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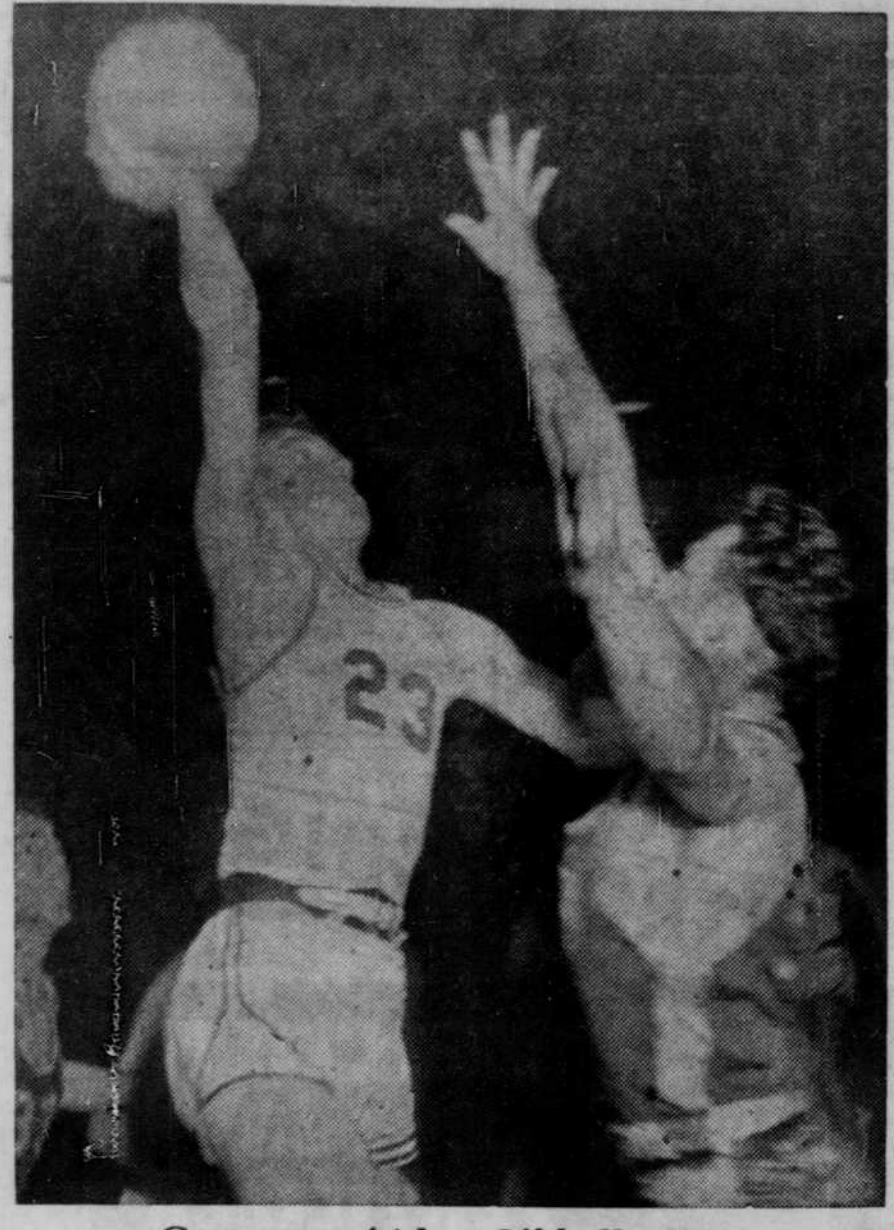
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Seven Cents



Conarro Aids O'Neill Win

Larry Conarro, O'Neill high cager, hooks one into the basket despite harassment from an unidentified Bassett player. O'Neill defeated Bassett, 58-45, to gain the semifinals of the class B tournament now in progress here. (Details in SPORTS on pages 4 and 5.)—The Frontier Photo.

Herefords Bring \$273 Average

Cold Weather Greet Consignors, Bidders in Registered Sale

(Photo below.) A cold, wintry day greeted consignors and bidders at the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association sale in O'Neill on Wednesday, February 22.

Thirty-six cattle sold for a total of \$9,845, an average of \$273 per head. Thirty bulls sold for \$8,750, or an average of \$292. Six females averaged \$182.50 for a total of \$1,095.

