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk. Later, she became unconscious and she died early Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, October 24, from the Evangelical United Brethren church here. Rev. Walter Millett, church pastor, and Mrs. Ralph Antisdell of Norfolk, a Christian Science reader, officiated.

Mrs. Howard Berg of Norfolk was vocal soloist and Mrs. Harvey Holbrook, sr., of Orchard was organist.

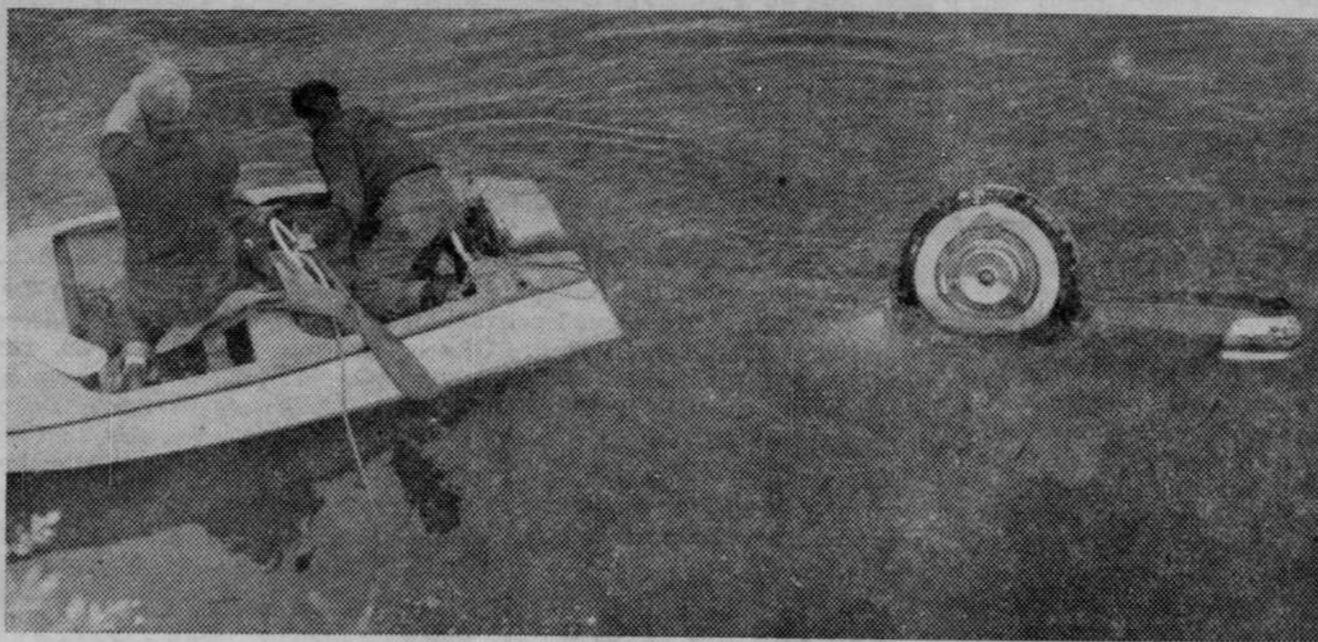
Burma Howard, daughter of Mrs. Howard Berg, was in the Orchard cemetery and pallbearers were John Auman, sr., of Orchard, Everett Johnson of Royal, Ted Derry, George Jeffrey and Harold Rice, all of Neligh, and Wilbur Brown of O'Neill.

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Four young people including a former O'Neill youth, Lowell Callaway, 23, drowned in Callaway's car (see wheel) which plunged into the water of a gravel pit at the southeast edge of Norfolk.—Photo courtesy Norfolk Daily News.

Former O'Neill Youth, 3 Others Drown in Pit

Four young persons, including a 23-year-old former O'Neill youth, perished Saturday night when a car in which they were riding skidded into a Norfolk Gravel company pit at the southeast edge of Norfolk.

Dead are: LOWELL A. CALLAWAY, 23, of Ainsworth, a freshman at the University of Nebraska, formerly of O'Neill. KAREN UPTON, 19, of Madison. JANNIES LEE PREUSS, 18, of Madison. DALE STEWART, JR., 20, of Madison, also a freshman at the university.

