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Miss Marian Classen (above), business office employee for Northwestern Bell Telephone company, demonstrates the new "hands free" telephones now available here.

National Guard Chiefs to Confer Here Today

Former Montana Cage Great Dies

Gerald Huston Born at Ewing

EWING—Mrs. Harriet Welke received news of the death of her nephew, Gerald A. Huston of Glasgow, Mont., on January 3.

He had suffered an illness of several weeks. He was born in Ewing November 18, 1915, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Huston.

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He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was buried with military honors beside the grave of his father, who served as a Rough Rider in the Spanish-American war.

Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Adell Huston of Glasgow, several aunts, uncles and cousins in both Glasgow and Ewing.

NEW SEMESTER PAGE—The second semester began Monday, January 17, at the Page public school. New courses offered include: Advanced science, mechanical drawing and book-keeping.

Auction Calendar

There are seven auctions listed on the Frontier's sale calendar to be held within the next few weeks:

Monday, January 24: C. M. Wilson, Butte, liquidation sale, combination garage, service station, shop and office equipment, merchandise, also near-new dwelling, starting 10 a.m., in Putte; Thorin-Bowker Auction Service, O'Neill, sale managers. (Details on page 12.)

Monday, January 24: Complete closing-out sale, Daley Bros. (Claude and Ralph), 7 miles south of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, 2 miles west, 2 miles south, 1 mile west, including 1,600-acre highly-improved ranch; complete dispersion of contents hereof here; having and ratching equipment. (Details on page 11.) Ernie Weller Associates, Atkinson, will conduct auction.

Friday, January 28: Mrs. Ralph Nelson, seven miles north of Newport, five west, one north and one west, will dispose of 70 head of Hereford cattle, farm and haying machinery, 125 tons hay, some household goods; Col. Wallace O'Connell, O'Neill, auctioneer; First National Bank, O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 11.)

Friday, January 28: Henry Heese farm sale, 2 1/2 miles north of Page and 4 1/2 miles east; 7 head of cattle; hay and grain; machinery; Cols. Max and Buv Wanser, auctioneers; Farmers State Bank, Ewing, clerk.

Saturday, February 5: Holt County Hereford Breeders' Association sale, O'Neill, 58 lots—49 bulls, nine females; James W. Rooney, O'Neill, sale manager. (Write for catalog.)

Tuesday, February 8: Holt County Aberdeen Angus Breeders' sale, 35 bulls, 35 females, O'Neill; Blaine Garwood, president. (Write either Garwood, Amelia, or E. L. Miner, O'Neill, secretary-treasurer, for catalog.)

Saturday, February 26: North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, 44 bulls, Bassett. (Write Tug Phillips, Bassett, for catalog.)

Brig-Gen. Ghy N. Henninger, Nebraska's adjutant-general and commander of the state's national guard, will arrive here by air at 3 p.m., today (Thursday). He will confer with civic leaders relative to the possible location of a guard company here, and study several buildings with a view toward making them a temporary army in the event a tank company is activated in O'Neill.

General Henninger, who will be accompanied by Col. Evar Peterson, top administrative officer in the guard, will be met by James W. Rooney, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's new industries committee, Colonel Peterson is a brother of Former Gov. Val Peterson.

In the event a guard company is located here and becomes fully strength the annual payroll could be in the vicinity of 40-thousand-dollars per year.

Several Nebraska cities are competing with O'Neill for the as yet unborn tank company.

Civic leaders from several nearby communities will join with Rooney and members of his committee and entertain General Henninger and his aides at dinner this evening.

Meanwhile, a large number of present guardsmen, war veterans and prospective guardsmen, all interested in the establishment of a company here, will convene at 8:30 o'clock in the American Legion auditorium.

Several candidates for commanding officer for the proposed unit will be interviewed by General Henninger and Colonel Peterson.

Establishment of a successful guard unit could ultimately lead to the building of a large armory. The guards make available their armory facilities to certain types of community functions. A 170-thousand-dollar armory recently was completed at Holdrege.

Mrs. Snelson at 81st Milestone

AMELIA—Mrs. J. H. Snelson celebrated her 81 birthday anniversary Sunday, Jan. 16, at her home in Atkinson. The afternoon was spent visiting. A luncheon of ice cream and cake was served to 23.

Those present, besides the honored guest and her husband, Mrs. Snelson, were their daughters, Mrs. Ira (Elsie) Goodwin of Long Pine, Mrs. Opal Vargason of Atkinson, Mrs. Delbert (Emma) Edwards and family of Amelia; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emil Snelson of Long Pine.

Other friends present were Mrs. Harry Russel of Long Pine; Mrs. Huff Stewart; Mrs. Emma Lindsey, Florence Lindsey and Mrs. Etha Ott all of Amelia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards and family of Chambers; Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Paves of Atkinson, and Charlie McMillan.

Mrs. Paves took several pictures and as the group was departing to go home they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the "Happy Birthday" song.