Henry Wood & Son of Ewing had the champion and reserve champion bulls and also won the Frontier trophy for the best three bulls. These bulls were all of Domino-Blanchard breeding. The champion bull sold to George Syffe of O'Neill for \$650. Spahn Brothers of Ewing paid \$375 for the reserve champion bull.

Vern Sageser of Amelia had the champion female, an open heifer of Domino-Regent breeding, selling to Nelson Brothers of Clearwater for \$200. The reserve champion heifer, shown by George Rowse & Sons of Chambers, was of Larry Domino-Blanchard breeding and sold to Nelson Brothers of Clearwater.

Mr. Sageser won the Chamber of Commerce trophy for the best bull and female. Harold Melcher of Page had four top selling bulls all of North Star-Silver Domino breeding. W. Ranch Co. of Newport paid \$555 for one of these bulls. William Ermer of O'Neill purchased one for \$520. Meusch Brothers of Stuart paid \$445 for one and John V. Connell of Mariaville purchased the fourth for \$410.



Mr. Carter, young tenor soloist from the Metropolitan Opera, was besieged for program autographs by these teenagers (left to right): Nyla Jaszkiwaki, Janelle Allen, Ellen Lohaus, Jackie Arbutnot, Kathleen Walker and Rita Hehne.—The Frontier Photo.

Star's Memory Lapse Adds to Fun

By a Staff Writer A handsome, gracious, bouncing personality from the Metropolitan Opera came to town Sunday and delighted one thousand persons who attended the third in the series of O'Neill Community Concerts.

John Carter, a dark-haired chap in his thirties and one of the ranking young American tenors, ran the course in music for the pure pleasure of the concert-goers. He began with arias of the European masters, wrapped up his scheduled program with the score from "Hans Christian Andersen" and "A Wandering Minstrel" from "The Mikado."

He disarmed even the janitor with a rumba (throwing in a modified dance). Later, by showmanship or true circumstance, he forgot his lyrics twice while doing "The Rose of Tralee."

"I've only sung that one 3-004 times," he told the audience, "and I forget the words of this beautiful Irish ballad . . . of all places in O'Neill!" The lapse in memory provided sweet bonus music for his rapt audience because Mr. Carter would back up and start over.

An actor, too — he told entertaining anecdotes that pleased the crowd. The first creature he met upon arrival in town was Smokey, the St. Bernard dog owned by Mrs. W. H. Hartz. He tossed in a pun about Atkinson before singing one of the encores, "Lulu," and he tied Dr. Robert Langdon's name into "Short'nin' Bread," another encore. The medico's name (Doctor Langdon was in the audience) was slipped in at the point when the colored boy simply had eaten too much short'nin' bread.

Mr. Carter, a native New Yorker of Irish-French-Italian descent, blamed a pretty girl in the front row for the memory lapse. Metropolitan critics would have consigned him back to his tutor, but (Continued on page 10).

Lawyer in Seattle, O'Neill Native, Dies

Frank Harrington, about 57, a native of O'Neill and the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, died Tuesday, February 21, in Seattle, Wash.

The late Mr. Harrington was a lawyer in Seattle. He had suffered a lingering illness.

Survivors include the widow and three children (under 12 years of age); sisters—Mrs. W. B. (Constance) Griffin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. L. E. Adams of Philadelphia, Pa.; brother—George.

Relatives in O'Neill have not been advised concerning funeral arrangements, but rites are expected to be held in Seattle.

The late Mr. Harrington, son of a prominent north-Nebraska lawyer and democratic political figure, was graduated from O'Neill high school. He enlisted in the marine corps during World War I and was stationed at a Caribbean base where he contracted a tropical disease.

He received his law training at the University of Nebraska.

General to Visit Sites for Armory

City Would Pay 40% of Costs for Access to Proposed Building

Maj.-Gen. Guy N. Henninger, adjutant-general of Nebraska and commander of the state's national guard, will visit O'Neill "within a few days" to inspect possible sites for a national guard armory.

In communications directed to James W. Rooney, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce new industries committee, and Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., commander of company D, 195th tank battalion, General Henninger said if a suitable location can be acquired for a national guard armory, the city would be turned over to an architect.

