

Swingley Estate Value Fixed At \$203,457

Mrs. M. R. Marlatt Expires at Lynch

Longtime Resident of Boyd County

SPENCER — Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, January 6, from the Methodist church here for Mrs. M. R. Marlatt, 78, longtime resident of the Spencer and Bristow communities. Rev. Clyde A. Wells, church pastor, will officiate.

Mrs. Marlatt suffered a stroke late Friday, December 30, at her home, and was transferred by ambulance to Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch on new year's day. She died early Wednesday, January 4.

She was born November 11, 1877, at Blakesburg, Ia. Her maiden name was Gertrude Peck. She and her husband, who lived for many years south-west of Spencer, had been married 55 years. They had been living in Spencer the past four years.

Survivors include: Widower — Marlin; one son, who lives in Norfolk; two daughters—Mrs. Frank Locks of Spencer and Mrs. Melvin Hiatt of Bristow.

Lincolmites Hurt in One-Car Mishap

A Lincoln couple was hurt in a one-car automobile accident about 10:30 p.m. Friday on U.S. highway 281 about 14 miles north of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nelson, 2910 Dudley street, Lincoln, were in the car being driven by Mrs. Nelson. Their northbound machine went out of control when the car left the oil mat section of the highway and entered onto the gravel.

State Patrolman Robert Gude said the car overturned several times and went into the east ditch. Gude said a dip in the road at the east end of the oil mat and the speed of the car might have caused the accident.

Both Nelson and his wife were taken to St. Anthony's hospital by ambulance. Mr. Nelson suffered a dislocated shoulder and body scrapes. Mrs. Nelson suffered rather deep cuts on the upper portion of the body," the physician said. Both were released on Saturday.

There were no highway accidents in the O'Neill region during the long new year's weekend, Gude reported.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said peace incidents marred the holidays.

Oliver Cromwell Heart Victim

Oliver ("Scrappy") Cromwell, almost 50, a 28-year veteran employee of the O'Neill Photo company, died Wednesday, January 4, of a heart attack in Leola, S.D., while taking pictures.

Survivors include: Widow — Maxine; son—Gene of Yankton, S.D.; sisters—Mrs. Marvin Johnson of O'Neill and Mrs. Albert Miller of Emmet.

Polio Isn't Licked Campaign Theme

Polio isn't licked yet. That's the theme for the march of dimes drive in the city of O'Neill. The campaign began Tuesday, January 3, and extends through Monday, January 30.

Despite the extensive use of polio vaccine, the officials of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis state that vastly more funds are needed for care of sufferers and for additional research.

Committee heads for the campaign in O'Neill include: Bill Miller, business solicitation; Mrs. W. D. Melena, organizational gifts; Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve, mothers' march; Fred Heermann, special events and promotions; Lowell Nesbitt and Charles Richter, special sport events; Bill Perry, peanuts for polio; Don Petersen, publicity; James Lyons, school cards and sale of blue crutches.

Alan Van Vleck is city drive chairman.

City Council Again Rejects Liquor Bids

For the second time in two months the city council has rejected liquor license applications of Joyce Darling, doing business as the Town House, and Paul Beha, doing business as Slat's Supper club.

The council remained steadfast in its long-standing policy of restricting the number of licenses in the city.

When a similar hearing was conducted in November there was a third application. The other was an application for a beer license.

REMOVAL SALE

McCarvilles today (Thursday) are launching a removal sale. Prices have been reduced on stock to make easier the firm's forthcoming move into a new building.

The new building, situated between the Knights of Columbus building and the Johnson Jewelry, is in the finishing stages. (Details on sale on page 3.)

GIBSON GETS YEAR

Nelson Gibson of Atkinson, who appeared Wednesday before District Judge D. R. Mounts on charges of issuing no account checks and violation of parole, was sentenced to one year in the men's reformatory. Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack said he would take Gibson to Lincoln in a few days.

589 New Plates Issued Today

Holt County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock said 589 sets of 1956 license plates had been issued from his office until 5 p.m. Wednesday. The new plates went on sale Tuesday.

The Frontier for commercial printing

Half Hour Show!
"Voice of The Frontier"
WJAG
Mon. — Wed. — Sat.
9:30-10 A.M. — 780 k.c.

