



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fluckey . . . spend 36 1/2 years on same farm.—The Frontier Photo.

Fluckeys Observe Golden Wedding

'Frozen' Gas Tax Money Released

Holt's Share \$39,167; Pinch Felt

Holt county last Thursday received a warrant for \$39,167.88 from State Treasurer Frank Heintze. The amount represented Holt's share of "frozen" gas tax money which had been held pending a ruling on Nebraska's gasoline tax distribution laws. Heintze had brought suit against all the counties and deposited nearly three-million-dollars with the Lancaster county district court. Some of the more populous counties (notably Douglas and Lancaster) had contended that Heintze used an outdated formula in determining how the counties should share.

Most counties, including Holt, had felt the financial pinch when the gas tax money for three months—October, November and December, 1954—was held up for a year.

Holt Treasurer J. Ed Hancock said the money will be distributed like this:

Villages	\$ 1,399.09
Bridge	4,911.48
Road	12,278.68
Road-bridge	4,911.48
Mail route	15,667.15
Total	\$39,167.88

Former Residents Affected by Floods

Relentless rains fed overflowing rivers in northern California, southern Oregon, and western Nevada counties this week, making thousands of persons homeless during the Christmas holidays.

Flood victims include many former residents from this area. Among reports from former residents in the disaster area:

Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis and family, who reside at Novato, Calif., were forced to abandon their home located about 40 miles north of San Francisco. Mrs. Curtis is the former Betty Biglin, daughter of Mrs. F. J. Biglin of O'Neill.

Mrs. Curtis's brother, Dr. Robert Biglin of Reno, Nev., reported to his mother here a breakdown of heat, water and sewer facilities in the gambling capital, which was cut in two by the outflow Truckee river.

Willard Gray of Lodi, Calif., known as Page, helped with filling of sandbags to prevent flooding there. He reported to his wife, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lund at Scotia, that people were being evacuated from nearby Stockton, Calif., but until Christmas none had been forced to leave Lodi.

Mrs. Willard Gray will return to California in time for new year's. Mr. and Mrs. John Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, all of Page, visited with Mrs. Willard Gray Sunday at Scotia.

'Grandma' Evans Travels to Store to Buy Supplies

VENUS—"Grandma" Evans 93, picked out a springlike day last week to go to the Venus store to lay in the winter's supply of foodstuffs.

She made the trip Saturday with her son, Harrison.

"Grandma" Evans observed: "It's such a nice day I decided it was time to go to some shopping. Besides, I haven't been out much this winter."

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This Issue

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O'Neillite Dies While on Vacation

Miss Helen Gallagher Fatally Stricken in LaCrosse, Wisc.

Miss Helen Gallagher, 46, a twin daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gallagher, pioneer O'Neill merchants, died suddenly at 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, while visiting relatives in LaCrosse, Wisc.

She and her twin sister, Miss Hilda, third grade teacher in the O'Neill city schools, had left O'Neill last Thursday to go to LaCrosse to spend the holidays with their brother, Dr. Frank Gallagher, a prominent LaCrosse physician and surgeon, and their uncle, Dr. E. E. Gallagher, also prominent in Wisconsin medical circles.

The remains will arrive in O'Neill Friday morning. A rosary rite will be held at Biglin's funeral chapel at 8 p.m., Friday.

Requiem high mass will be offered at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 31, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

The late Miss Gallagher was born March 28, 1909, at O'Neill. Her grandfather, Michael Gallagher, one of the early settlers of the community, homesteaded 2 1/2 miles east of here. Her mother was the former Winnie McEnimy, who was born in Canada.

The twin sisters attended elementary grade school at St. Mary's academy here for three years and finished their grade, high school and college work together at Loreto Heights, Denver, Colo. Miss Helen received a bachelor's degree in education.

For health reasons she spent one year in Arizona in younger life. The family store here was closed in 1949 following the death of the store manager, Miss Mamie Meer.