General Henninger had indicated to Rooney's committee over a year ago that O'Neill would be considered for an armory provided a unit was established here, the city accepted such a unit, and the organization's strength and performance satisfied the defense department.

Company D was formed last summer and has received high performance ratings. A fortnight ago the unit received an M-47 tank for training purposes.

General Henninger told Rooney and McCarville he viewed with satisfaction the "progress and growth" of company D.

He said O'Neill is next in line for armory construction.

He said the armory would be basically a military establishment but would be accessible to certain types of community events. Temporary headquarters for company D are in the basement of Shelhamer's Jack & Jill store.

General Henninger indicated construction could get underway in 1957.

Mayor Alva Marcellus conducted a meeting Wednesday night, February 11, in which members of the city council, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, city schools board of education, and others participated.

Chief topic was an armory site. Also discussed were the youth center in the Knights of Columbus building (main floor) and municipal airport improvement.

It is customary for cities to deed property to the defense department before armory plans are drawn. Several sites are under consideration; none definite.

Financing has not been worked out. The government would expect the city to foot 40 percent of the cost (site to be included in the 40 percent). A bond levy would be required.

The armory may cost in excess of 110 - thousand dollars. Space equal to about a square block is desired, providing adequate parking space for vehicles.

Loose, Stray Dogs to Be Impounded

Mayor Alva Marcellus said Tuesday the O'Neill police have received complaints concerning loose and stray dogs.

Effective immediately, he said, dogs will be impounded at the city dump and held for four or five days. Dogs with tags can be redeemed after paying a fee; charges; non-tagged dogs will be destroyed.

An existing ordinance provides that owners are responsible for conduct of their animals and they must be kept in a kennel or leashed. The mayor said.

"A few months ago we had similar trouble and the citizens were very cooperative. We hope they will again be cooperative so the dog nuisance can be eliminated."

Jurors Called to Hear Four Cases

Four cases will be tried during the spring jury term of the Holt county district court. It has been announced by court officials. District Judge D. R. Mounts of O'Neill has called the jury docket.

The cases docketed follow: March 5—Dewayne Anderson vs. Lloyd Evans, et al. March 7—C. J. Gatz Co. vs. Amalgamated Motor Co. March 9—in the matter of the estate of Lottie Thompson, deceased. March 12—John Meier vs. Harold Summers, et al.

Jurors were sent notices Tuesday by certified mail by Howard D. Manson, clerk of the district court.

Mrs. Porter Hostess—Mrs. C. W. Porter on Tuesday entertained the Merri-Myx at a 1:30 p.m. dessert luncheon. Mrs. H. S. Moses was winner in the bridge playing.

Leonard Martz Expires at Lynch

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday

LYNCH—Leonard Martz, 80, retired farmer, died at 3:15 p.m., Sunday, February 19, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. He had been ill several months and had submitted to major surgery on Monday, February 13.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, from Wesleyan Methodist church at Lynch. Burial was in the Lynch cemetery.

The late Mr. Martz, son of Charlie and Carrie Martz, was born August 28, 1875, at Knoxville, Ill.

He moved to Iowa with his parents when 6-years-old. At the age of 16, he moved to Coleridge, Cedar county, where he made his home 19 years.

On January 6, 1909, he married Bell Graham of Belden. In 1911 the Martzes moved to Westington Springs, S.D., where they lived two years. In 1913 they returned to Coleridge where they continued to reside until 1919 when they moved to Randolph. In 1939 the family moved to the Lynch vicinity.

His father, mother and one brother preceded him in death. Survivors include: Sons—Howard of Lynch and Wayne of Page; daughter—Laura Lee of Lincoln; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister—Mrs. Nell Roberts of San Diego, Calif.

Captain Baker Quits Air Force

Capt. John Lee Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohaus, was separated from the air force on February 17 and he and his wife, Amy, have moved to O'Neill where he will join the Lohaus Motor company firm.

Captain Baker spent 7½ years in the air force, flew 103 jet combat missions during a year spent in Korea in the war against the North Korean Reds.

Since returning from Korea he has been instructing pilots and until recently has been stationed at Phoenix, Ariz.