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4 Burned, 2 Seriously, in House Fire

Dismissal Likely in Tax Case

County's Demurrer Is Upheld by Court; Appeal Is Possible

An application for a temporary injunction against the Holt county equalization board, protesting real estate taxes and valuation increases, is expected to be tossed out or appealed within the next few days.

Plaintiffs in the protest action are Fred Boettcher, Daphne Kretschman, Alfred James, Louis Lauridsen, W. P. Elley, Jesse Clark, Joe Dobrovolsky, Albert Lemmer, Rudy Dvorak, Harold Shaw, Henry Dobrovolsky, Elaine Garwood, E. E. Gotschall, Anton Dobrovolsky and others.

Francis D. Lee of Atkinson is attorney for the plaintiffs, most of whom reside south and southwest of Atkinson.

On October 31, the Boettcher group filed a petition praying for a temporary injunction against the county in the collection of all real estate taxes based upon the increases in valuations made by the county board. E. T. Wilkins & Associates and a county reappraisal committee. These groups had fixed rural real estate values for 1955.

The petitioners asked the court for relief "for themselves and for all others similarly situated."

Subsequently, Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin filed a demurrer in behalf of the county board, claiming the plaintiffs had no cause of action or right to relief.

The defendants claimed they had not violated any procedural law and that they had acted properly and in good faith in accordance with the statutes.

On December 1 the attorneys argued the matter before District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh, who was invited into the action when District Judge D. R. Mounts of O'Neill disqualified himself.

Judge Jackson sustained the demurrer, held that the plain-

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Douglas Lynn (left) and Daniel Leon, identical twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Frahm of Amelia, arrived Tuesday morning in Atkinson Memorial hospital—the first-born in Holt county in the new year.—The Frontier Photo.

Frahm Twins Derby Winners

For the first time in the 10-year history of the Holt county first baby derby a multiple birth factored in determining the outcome.

Twin boys born early Tuesday, January 3, in Atkinson Memorial hospital become the 1956 co-champions. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Frahm of Amelia.

Dr. James Ramsay of Atkinson was the physician.

Douglas Lynn, weighing 5 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, arrived at 10 a.m., and Daniel Leon entered this world at 10:15, weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces.

At 10:30 a.m., Doctor Ramsay advised The Frontier of the arrival of the twin contenders for the title, and the word was flashed to the world at 10:45 by the "Voice of The Frontier" (WJAG, 780 k.c.)

Nineteen O'Neill merchants have set aside a host of gifts for the derby champion. By virtue of the dual birth, some of the O'Neill merchants participating in the shower hastily sent in word that duplicate awards will be made in some instances in which duplication is suitable.

No provisions in contest rules had been made for a twin situation. But the widespread rejoicing for the Frahms prompted the First Baby Editor to make a check of medical circles in the county. The official winner was to have been proclaimed in the January 12 issue.

"Chances are 999-to-1 that Douglas Lynn and Daniel Leon are the co-champions," the First Baby Editor declared.

Doug and Dan have a "big" sister. Her name is Patricia Lee, 3. "The twins are identical," according to the mother, "and they seem to be wonderful!"

The babies weren't named immediately, but hospital attendants had them labeled with "A" and "B" bracelets.

Mrs. Frahm's maiden name was Agnes Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Forbes of Rose, near Bassett.

Twins have not been uncommon for both the Frahm and Forbes sides of the family. Mrs. Frahm has an aunt and uncle who are twins. The father of the co-champs himself is a twin (he has a twin sister).

Pete Frahm of Amelia, the grandfather, was at the hospital when The Frontier's special events unit arrived. He said twins had been common in the family for many generations.

"My father was a twin . . . I

WEATHER SUMMARY

	Hi	Lo
December 29	23	3
December 30	23	7
December 31	42	8
January 1	35	23
January 2	45	22
January 3	45	22
January 4	48	25

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson, jr., and son, Harold, were new year's evening dinner guests at the Dwayne Philbrick home.

Pair Keeps Busy on 1,410-A Ranch

ATKINSON—Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. ("Charley") Mitchell surprised their parents Sunday, January 1, on the occasion of their parents' 55th wedding anniversary. The couple's farm home, located a half-mile south of the Niobrara river near the state highway 11 bridge, was filled with over 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mitchell, who will be 85 on May 30, was born near Shelbyville, Ind. His mother was of Irish origin and her name was Dugan. His father was a "Virginia Dutchman."

