

Teenage Reformatory Escapes Captured

Mrs. Roy Margritz, Mother of 3, Dies

Young Ranch Woman Ill 7 Months

Mrs. Roy E. Margritz, 42, who had resided in the Phoenix community northwest of O'Neill since December, 1949, died at 7:30 a. m., Thursday, September 23, in St. Anthony's hospital here. She had been ill seven months during which time she was hospitalized several times.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, September 25, from the Community church at Butte. Rev. Vernon Eckerholm, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery at Norfolk, under the direction of Biglin's. Howard Story of Butte sang two hymns.

Pallbearers at Butte were Adrian Mitchell and Harry Mitchell, both of Atkinson; James McNulty, Francis Curran, Lyle Vequist and Orville Miller, all of O'Neill. Pallbearers at Norfolk were Ira Avery, Ivan Mungler, Raymond Dubachek, Maynard Schulze, Len Beemer and Edward May, all of Norfolk.

Elizabeth S. Schwandt, daughter of Fred and Margaret A. Brenner, 31, was born August 28, 1912, at Lincoln. She was baptized at Lincoln and was confirmed April 15, 1927, at Harvard.

She was married to Roy Edward Margritz at Harvard on June 10, 1936. The family lived at Burbank, Calif., for a time, moving to Pierce county in 1945. The Margritzes came to Holt county from Pierce county.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Brenda Kaye, 14; Donna Beth, 12, and Susan B., 6; her parents—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwandt, sr., of Clay Center; sisters—Mrs. George (Catherine) Amen of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. John H. (Christine) Deines of Orchard; Mrs. Clair (Marie) Swanson of Hastings; Mrs. Dayton (Margaret) Schep of Holyoke, Colo.; Mrs. Glenn (Leona) Eunnell of Poplar, Mont.; Mrs. Arthur (Pauline) Scott of Fremont; brothers—George Schwandt of Clay Center; Fred Schwandt, jr., of Clay Center, and John Schwandt of Harvard.

The body lay in state at the Luttre church between 11:30 a. m. and the funeral hour.

Students Treated for Auto Injuries

CHAMBERS—Three Chambers high school students were treated for minor injuries Wednesday, September 29, following a two-car crash near the Chambers school.

Miss Viona Burgett was driving a car owned by Louis Burgett of Amelia. She attempted to make a left turn when her machine was struck in the rear by a car going the same direction driven by Miss Gloria Jean Pavel. The Pavel machine is registered in the name of Leon Urban of Ewing.

Miss Pavel and two companions, Louis Brown and Rodney Elkins, were taken to O'Neill for medical attention. Deputy Holt County Sheriff James Mullen, who investigated, said Miss Burgett was unhurt.

Heart Attack Fatal to Frank Roper

INMAN—Word was received here on Thursday, September 23, concerning the sudden death of Frank Roper of Indianapolis, Ind. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mrs. Roper is the former Evadne Moor Eskrine. Mrs. Roper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moor of North Bend, and her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Beatrice, departed immediately to attend the funeral. Services were held on Friday and burial was at Terret Haute, Ind.

The Moors and Taylors expected to bring Mrs. Roper back to Nebraska with them.

33-Mark Lowest of Autumn Season

The 33-degree reading early Wednesday, September 22, rates as the coldest morning of the autumn—that is, until this issue of The Frontier were to press.

Only traces of precipitation have been received this week. Snow was reported Wednesday, September 29, in North Dakota and temperatures began dropping off from the 50-degree reading here.

Summary based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p. m., daily follows:

September 23	Hi	Lo
September 24	84	52
September 25	76	53
September 26	84	42
September 27	89	42
September 28	81	51
September 29	82	60
September 28	73	42

53 AT SCOUT SEMINAR

Fifty-three persons attended a Boy Scout finance seminar meeting Tuesday night at the Country Club. Scouting enthusiasts came from a dozen Sandhills area and Covered Wagon area cities and towns. The annual Scout finance kickoff will be October 18.