Edd Dexter, Wife to Note 48th Anniversary

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Edd Dexter will observe their 48th wedding anniversary March 5. No open-house will be held except for the family because of the ill health of Mr. Dexter, but anyone wishing to remember them on that day can address Mr. and Mrs. Edd Dexter, Amelia, Neb.



Mr. Martz . . . born in Illinois.

Grass - Livestock Talks at Stuart

Irrigation, Meat Cuts to Be Discussed

STUART—A full day of activities has been scheduled here today (Thursday) for the Stuart grass-livestock day.

The program gets underway at 9:30 a.m. The final lecture will be given at 3:20 p.m. A morning coffee hour and noon luncheon have been arranged.

University of Nebraska specialists will discuss meat cuts and meat cookery, irrigation operations, irrigated pastures, having operations, corn feed costs and producing more beef from less acres.

The specialists scheduled to speak are Charles Adams, John Decker, Laird Wolf, E. M. Brouse, Don Burzloff and Paul Q. Guyer. The county committee will discuss the brucellosis program during the morning session.

Emmet Couple Will Hold Open-House

EMMET—Mr. and Mrs. George Ponratz, who reside two miles east and three miles north of Emmet, will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 26. The open-house affair will be held at their home between 2 and 5 p.m.

The Pongratzes request there be no gifts.

Mrs. Henry Lofflin and daughter, Jo Lee, returned Sunday from Glenwood Springs, Colo., after spending the past two weeks there with Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and Mrs. Lofflin's mother, Mrs. W. L. DeHart of Ord, who had undergone major surgery there.

Valuations Fixed for Assessors

The following valuations will be used in connection with 1956 tax assessment work which starts March 1:

Dogs: \$10. Stands of Bees: \$6. Poultry: Turkeys, per dozen, \$35; chickens, ducks and geese, per dozen, \$7.

Horses and mules: Saddle horses and Shetland ponies, \$60; race horses, \$140 and up; other horses and mules, \$50.

Hogs: Butchers, avg. wt., \$9 cwt.; sows, avg. wt., \$8 cwt.

Sheep: Ewes and rams, \$7 per head; feeder lambs, avg. wt., \$12 cwt.; sheep on feed, avg. wt. \$12 cwt.

Purebred cattle: Calves (up to 6 months), \$20; 6 months to 12 months, \$70; 12 months to 18 months, \$90; 18 months to 30 months (heifers), \$100; milk cows, \$140; stock cows (registered), \$100; bulls (herd bulls), \$400 up; commercial purebred, \$200.

Grade cattle: Calves (up to 6 months), \$15; 6 months to 12 months, \$50; 12 months to 18 months, \$60; steers, 18 months to 30 months, \$80; heifers, 18 months to 30 months, \$100; stock cows, \$70; milk cows, \$90; cattle on feed, 80 days, avg. wt., 12-14 Aug., \$13 cwt.; grade bulls (range bulls), \$185.

Grain (per bushel): Corn, field, 90c; wheat, 1.40; penalty grain, ½ regular price; oats, 50c; barley, speltis and rye, 70c; sorghum grain, 70c; soy beans, \$1.50; popcorn, 90c.

Seeds (per bushel): Grass, alfalfa, clover, \$9; hybrid corn, \$5. Hay (per ton): Prairie, \$13; clover and alfalfa, \$14; silage and fodder, \$5.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull and Claude of Niobrara were Wednesday, February 15, visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones.

Consumers Gets Safety Award

Robertson's Retiring Told at Dinner

A dinner here Monday evening attended by management personnel and employees of Consumers Public Power district (O'Neill district) had a twofold purpose.

The occasion noted the presentation of a traveling trophy (CPPD's top safety award in the state) and the retirement of Fred O. Robertson, 70, of O'Neill.

The safety award is presented each year to the Consumers district working the greatest number of man hours without a personal injury "lost time" accident.

During 1955 the workmen in the 13-county O'Neill district accumulated 218,380 accident-free hours.

The O'Neill district won the award in 1953 and the Norfolk district won in 1954. Monday's presentation was for 1955. If the O'Neill district wins again the trophy will become permanent.

Safety award was presented by M. M. Mehling of Columbus, safety director for the statewide CPPD organization.