"I'm a Hoosier right from the start," boasts Mr. Mitchell.

He was 13-years-old when he accompanied his parents to Nebraska by train. He lived near Oakland seven or eight years and then moved to Stanton.

It was seven miles north of Stanton in a "Swede settlement" where he met Bertha Willey, who was born and reared in Stanton county.

Her people later moved to Venus (Knox county) and on January 1, 1901, C. E. Mitchell and Bertha Willey were married by Rock Stevens at Venus.

Mr. Mitchell jokingly remembers that Stevens was wearing fancy boots on the day of the wedding.

Their wedding day 55 years ago rivaled new year's day of 1956 as far as good weather was concerned. "There was no snow on the ground and the day was warm," Mrs. Mitchell recalled.

The couple lived near Middlebranch on a farm on the Holt-Knox county line between 1901 and 1907. The Willey family had moved onto a ranch north of Atkinson and in 1907 the young Mitchells moved onto the same place, where they have continued to reside for 48 years.

The place has been enlarged down through the years and now sprawls over 1,410 acres. In addition, Mr. Mitchell operates 400 acres of state-owned school land.

Both enjoy good health and entertain no thoughts about leaving the homelace. Mrs. Mitchell will be 73 on May 8.

Mr. Mitchell looks after the cattle and daily mounts a horse to tend them—that is until last week

when his 21-year-old favorite saddle horse disappeared.

Mr. Mitchell, who retains a sharp wit and keen sense of humor despite his advanced age and the hardship he has endured over the years, is a determined democrat and wryly predicts a change in presidents in 1956.

He said he voted for the first time in 1892. The short-statured northern Holt rancher steadfastly worked for the presidential election of one of his idols, William Jennings Bryan, "but it didn't do any good." Bryan failed three times.

Three of the Mitchells' 11 children are deceased: Ethel, Hazel and William. The latter died last year.

Their living children are: Mrs.



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell . . . parents of 11 children, 48 years on same place.—The Frontier Photo.

'City of 3,500 Friendly People' Gets New Signs

Three huge signboards are being erected at three highway entrances to the city, according to Mayor Alva Marcellus.

The signs proclaim: "Welcome to O'Neill . . . the city of 3,500 friendly people."

On the reverse side persons leaving the city will read: "Thank-you . . . come again."

Mayor Marcellus said the signs have been financed from a fund collected for this purpose by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and supplemented by a cash outlay by the Chamber of Commerce. Grubb Signs provided the artwork.

The mayor said the signs would be erected in order to be seen by motorists entering from the east on U.S. highways 20 and 275; from the north and west on highways 20 and 281, and from the south on 281.

Mrs. Amelia Werner Rites at Atkinson

Resident of Holt 65 Years

EMMET—Mrs. Amelia Werner, 72, a resident of Holt county for 65 years, died Thursday morning, December 29, at her farm home eight miles southeast of Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 31, from the St. John's Lutheran church in Atkinson. Rev. E. W. Dannitschke officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. Pallbearers were John Conrad, Herman Grothe, Joseph Welch, Orville Hitchcock, Leon Beckwith and William Grothe.

Mrs. Werner was the former Amelia Meyer. She was born January 11, 1883, at Carroll, Ia. On May 15, 1901, she married Henry J. Werner of O'Neill. They lived all their married life on a farm west of Emmet.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Cecil (Mabel) Bogue of Atkinson and Mrs. Gifford (Lilla) Caldwell of Omaha; sons—Henry of Emmet, Wayne of Spinnaker, Alaska, and Kenneth of Chambers; six grandchildren.

Extension Schedules 2 Meets Next Week

The winter meeting of the Holt county home extension council will be held Tuesday, January 10, at 1:30 p.m., in the assembly room of the courthouse. Miss Ethel Saxton, state home agent supervisor, will be on hand to discuss the clubs program of work for the ensuing year as well as long-time projects.

Training in the duties of each office will be given for presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, reading and music leaders of home extension clubs at the assembly room of the courthouse on Friday, January 13, beginning at 10 a.m.