Two teenage escapees from the Nebraska boys' reformatory at Kearney came to the end of the flight trail in Holt county Monday night.

The youths, Billy Tyon, 15, of Chadron and Robert Mueller, 15, of Lincoln, are now back in custody at the Kearney institution.

This is the chronology of their ill-fated burst to freedom:

They escaped from the reformatory Saturday night by breaking through a skylight and by descending a wall on the outside of the building.

Helping themselves to a pickup truck, the two youths played hide-and-seek with Grand Island police for a time, finally abandoning the utility vehicle in favor of a 1950 Mercury sedan.

Late Monday the Mercury conked out near Ewing, the machine having been overworked and without service. They went to the Ray Tucker place a half mile west of Ewing and chose a shiny new jeep. The jeep got them to O'Neill where, in the southeast residential district, they decided to abandon it in favor of a 1953 Chevrolet sedan belonging to W. G. Hefflin, 316 South Ninth st.

The Chevy had a flat tire but the escapees, apparently unaware of it, were pushing the Hefflin car with the jeep, trying to get it out of the vicinity of the house before starting it.

Hefflin, hearing the commotion outside, went to investigate. When he appeared on the scene, the young fugitives took to the high weeds. Neighbors soon gathered and Harold Seger and Everett Miner located Mueller and Tyon in a wood shed at the Mrs. Chet Calkins residence. The two teenagers were unharmed.

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Firemen Battle Sunday Blaze

O'Neill volunteer firemen spent about an hour Sunday afternoon fighting a blaze on the outside and at the rear of a downtown building which houses the Council Oak store on the first floor and the Western hotel on the second floor.

The alarm was sounded at 3:20 o'clock. The fire is believed to have started in empty cardboard cartons outside the building.

An outside stairway to the hotel, the framework of the stairway, several rear doors and windows were damaged.

Flames leaped skyward for a time and considerable smoke was visible for several miles, but damage was not great.

The store and hotel were in operation as usual Monday morning.

Polio Sufferer Is 'Slightly Improved'

PAGE—Relatives at Page have received word that Miss Barbara Brunckhorst of Inman, who is a polio patient at a hospital at Sioux Falls, S. D., shows some improvement. She is out of the oxygen tent and can be out of the iron lung for a few minutes at a time.

Her sister, Audrey, flew from England to help care for her.

Anyone wishing to send cards can send them to this address: Room 234, Sioux Valley hospital, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Radio Casting Director Visits

Miss Ann Howard, casting director for a New York advertising agency, arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark O. Howard.

Miss Howard has been with Benson & Bowles agency for about five years. Her work is to select voices and talent for radio and television commercial announcements, many of them heard nationally.

She will conclude her visit Friday and return to her work in the East.

Soukups Qualify for Trip Abroad

John Soukup of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., nephew of Bert Shoemaker, and Stanley Soukup, both of O'Neill, recently qualified for a trip to Bermuda. Soukup is manager of a finance company at Ft. Lauderdale.

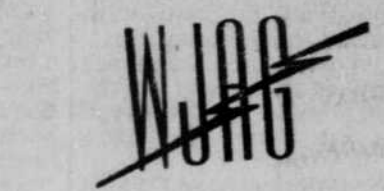
He earned the trip on a competitive basis among the company's managers from coast-to-coast.

Mr. Soukup and his wife spent two weeks in Bermuda.

To Sioux Falls—Mr. and Mrs. John J. Harrington and Marlene and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton spent Sunday in Sioux Falls, S. D., visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Cuddy and family.

Visit Aberdeen—Mr. and Mrs. Palmer C. Skubert visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Skoborstad, and family over the weekend in Aberdeen, S. D.

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Schaaf Rites Are Held in Atkinson

Son Enroute to U.S. Does Not Know of Father's Death

ATKINSON—Henry J. Schaaf, 60, Atkinson farmer, died early Saturday, September 25, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been in failing health several weeks, but did not enter the hospital until about midnight before his death.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m., Monday, September 27, from St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson with Rev. William Kelliger officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Pallbearers were Art Humpal, George Schaaf, John Wenner, Joseph Winkler, Charles Deerner and Tony Weichman.