Survivors include: Twin sister—Miss Hilda of O'Neill; brother—Dr. Frank Gallagher of LaCrosse; uncle—Dr. E. E. Gallagher of LaCrosse; aunt—Mrs. Agnes Becher of Casper, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her father, who died many years ago, and her mother, who died in 1948.

The late Miss Gallagher was a member of St. Patrick's church, Altar society, and St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary.

The Gallagher sisters have always maintained their home at the corner of Eighth and East Douglas streets.

Father Lisco, 42, Dies in Minnesota

Rev. Raymond Lisco, 42, a native of Silver Creek and former assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic church here, died Saturday at Thief River Falls, Minn.

Funeral masses were at Crookston, Minn., on Monday and at Our Lady of Lourdes church, Omaha, on Tuesday.

Father Lisco was ordained in December, 1943. He was assistant pastor at Assumption church at Omaha until May, 1945, when he transferred to O'Neill. He was assistant here and St. Mary's academy athletic director until June, 1947. He served at Flagstaff, Ariz., before going to Minnesota. He went from O'Neill to Boys Town.

Survivors include: Mother—Mrs. Marie Lisco of Omaha; sisters—Mrs. Margaret Peter and Mrs. Blanche Curran, both of Omaha.

Mrs. Hazel Coulter Wins Mink Stole

Mrs. Hazel Coulter of O'Neill was declared the winner in the mink stole contest sponsored by the New Outlaw in West O'Neill, which was announced by Manager Phil Cohn. The presentation was made Wednesday afternoon.



Two Christmas babies were born in St. Anthony's hospital here: Kare Ann Cameron, being held by her mother, Mrs. Donald Cameron of Chambers, and Nola Jeanne Angel, being exhibited by her mother, Mrs. Donovan Angel of Spencer.—The Frontier Photo.

Who'll Be No. 1 in '56 Holt Baby Derby?

Leading O'Neill merchants once again will shower the first-born Holt county baby in the new year. Thus, the \$64 question becomes: Who'll be number one in 1956? Like in previous years, the baby derby will get underway at the stroke of midnight, simultaneously with the arrival of the new year. To be eligible to cash in on the rich gift shower, the baby must be born within the boundaries of Holt county, and a blank (see page 5) must be filled-in by the proud parents and forwarded to the First Baby Editor, The Frontier, O'Neill.

Official winner will be proclaimed in the columns of The Frontier. "Voice of The Frontier" radio programs will keep the public posted on progress of the derby.

With a bit of luck the Monday, January 2, program (WJAG, 780 k.c., 9:30 a.m.) might have some derby news.

Occasionally in the past competition has been very keen with a matter of only a few hours separating the winner from the contenders. However, one year—1951—the stork dallied until January 7 to drop off the champ.

Full details of the shower gifts for the new royalty—the king or queen—may be found on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

The gifts in a nutshell: Case of Meadow Gold vitamin D milk, courtesy of Beatrice Foods, Inc.

Bed jacket for mother, compliments of the Apparel Shop.

Fresh-cut hospital bouquet from the Elkhorn Flower Shop.

Fried chicken dinner for the dotting parents, complimentary at the M&M Bakery & Cafe.

Choice of wallpaper for the nursery, free, from "Scovie's" Western Auto store.

Case of Gerber's baby food to first baby, compliments of the New Outlaw store.

Rezell Stork nurse and family thermometer with best wishes from Gilligan's Rexall Drug.

Ten-karat gold baby ring and an 1847 Rogers silver-plated infant's feeding spoon to be presented by McIntosh Jewelry.

One case of Heinz baby food with congratulations from Shelbamer Foods.

Pair of Red Goose shoes, famous for children, from McCavilles.

One dozen 3x5 mounted prints from a photo of the champ to be taken by the O'Neill Photo Co.