Mr. Robertson was born at Peru February 18, 1887. He went to Stuart in 1911. In 1923 he became superintendent of the Stuart Municipal Power plant. In 1925 he moved to O'Neill to become district manager for the Tri-State Power company (predecessor to Interstate Power, which later was taken over by Consumers).

In 1942 Mr. Robertson was transferred to Ainsworth as local superintendent and in 1948 he returned to O'Neill as assistant dispatcher at the substation.

Fellow employees presented him a gold wristwatch and the state headquarters presented him a pen and pencil set. Mr. Robertson's hobby is gunsmithing (October 6, 1955 feature story in The Frontier).

The safety award was accepted by K. L. Van Voorhis, O'Neill district manager.

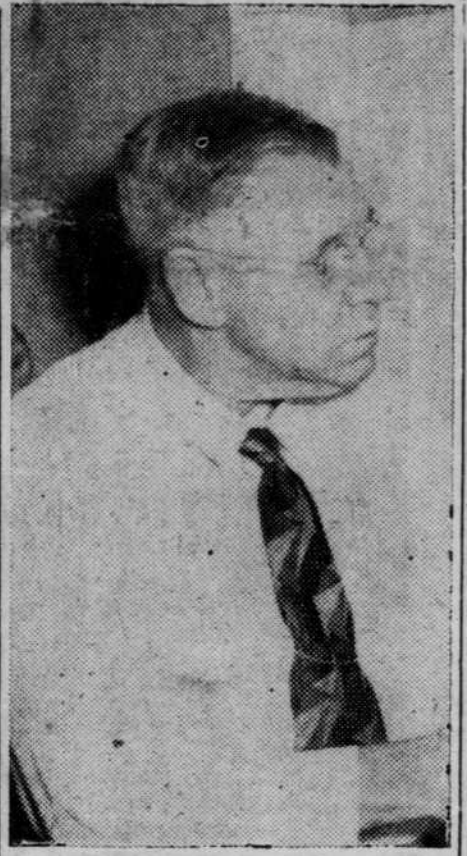
Mr. Robertson's retirement awards were presented by Lloyd Lundin of Columbus, personnel director for CPPD. Individual certificates also were presented.

Local managers and personnel were present from the following points: Valentine, Ainsworth, Neligh, O'Neill, Creighton, Bloomfield, Wausa, Hartington and Ponca.

Two Vehicles Collide at Intersection

A 1954 coach driven by Hugh G. Carr of Amelia was proceeding south on a county road at the east edge of O'Neill at 2:30 p.m., last Thursday when it figured in an accident with a 1955 sedan driven by John H. Frisch of Verdigre. The Frisch car was westbound.

The vehicles met at a curve near the O'Neill Livestock Market. The highway patrol estimated damage to both vehicles at \$300. No one was hurt.



Robertson . . . long in electric field. (Story at left.)

Stuifbergen Is 'Slightly Improved'

John Stuifbergen, 37, the owner of the O'Neill Beverage company and a railway freight delivery service here, is "slightly improved" in St. Anthony's hospital. He suffered three heart attacks between Saturday, February 11, and Wednesday, February 15, and has been "gravely ill," Stuifbergen, father of three children, formerly was a member of the Michigan State football squad, he was an infantry officer and prisoner of war in Europe during World War II, and he is a past commander of Simonson post of the American Legion here.

To Open Bids on Naper School

NAPER—Bids on the new school building at Naper will be opened here at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 20.

The building, containing 10 classrooms for grade and high school students, will cost approximately \$110,000. It will be constructed in front of the present school.

Melvin Andrus, 42, Is Heart Victim

Trucker Stricken in South Dakota

ATKINSON—Funeral services for Melvin Andrus, 42, of Atkinson were conducted Monday afternoon, February 20, at the Methodist church here. Rev. E. G. Hughes officiated.

Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery under the direction of Seger's.

Mr. Andrus died suddenly Friday afternoon, February 17, as the result of a heart attack. He was stricken near LaPlant, S.D., while enroute to the Charley Peterson ranch near LaPlant.

The late Mr. Andrus had been an independent trucker for many years, and operated several trucks for general hauling.

Melvin Patrick Andrus was born September 9, 1913, at Emmet, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Andrus.