The late Mr. Schaaf was born February 10, 1894, at Butte, a son of Michael and Mary Schaaf. He moved to the Atkinson community at the age of 5 and continued to make his home near here throughout his lifetime.

At the time of his death he owned and operated a farm six miles southeast of Atkinson.

A rosary rite was held Sunday evening at the Seger funeral home.

Survivors include: Widows—Franklin and Donald, both of Atkinson; Leon, who has been stationed in the army in Korea; daughter—Mrs. Leo (Mary Ellen) Monahan of Atkinson; two grandchildren; brothers—John of Yakima, Wash.; Joseph of Boise, Ida.; Frank of Atkinson; sisters—Mrs. Wenzel (Barbara) Lutter of Valentine; Mrs. Al (Louise) Ojberding of Emmett, Ida.; Sr. M. Richard of Randolph; Emma of California; Mrs. William (Agnes) Greip of Blackfoot, Ida.

Leon, the son in the service, was to have been processed in Japan on September 16 for return to the United States and believed to be aboard ship on the high seas. It had not been confirmed Wednesday that the son had received word of his father's death.

Overnight Guest Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Martha A. Owens, 71, died unexpectedly in her sleep during the early morning hours Wednesday, September 29. A resident of Oshkosh, Wis., she and her husband had registered Tuesday afternoon at an O'Neill motel, having made the trip that day from Scottsbluff.

Her husband, W. J. Owens, awakened to find his wife dead. The remains are being forwarded to Oshkosh, Wis., by Biglin's.

JOINS SHERK STAFF

Fred Mauer, jr., of York, formerly of Benedict, has joined the Sherk Motor company as service manager. Mr. Mauer is married and is the father of five children.

Frontier for printing!

'Doing Well' After Heart Surgery

Mrs. Daniel E. ("Ed") Murphy, 28, the former Helen McNichols, Tuesday submitted to a rare heart operation at Clarkson Memorial hospital, Omaha. The surgery was performed by Dr. F. Lowell Dunn, heart specialist and past-president of the Nebraska Heart association.

Near her at the time of the operation were her husband and sisters, Mrs. Wallace O'Connell and Mrs. Leonard Shoemaker, all of O'Neill. Dr. J. P. Brown, O'Neill physician, witnessed the operation.

Doctor Dunn told a Frontier reporter Wednesday the operation was "successful" and said the patient was "doing very well" during the 24-hour post-operative period.

Doctor Dunn pointed out, however, Mrs. Murphy would be on the hospital's "critical list" for several days at best.

The operation became necessary because of blood clots and jammed tissues in a heart valve. Part of the job of the surgeon was to enlarge the openings of the valves.

Surgery of this type is fairly new in medical circles. About three years ago a blood clot in her brain caused a speech defect.

She was married to Mr. Murphy November 8, 1952. Her

Swim Season Still on — Thanks to Warm Artesian Well Water

LYNCH—Kids were swimming in the pool at Lynch Tuesday—despite temperatures in the 60's. Water is supplied by an artesian well and comes into the pool at 72 degrees Fahrenheit.

Even if there is a chill in the air the water is okay long after most of the other pools have closed shop for the season.

The pool was literally given to the Lynch kids last year by Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Kriz. The artesian well, new this season, was financed by popular subscription.

Joseph Bartos Dies Unexpectedly

Released Earlier from Hospital

ATKINSON—Joseph Bartos, sr., 64, retired Atkinson farmer, died at 6:10 p. m., Tuesday, September 28, while seated in a chair listening to a radio program. He had been released Tuesday morning from the Atkinson Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient five days.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., today (Thursday) from the Methodist church here. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery with Rev. E. G. Hughes officiating.

The late Mr. Bartos was born January 25, 1890, at Schuyler, Colfax county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bartos.