Schedule:

Reading leader, 10 to 11 a.m.; music leaders, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; publicity chairman, 1 to 2 p.m.; presidents, vice-presidents, and secretaries, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Local leaders who will help with this training are: Mrs. Oliver Ross of O'Neill; Mrs. Robert Martens of Atkinson; Mrs. John Silverstrand of Atkinson; Mrs. Harry Ressel of O'Neill and Mrs. Frank Eppenbaugh of O'Neill.

Lautenschlager, 78, Burial at Orchard

ORCHARD—Mrs. Floa Lautenschlager, 78, a former resident of Orchard, died Wednesday evening, December 28, in a Sioux City hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, December 31, from the United Brethren church in Orchard and burial was near the grave of her husband.

She moved to Sioux City from Orchard eight years ago.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Amy True of Medford, Ore.; son—Lyle of Sioux City and John of Liberal, Kans.; two sisters; three brothers; a number of grandchildren.

BOARD TO REORGANIZE

Holt county board of supervisors will meet on Tuesday, January 10, to reorganize for the new year.

Firemen Called to Turkey Farm

A fire which is believed to have started from faulty wiring or from a heater, required services of O'Neill firemen for more than an hour Wednesday morning. They were summoned to the Tri-State turkey farm southwest of the city at 9:50. Two trucks answered the alarm.

The blaze started in the pump house near the grain-feed storage elevator. Flames worked into the elevator and there was considerable smoke.

Clark Willison, manager, said workmen had been in the vicinity 20 minutes earlier. One of the men returned to the built-up area to get a wrench and discovered the smoke. Damage is estimated between three- and four-hundred-dollars.

Friday evening at 6 o'clock the firemen were summoned to the Elmer Neal residence in the northwest section. Damage from a heater was slight.

BROTHER DIES

PAGE—Harold Patterson, brother of Leo Neubauer BT3, who has been critically ill at Omaha, went into a coma and died Monday, December 26. Leo was called home from Formosa on account of his brother's health, but returned to duty several weeks ago.

Mrs. Spence, Baby Are 'Critical'

Observer Goes Into Flaming House to Rescue Small Boy

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
ATKINSON—A 25-year-old Atkinson mother and her 2-year-old daughter lie critically ill in Atkinson Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Floyd Spence and her young daughter are suffering from third degree burns about their chests, arms and legs.

They were burned in a dwelling fire about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

Roy Woodruff, 65, stepfather of Mr. Spence, had entered the four-room home to get warm. Mr. Spence and a friend, Clyde Neal, 32, were working on a pickup truck a few feet from the front door.

Mr. Woodruff was said to have poured kerosene into the heating stove in the living room. An explosion ensued. The flames burned four persons, two seriously.

Mr. Woodruff hurried out the door with the trouser legs afire.



Mrs. Spence and daughter . . . fire victims.

Mrs. Spence grabbed her little daughter, Linda Lou, and motherly way out the same entrance. It was apparent, Neal said, they were badly burned.

The burned woman exclaimed that her 4-year-old son, Roger Lee, was left behind in a bedroom.

Neal huddled his face under a coat and went through the fire to rescue the boy. The lad's cries enabled the rescuer to locate him readily. Neal withdrew from the burning building via the same exit.

The four victims were taken to the hospital. Neal was dismissed after burns on his hands were dressed.

The interior of the house was badly damaged and many personal effects were lost.

Mr. Spence called the fire department and the burn victims were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Woodruff was transferred Wednesday afternoon to the Veterans hospital at Grand Island. Mr. Woodruff, who several years ago lost an arm in a saw accident, is a veteran of World War I. Both of his legs, one arm and his face are burned.

His burns are considered less serious than those suffered by the young mother and her daughter.

Sageser Suffers Broken Ribs

CHAMBERS — E. V. Sageser met with a slight accident Wednesday, December 28, when his car overturned on the icy road a few miles south of O'Neill. Mr. Sageser received a broken rib and slight damage to his car.

Lt. and Mrs. J. E. Merriman and daughter, Tracy, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived Tuesday to spend a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harding of Whiting, Ia., came Tuesday to attend the John Clausen farm sale. Their daughter, Mrs. Jules Waugh of Whiting, accompanied.