On November 24, 1934, at Bassett he married Miss Doris Mohr. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: Widow—Doris; son—Larry; sisters—Mrs. Joseph Scripser and Mrs. William Boettcher, both of Atkinson; brothers—John and Leslie, both of Atkinson.

To Vacation in Hawaii—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and daughter, Miss Mary Lou, plan to leave Friday for Omaha, Sunday they will leave for Seattle, Wash., where they will visit relatives.

From there they'll leave for San Francisco, Calif., from where they will depart for Hawaii.

Miss Birmingham, who served in the Far East with the American Red Cross, plans to visit with members of a military unit which she knew in the Far East.

Members of the home economics class of O'Neill high school held a tea Wednesday afternoon for their mothers and members of the faculty.

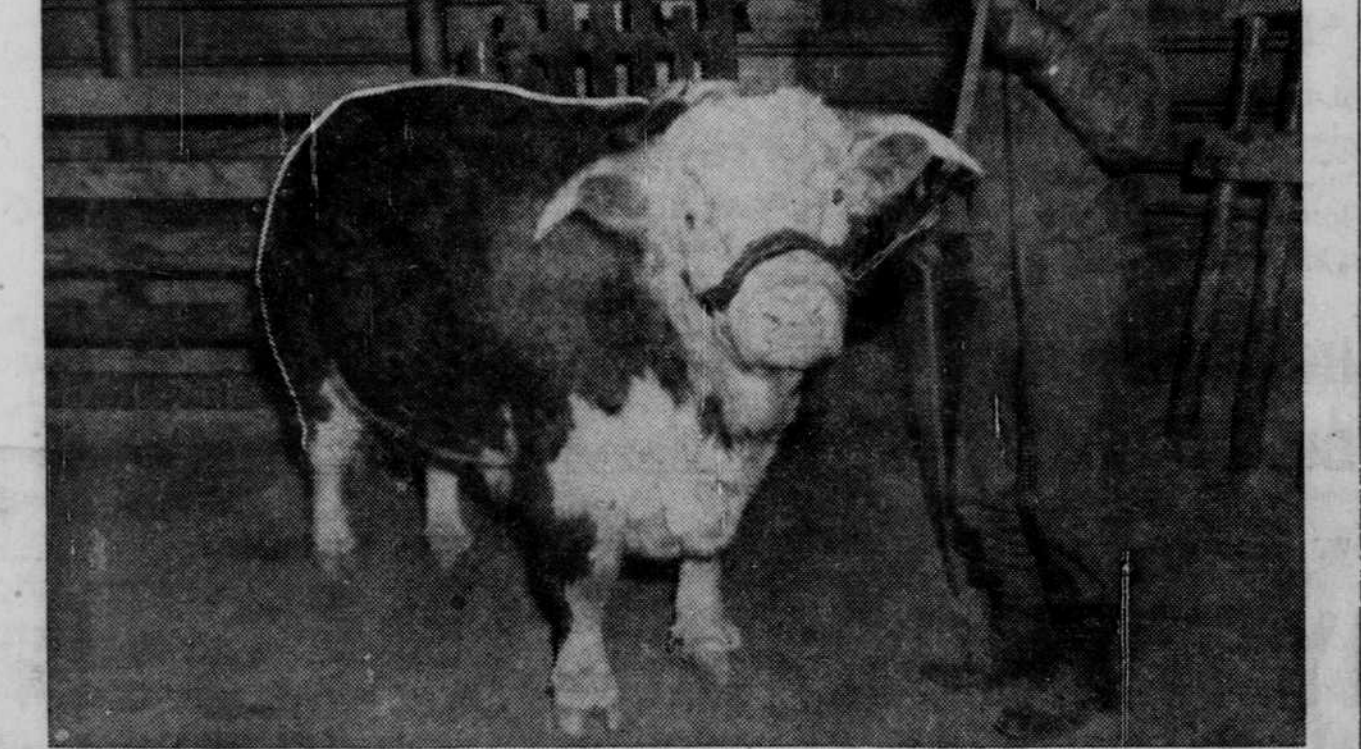
Escapes Injuries in Car-Truck Mishap

Mrs. Joe Cunningham of O'Neill escaped with only shock and bruises last Thursday on U.S. highway 275 when her 1948 car and a 1954 truck figured in an accident on the slippery highway.