On September 20, 1916, he married Antonia Swoboda at Omaha.

Mr. Bartos farmed near Verdigris for many years. After selling his place in 1940, he moved into a farm south of Emmet, where he resided for about five years. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bartos moved into Atkinson to retire.

Survivors include: Widows—Joseph, jr., George and Ray, all of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Marvin (Blanche) Ziska of Valentine; brothers—Frank of Verdigris and James of Ewing; sister—Mrs. Julia Valisich of Clarkson.

Brothers Reach Indo-China Waters

Two brothers, Ronald J. Ressel, fireman, USN, husband of Mrs. Lynne M. Ressel of O'Neill, and Donald D. Ressel, engine fireman, USN, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ressel of O'Neill, both aboard the attack transport USS Mountrail, recently arrived in Indo-China to participate in operation "passage to freedom."

Hundreds of thousands of loyal French and Vietnamese citizens are being evacuated from the communist held Tonkin delta.

"Passage to freedom" is being conducted at the request of the French and Vietnamese governments. Ships of the amphibious force, Western Pacific, are moving, feeding, and providing medical facilities for the refugees.

Visitor Here

Mrs. John Spencer of South Sioux City spent last week visiting at the home of Mrs. Christine Williams.

parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNichols.

Mrs. Murphy, a brunette, was graduated from St. Mary's

academy in 1943 and was employed by the telephone company here and at Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Murphy is an accountant for Consumers Public Power district here. He is staying in Omaha at the W. L. Brennan home during the critical period.

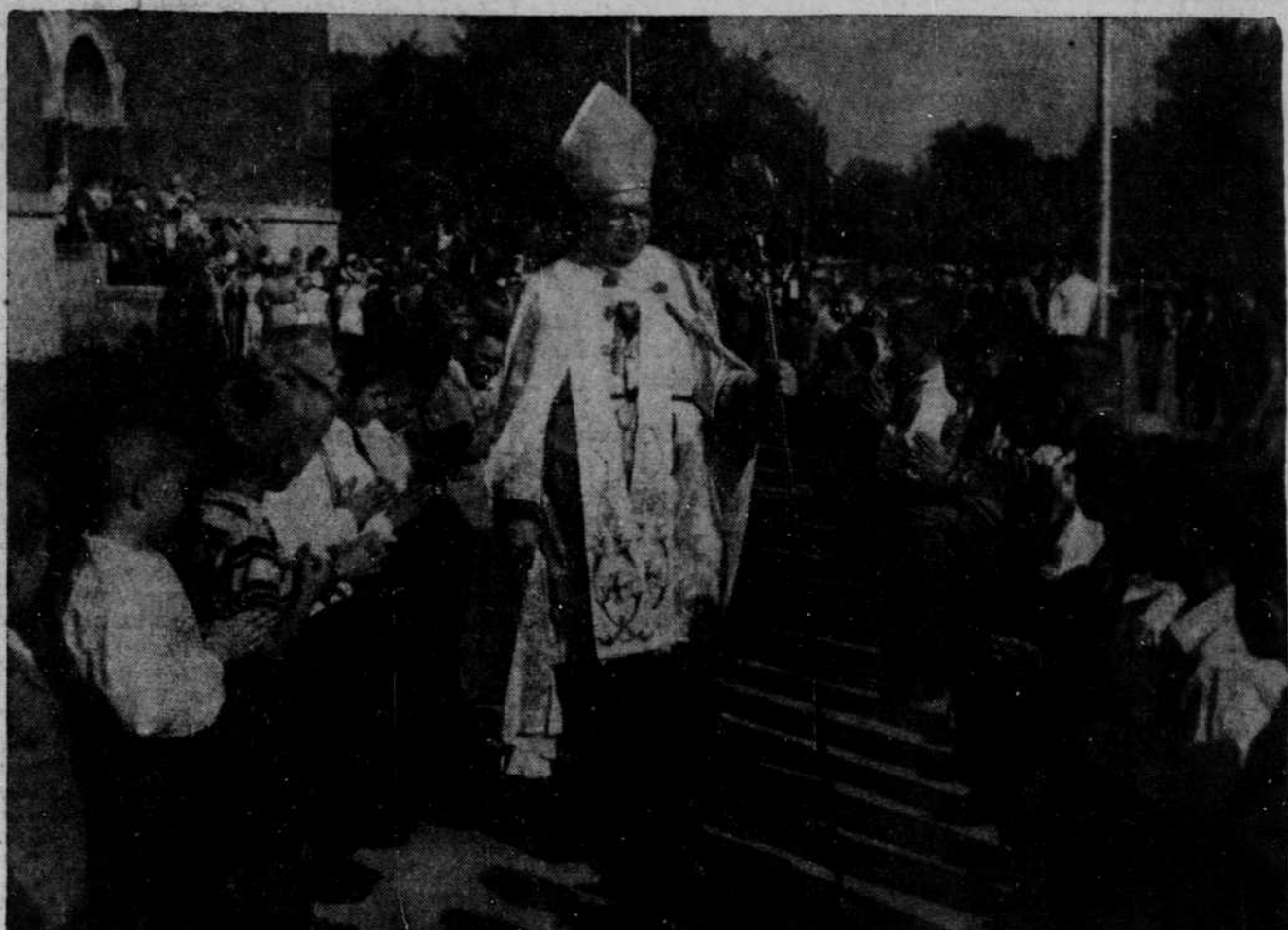
MYF Plans Two Concessions at Fall Festival