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Santa, Stork Assist with Xmas Babies

Santa gave the stork an assist late Christmas day—Sunday, December 25—at St. Anthony's hospital. Baby girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Angel of Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron of Chambers.

Nola Jeanne Angel was the first arrival, putting in her appearance at 9:28 p.m., and weighing 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

Kare Ann arrived little more than an hour later—at 10:57 p.m.—and weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. Kare Ann is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron of Chambers. Mrs. Cameron is the former Marcelle Tomjack of Ewing.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Ralph M. Morrow, 24, of O'Neill and Neva Mae Bauer, 22, of Ewing, December 23.

Owen Monroe Davis, 18, of O'Neill and Mildred Louise Crabb, 18, of O'Neill, December 24.

Joseph L. Bauer, 26, of Creighton and Earline May Woodworth, 19, of Orchard, December 27.

HEARING SET
A parole violation hearing for Nelson Gibson of Atkinson has been set for 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 4, by District Judge D. R. Mounds.

SPENCER—The village of Spencer, still paying for bond issues for pavement, power and sewer dating back to 1921, has arranged to refinance 20-year issue municipal bonds at 2 1/4 percent interest.

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The board holds 119-thousand-dollar worth of Spencer bonds, which fall due January 1. The municipality asks the board to refinance these bonds at 1 percent interest, like the present bonds.

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After the village defaulted on interest payments, the original bonds were replaced in 1936 by 20-year refunding issue of 274-thousand-dollars. The village has whittled this indebtedness to 119-thousand-dollars.

Auction Calendar
Wednesday, January 4: John and Cora Claussen, north of O'Neill; 114 head of cattle; lineup of good farming and having machinery; some household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly were thrilled upon receipt of an air mail special delivery Christmas letter advising them they are to be the recipients of a seven-day all-expense trip to Bermuda in March. Mr. Kelly, member of the James J. Kelly & Son plumbing firm, in October entered a 25-word contest sponsored by the Rheems hot water heater manufacturing firm. His entry was judged second throughout the nation. The Kellys will fly from Idlewild airport at New York City to Bermuda and return.—The Frontier Photo.

Syfie Rites in Atkinson; Dies At 80

Native of Syria to U.S. Alone at 16; Owns 1,500 Acres

ATKINSON—George Syfie, 80, owner and operator of the Phoenix community store between 1905 and 1947, died Friday, December 23, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been in failing health for several years and had been hospitalized on several occasions during the past four years.

The late Mr. Syfie was well-known in northern Holt and Boyd counties and in the Atkinson and O'Neill communities.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, December 26, from the Methodist church in Atkinson.

Burial was in the rural Phoenix cemetery.

The late Mr. Syfie was born in Syria, Lebanon, Asia Minor.

When he was 16-years-old he came to the United States alone. His mother and sister came to America years later.

In June, 1907, he married Edith Damerio at Butte.

He worked his way from Massachusetts to South Dakota, where he took a homestead in Lyman county, near the Keanebeck.

A few years later he came to Nebraska where he started a grocery store at Phoenix, northwest of O'Neill.

Mr. Syfie for many years operated the rural Phoenix postoffice in connection with the store.

He retired from active work when his son, George, jr., returned from military service in 1946. His parents and sister preceded him in death.

He was always active in farming and ranching, accumulating 1,500 acres of land and a fine herd of cattle.

Survivors include: Widow—Edith; daughters—Violet of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Adria (Eva) Mitchell of Atkinson; Mrs. Russell (Alma) Angus of Spencer, Mrs. John (Naomi) Schoberg of Omaha; son—George, jr., of the Phoenix community.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Miss Violet Syfie of Boulder, Colo.; Miss Bertha Bruders of Boulder, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. John Schoberg and family of Omaha; Ed George of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis of Winner, S.D.; Joe Syfie of Gregory, S.D.; Rev. and Mrs. Ray Haun of Atkinson; Mrs. Clint Miller of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Emmons of Bloomfield.

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