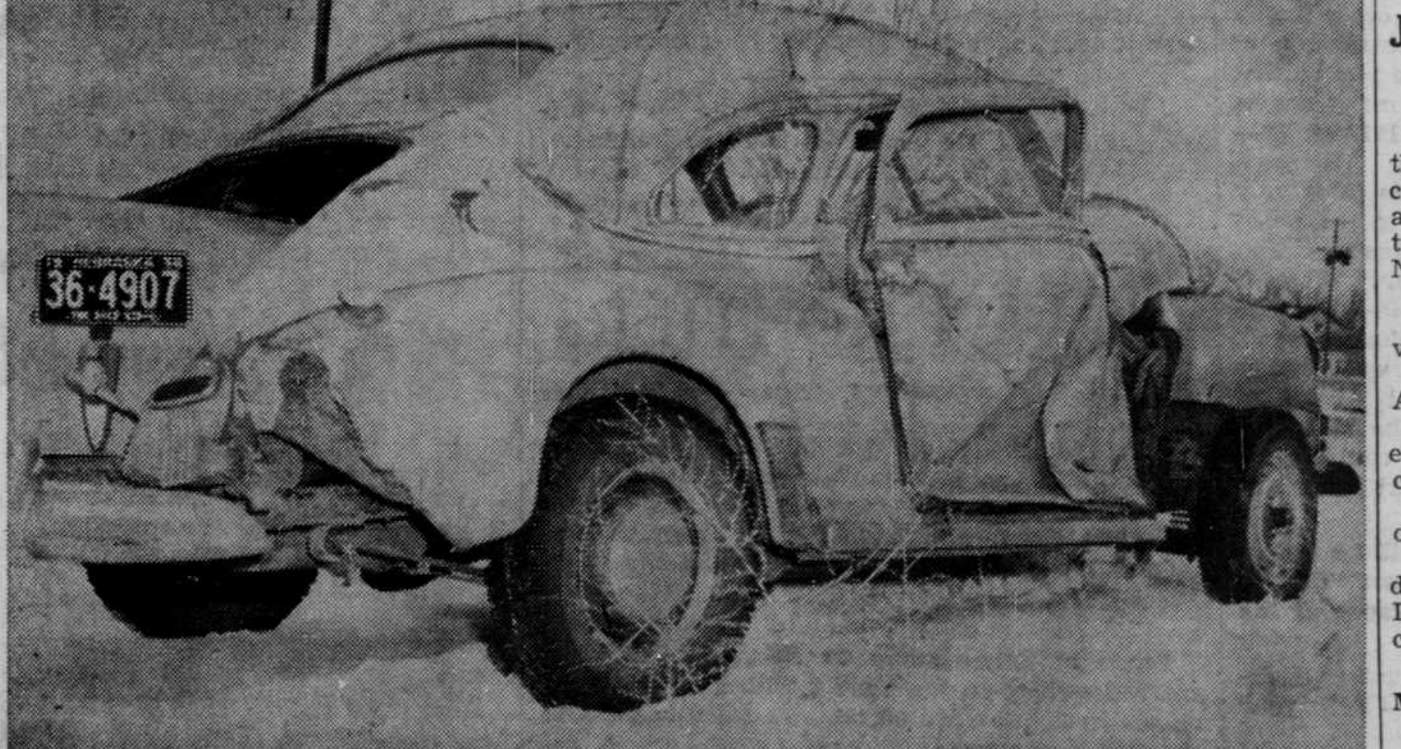
The eastbound truck was driven by Virgil D. Klug of Norfolk. Safety Patrolman Robert Gude said damage to the truck, owned by Clark Bros. of Norfolk, was \$400.

Right side of the westbound Cunningham vehicle was badly damaged. Mrs. Cunningham was returning from Omaha and she was alone. Passersby brought her to the O'Neill hospital. Her machine was overturned. The truck driver was unharmed.

Mrs. Cunningham was hospitalized three days.



Henry Wood of Ewing exhibits the grand champion bull at Tuesday's Holt County Hereford Breeders' association show and sale here. The champion was lot 33, HW Baron Dandy 26th.



Driver escaped serious injury when car (above) and truck figured in accident on slippery highway.—The Frontier Photo.