INMAN—The Methodist youth fellowship held its third annual fall MYF roundup on Thursday night, September 23, at the Maxcy Memorial addition. Everyone from the sixth grade through high school was invited.

The lesson was given by Sharon Cunningham. Beverly Smith and Lucy Cunningham led the recreation and Vicki Sue Hutton, Linelle Tompkins, Sharon Cunningham and Kay Coventry served the lunch. There were almost 50 present.

Plans for the float and concession stands for the fall festival were completed. The float will be built tonight (Thursday) after MYF.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wetzel and family of Gregory, S. D., spent the weekend visiting relatives in O'Neill.



Archbishop Confirms 150 Children, 50 Adults Here

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., archbishop of the Omaha Roman Catholic diocese, Tuesday afternoon officiated in confirmation rites at St. Patrick's church here. In the class were 150 children and 50 adults. Earlier in the

Farm Woman, 31, Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Everett Winings, 31, Atkinson farm woman who had been ill only three days, died Thursday evening, September 23, in Atkinson Memorial hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Monday, September 27, from the Methodist church in Atkinson. Rev. E. G. Hughes officiated and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The late Mrs. Winings, whose maiden name was Lois Lenore Cole of Emmet to locate Duffy, a 6-year-old black cocker spaniel dog belonging to the Cole children. The dog had been lost in O'Neill.

Within five minutes a listener had reported to Mrs. Cole the whereabouts of the dog and the identity was definitely established.

For announcements of this nature a \$2.50 fee is charged and usually produces amazing results.

Margritz - Sire Sale October 8

The combination registered Hereford dispersion sale and farm close-out, scheduled by Roy Margritz and W. G. Sire, will be held on Friday, October 8. Being offered are 104 head of registered Herefords from the Sire herd, founded in 1931; also 73 head of commercial cattle and a complete lineup of farm machinery.

The ranch is located 16 miles north of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, four miles west, one-half north and three-fourths mile east.

(Complete details of this sale may be found on page 11 of this issue.)

Thursday, September 30: Brick garage building, residential lot, miscellaneous items, being offered by Emmet Wright at Ewing. Sale to be conducted by Thorin-Bowker Auction Service, O'Neill.

Saturday, October 2: C Bar M Hereford ranch, annual fall sale of registered Herefords. (Write for catalog.)