The 1954 convertible car, recently acquired by young Callaway, was traveling a private lane and plunged about 15 feet into the water.

The wheels of the car protruding above the water were discovered by Art Dreyer of Norfolk, who farms near the gravel pit. He summoned the owner of the pit and also authorities.

Investigating officers observed that one of the watches had stopped at 10:40 o'clock, indicating the hour of the accident, which presumably took place Saturday night.

A gun and shotgun shells were found in the car. Callaway and Stewart had told friends in Lincoln they were going to Madison to hunt pheasants.

It is theorized the driver might have been turning the car around when it slipped into the water. The deputy Madison

county coroner said there would be no inquest.

The ignition, lights and radio were switched to the "on" positions.

About four feet of skid marks indicated the driver saw that the lane was not wide enough as the car neared the edge.

Mr. Callaway was the son of Connie C. Callaway of Ainsworth. He was born June 26, 1932 near Stuart.

He spent his boyhood living north of Stuart, also at Bassett, O'Neill and Ainsworth. He spent his first three years of high school at O'Neill and was graduated in 1950 from Ainsworth high school. He entered the air force in the fall of 1950 and spent over three years in Europe and North Africa. This fall he entered the university and intended to be an engineer.

He brought back a foreign-made automobile and recently traded it for the 1954 Buick. Callaway spent the October 15-16 weekend with his parents and took his hunting gun back to Lincoln with him, indicating he planned several hunting trips.

Callaway and Stewart reached the Stewart home at Madison about 6:30 p.m., Saturday.

Callaway's survivors include: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Connie C. Callaway of Ainsworth; sisters—Mrs. Harold (Jean) Calkins of O'Neill, Mrs. Don (Joan) Jackson of Ainsworth, Emma Jo, at home; brothers—Con Carrol at Ladd air force base, Fairbanks, Alaska, and John Fred-

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Organized Treat Program Planned

The citywide Halloween party for O'Neill youngsters will be held on Monday, October 31. First and second graders will meet at the First Presbyterian church, 7 p.m. Third and fourth graders from the two O'Neill schools are to meet at the Methodist church at 7.

Fifth to eighth graders will gather at O'Neill high school, the high school students, at the American Legion auditorium.

An organized trick-or-treat campaign will be used for underprivileged children.

California Arrives—Mrs. Spence Spensley of Hollywood, Calif., arrived Sunday, October 16, to visit her father, Elmer Henshaw, and the Ivan Cones.



Callaway . . . attended O'Neill high school for three years. (Story at left.)



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Red-and-white crepe streamers decorated the entrance to the room. Pictures of each team member and the coach were placed in each window. A huge football and the letters "SMA" were placed behind the throne.

Miss Angela Zakrzewski and Thomas Head were announced as king and queen of the homecoming activities during halftime of the game. At the intermission, Miss Barbara Miller and Raymond Donoho, attendants, crowned the royalty. Miss Miller placed the crown upon the head of the king and Mr. Donoho crowned the queen.

Several members of the SMA faculty will attend the teachers' convention. School will not close.

Sister Epiphany and Sister Imelda of the Good Shepherd convent in Omaha were guests of the Good Council club. They showed a film to the student body of the academy.

To Ak-Sar-Ben—

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kaczor were in Omaha over the weekend visiting relatives. They accompanied Mrs. A. Kaczor to the coronation ball at the Ak-Sar-Ben on Saturday night where Harry James and his orchestra played. Mr. and Mrs. John Latzel and Debby stayed with the Kaczor children, and did the chores during their absence.

Lad, 6, Sums Up Father's Accident

While doing carpentry work in the Inman Methodist church, Clifford Sawyer of Inman nearly lost his left hand in a power planing machine. Several fingers were nearly severed and his hand was badly mutilated.

He was visited in the hospital by his six-year-old son, Michael (better known as "Mickey"). Mr. Sawyer explained to his boy: "The good Lord was looking after your daddy, else I might have lost my whole hand."

The boy pondered the remark for a moment, then dryly observed: "He should have looked after you . . . you were working on His church!"