Friday, October 29: Joe J. Jelinek & Sons, Verdigris, Nebr., annual production sale, 65 registered Herefords, Creighton Livestock Pavilion. (For catalog being published by The Frontier, write Jelinek.)

Friday, October 29: Fay and Nellie Puckett, north of O'Neill, will close-out livestock, farm machinery, some household goods. Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill and Col. Ed Evans of O'Neill, auctioneers; First National bank, O'Neill, clerk.

Saturday, November 13: North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, sale at Bassett; Tug Phillips, secretary-manager.

PLANS PROGRESS

BASSETT—Plans are going ahead for the new Bassett grade school building following approval last week of a 217,000-dollar bond issue. Voters in Rock county school district 74 gave the proposal a winning tally of 69 percent.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Richard Sanders, 24, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Christine Credit, 23, of O'Neill, September 27.

Farmer, 36, Breaks Neck in Pasture

Riderless Horse Is Cause for Search; Rites Set for Today

MONOWI—Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m., today (Thursday) from the Methodist church here for Marvin Pikkapp, 36, father of four children. He suffered a fractured neck about 6 o'clock Monday evening, September 27, a quarter of a mile from his home. The farm is located about one mile north of Monowi.

Rev. Anna Nelson of Lynch will officiate and burial will be in the Alford cemetery south of Monowi.

Mr. Pikkapp had mounted his horse to go to a nearby pasture and get cattle—as was his custom.

Apparently the horse became frightened or stumbled and Mr. Pikkapp fell to the ground and was instantly killed.

Friends said Mr. Pikkapp was of heavy stature and he may have fallen from the horse. Possibility of a heart attack was ruled out after a medical examination revealed the fractured neck.

The watch he was wearing had stopped at 6 o'clock. When the riderless horse returned to the vicinity of the barn, a search party was organized among the men from Monowi, Lynch and the nearby community.

The lifeless body was found a quarter of a mile from the house about 8 o'clock.

The late Mr. Pikkapp was born in Holt county and he served in World War II. The American Legion of Lynch will provide a firing squad and the pallbearers at the funeral.

Survivors include: Widow—Faye; sons—Ronald, 7; Michael, 5, and Kelly Stewart, 2-months; daughter—Shirley, 8; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pikkapp of Monowi; sisters—Mrs. Stewart Stringfellow of California; Mrs. Jack Rowles of Picktown, S.D., and Mrs. Rudy Eiler of Omaha; brother—Dwayne Pikkapp of Norfolk.

His wife's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Eiler, died several months apart during the past year.

O'Connor Located in Indianapolis

William Francis O'Connor, 35, transient resident in O'Neill during the spring, turned himself in to authorities at Ft. Wayne, Ind., on September 8, according to word received by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack. A warrant had been issued for O'Connor's arrest in connection with automobile theft, forgery, breaking and entering in Holt county.

It was O'Connor, Tomjack said, who stole a 1950 Buick car from Herman Janzing of O'Neill on May 6. Several weeks later the car was found in a parking lot at Fremont.

Tomjack said the Indiana authorities reported O'Connor had been paroled from a reformatory at Pendleton, Ind., where he was serving a one- to 10-year sentence.

O'Connor is being held at Pendleton and Holt county charges may be pressed later.

Child Going Abroad to Meet Grandparents

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark took their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Howard Clark, and son, Gene, to Sioux City Saturday where they left for New York City. Mrs. Clark and son were to board a vessel for England where Howard is now located with the army.

They expect to be gone for at least three years. Mrs. Clark's people reside in England so it is like going home for her. Gene will meet his grandparents for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark went from Sioux City to Aitken, Minn., where they will vacation for a couple of weeks.

Going to Germany—

Sgt. and Mrs. William O'Connell arrived Monday for a visit with Sergeant O'Connell's parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Connell. Sergeant O'Connell is in the air force and has been on temporary duty in England. Mrs. O'Connell will accompany him to Wiesbaden, Germany, on his next assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rourke and Mrs. W. W. Waller spent the weekend in Lincoln where they attended a hair fashion forum.