Mr. Sawyer was dismissed from the hospital following an eight-day stay and plans to resume work next Monday.

There was no sympathy for Ben Engler of Stuart Tuesday while grouse hunting in Rock county in the company of seven others from O'Neill and Emmet. Someone slammed a car door on his finger.

A sizeable chunk of the finger stayed in the glove. He removed the glove and the finger was bleeding considerably. The glove was emptied and the severed chunk dropped to the ground.

"I've seen better catfish bait," observed one of Engler's companions.

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3451 Angus Moved in 2-Day Sale

'Black Friday' Club Calves \$39.50 Cwt. Average at O'Neill

A total of 3,451 Aberdeen-Angus calves and yearlings were sold at Atkinson and O'Neill on successive "black Fridays" under the auspices of the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association.

The Atkinson sale included 2,322 head on Friday, October 14, and the O'Neill sale one week later—Friday, October 21—numbered 1,129 head.

In the Atkinson sale, the steer calves averaged \$24.19; heifer calves, \$18.90; yearling steers, \$19.72; yearling heifers, \$15.90.

At O'Neill the steer calves averaged \$23.06; heifer calves, \$18.55; yearling steers, \$20.36; yearling heifers, \$16.08.

In the 4-H club judging at Atkinson, Robert Vahle and Marquette Moles tied for first and second so they divided the prize money. Vahle, who is from Wisner, purchased steers from the Blaine Garwood herd of Amelia, paying the top price of the day—\$36.25.

Heifers from the M. W. Ellenwood herd, purchased by Moles of Norfolk, brought \$27.50.

Richard Langeier of Randolph placed third in judging. He paid \$23 for calves from the Clarence Heyne herd.

Seventy-one participated in the O'Neill judging. Edward Krugman of O'Neill won first. He purchased a purebred heifer from the Garwood herd at \$127.50. Don Moreel of Randolph was second and he paid \$140 for a Garwood heifer.

Brenda Beelaert of Page ranked third. She purchased a Garwood heifer for \$110.

Ivan Lau of Delmont, S.D., purchased the top-selling heifer for \$232.50. The top heifer also came from the Garwood herd.

Club calves averaged \$39.50.

Retired Atkinson Farmer Dies at 70

ATKINSON—John Tushla, 70, died Wednesday, October 19, at the Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been ill five years with a heart ailment.

The late Mr. Tushla was one of Atkinson's oldest native residents. He was born December 22, 1884, in a sodhouse on the homestead of his parents, located about three miles northeast of Atkinson. He never married and continued to operate the farm until five years ago.

Survivors include: Sisters—Mrs. Mary Gilg and Mrs. Frank (Anna) Keating; brothers—Peter and Sylvester Tushla, all of Atkinson; several nieces and nephews.

Rural Teachers to Hear Review

The Holt County Rural Teachers' association held its first meeting Wednesday evening, October 19, with 45 teachers present.

Mr. Stroh, vice-president of district III of the NSEA, explained social security and its advantages.

Miss Helen Martens introduced a tuberculosis poster contest. She said it is hoped each school will contribute some posters. The posters must be in Miss Alice French's office by November 20.

Following the business meeting, entertainment was furnished by group I. Lunch was prepared and served by groups XII and XIII.

Mrs. Henry Cannonberg of Bassett will give a book review at the next meeting which will be November 16. — By Bonita Muff, news reporter.

O'Neill High Honor Roll Is Announced

The O'Neill high school honor roll for the first six weeks has been announced.

Freshmen—Kornie Kutz, Betty Rodman, Joan Borth, Jeannette Fricke, Elaine Krugman, George Fuller.

Sophomores—Michael Liddy, Jane Petersen and Lynda Hayes.

Juniors—Linda Serck, Demaris Lindberg, Judy Liddy, Gary Holcomb, Vernetta Krogh, Marlene Ermer, Gordon Fox and Alta Mae Lyons.

Seniors—Mary Fetrow, Carolyn Lindberg, Kay Hibbs, Roger Niemeyer, Robert Burival and Marilyn Carroll.

Weekend guests at the Robert Moore home were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dimmitt of Long Beach, Calif.

Joseph Kubik, 70, Dies Suddenly

Funeral Rites Held Here Monday

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Light Snowfall Blankets Region

The weather made big news over the weekend. Holt county's snow awakened Sunday morning to find a skiff of snow covering the ground. But the thin, white blanket, highly laden with moisture, did not linger long. The snow quickly melted.

The wintry weather moved into the north-central part of the country, whitening most of Colorado, western and north-central Nebraska, southwestern North Dakota and part of Montana.

The mile-high city of Denver had two inches.

The touch of snow here amounted to 1/3 of an inch of moisture. The low temperature accompanying the snow was 31 degrees.

Summary: Hi Lo Prec.

October 20	73	38	
October 21	63	27	
October 22	76	49	
October 23	62	31	13
October 24	67	23	
October 25	80	39	
October 26	83	38	

Burwell Trucker Killed in Spill

BURWELL—A Burwell man was killed late Saturday night when the truck he was driving crashed. The victim was 49-year-old Hap Meade.

The state highway patrol said his truck went out of control and overturned in a ditch 11 miles north of Burwell on Nebraska highway 11. Meade was alone in the truck.

He had been associated with Ralph Kelly in the well business and was well-known in southwestern Holt county.

Carney Rodeo Arena Set for 2-Day Show

The new rodeo arena in Carney park is ready for its first formal usage.

The O'Neill Saddle club has scheduled a two-day exhibition which will feature 100 wild bucking horses being shipped from the Badlands region of South Dakota by veteran showman Walt Pluge.

Matinees will be held on both days—Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30—starting at 2 p.m. (Consult two big advertisements on page 9.)

Schultz, Backhaus O'Neill High Royalty

The O'Neill high school student body staged its first annual homecoming Friday evening at the American Legion auditorium following the O'Neill-Neligh game.

Blue and white streamers decorated a "goal post", which served as the entrance to the dance floor. Pennants decorated the side walls and a huge paper-mache eagle was the center of attention on the back wall of the stage.

During the 11 o'clock intermission, Miss Shirley Schultz, senior, was crowned queen and Kenneth Backhaus, senior, was crowned king of the 1955 homecoming dance. Basketball Coach Elmer Murman placed the crown upon the head of the queen and the traditional kiss upon her cheek. Football Coach Marvin Miller crowned the king.

The queen, daughter of Mrs. John Kersensbrock, appeared in a gown of yellow net and taffeta, topped by the white velvet queen's robe. Her bouquet was of white daisies and red roses. Beverly Linquist, senior attendant, wore a dress of orchid net and taffeta. Judy Liddy, junior attendant, appeared in a blue net and taffeta gown. Sharon Nelson, sophomore attendant, and Jeannette Fricke, freshman attendant, wore gowns of yellow net and taffeta. All of the attendants carried large white chrysanthemums with blue "O's" in the centers.

Vernon Passieux was senior attendant to the king. Junior attendant was Donald ("Skip") McKenny. Wayne Baker served as sophomore attendant and Ronnie Smith was freshman attendant.

Miss Schultz's activities include Pep club, cheer leader, FFA, band, annual editor, and student council. The king is a member of FFA, "O" club, Thespians, and is class treasurer. He participates in football, basketball and track.

Fat Coyotes Bagged; Explain Sheep Losses

ROCK FALLS—Instead of the usual rounding up of cattle in one of the pastures on one of the ranches, there was a change of pace on Sunday afternoon when Alden Bresner and sons, Russell, Lonnie and Phillip, rounded up coyotes and caught two out of a pack of five.

They reported "the coyotes were extra large, fine-furred fellows, probably due to growing diet of lamb chops". The animals were caught near the Bob Gallagher home. Mr. Gallagher has lost many of the lambs due to the ravenous coyotes.

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The couple became the parents of five children—two of whom are deceased.

Mr. Ellis raised black cattle and "quite a number of horses" during the years he farmed. He spent three years at Page in the



Mr. and Mrs. Ellis . . . married 60 years.—The Frontier Photo.

Romance Began in Dorsey School

DORSEY—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis, 83- and 81-years-old, respectively, celebrated their 60th wedding