Doctor Wilson Named ARC Head

Dr. Rex W. Wilson, O'Neill physician and surgeon, Tuesday night was elected chairman of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Other officers are: James Lyons and Leigh Reynolds, both of O'Neill, vice-chairmen; A. P. Jaskowiak of O'Neill, secretary, and J. B. Grady of O'Neill, reelection treasurer.

A kickoff for the 1955 ARC membership drive will be launched in February.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wetzel and family entertained at a dinner honoring her father, C. E. Worth, on his birthday anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Page and Barbara of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Karr of Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth.

Fauquier Rites Held; Dies at 100

Centenarian, Resident of Holt Since 1900, Recalled A. Lincoln

(Photo below)

A 100-year-old O'Neill man, Charles Alvin Fauquier, who had never been ill a single day until after he had attained his 98th birthday anniversary, quietly died Thursday, January 13, at his home here. During the past two years his health declined and he was hospitalized on several occasions.

The late Mr. Fauquier vividly remembered Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, also the assassination of President Lincoln in Ford's theater.

He was born at Troy, O., February, 1854, the son of Ephraim and Margaret Fauquier. At the age of 2 he moved with his parents and an older brother to Keokuk, Ia., where he resided until 1872.

His father had been a member of the Union army, but never returned from the war, dying in a Little Rock, Ark., hospital.

At the age of 18, the late Mr. Fauquier moved to Merrick county, near Central City, locating six miles north of the Oregon trail. At Central City in 1881 he married Emma Jane Pemberton. They became the parents of six children. The Fauquiers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1931. Mrs. Fauquier died in 1937 and one son, Anson, died in July, 1949.

Mr. Fauquier brought his family to Holt county in 1900, settling 10 miles southeast of Chambers. He purchased the farm from a homesteader.

Several generations of folks in the Chambers community looked upon a unique friendship between the late Mr. Fauquier and the late John Leinhardt. Neighbors, they lacked a week of being the same age and regularly celebrated their birthday anniversaries together until Mr. Leinhardt died.

Mr. Fauquier, an avid democrat who managed to keep abreast of current events until the past few months, often told about Indian battles, the turbulent life in the West following the Civil war, and frontier hardships.

He lived in semiretirement and retirement the past 30 years. After the death of his wife he made his home with his children.

In 1954, he celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Elkins, with whom he spent most of the time during his late years. On that occasion all of his living descendants were present.

He was among a handful of centenarians honored in 1954 by the metropolitan newspapers in conjunction with Nebraska's centennial celebration.

Survivors include: Sons—Adelbert of Chambers and Charles C. O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. J. F. (Lizzie) Coleman of Woodburn, Ore.; Mrs. Margaret Elkins of O'Neill, and Mrs. Asa (Susie) Hubbard of Chambers; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted 2 p.m. Monday at the Methodist church in Chambers with Rev. J. M. Hodgkin, church pastor, and Rev. Charles Soderstein of Clearwater officiating. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

The remains lay in state at Biglin's in O'Neill Sunday evening and until the funeral hour on Monday.

Pallbearers were Alvin Johnson, Alfred Walters, Charles Green, Alvin Tangeman and Seymour Harkins, all of Chambers, and Ray Leinhardt of O'Neill.

Among relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mrs. Belle Fauquier and family of Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. John Mueller and Clifford Fauquier, all of Central City; Hubert Boelts of Archer; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Dowd of Sioux City.

New Baptist Pastor Arrives at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Rev. Earl F. Schwenk of East St. Louis, Ill., newly-named pastor of Memorial Baptist church at Chambers, arrived here Friday with his family. They have moved into the church parsonage.

Vernon Smith and Bob Adams moved the household goods for Reverend Schwenk, his wife and family.

A fellowship reception, supper and pound social was held Monday evening at the church parlors. There was a large attendance.

Woman Gives Birth to Twins; Dies

PAGE—Funeral services were held at Fullerton Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Richard Bennett, 24, of Lincoln, who died Saturday afternoon—two days after giving birth to twin daughters.

Mrs. Bennett is the former Marilyn Weir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir of Hartington and granddaughter of Mrs. Dora Townsend of Page. She is survived by her husband, twin daughters, parents, several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Gailord Albright of Page attended the funeral services.

'Safe Driving Like Baseball Game'

Woman Expert Speaks to Group

The January meeting of the Holt county safety council, held Friday afternoon at the American Legion hall at O'Neill, began with the showing of the film strip, "This Is Life," after which Mrs. Vern Sageser of Amelia, president of the council, introduced Sgt. R. R. Shorney of Ainsworth of the Nebraska safety patrol.

Shorney described causes of traffic accidents that occur, for the most part, in daylight, in clear weather, on the straight-away. Many of them, he said, are car-car accidents.

"Dropping our guard, letting bad habits get the best of our driving, taking a drink to build up courage equal to challenging every driver on the road, and putting hurry ahead of safety, trying to make up time on the road, are principal causes," he declared.

Other factors are travel fatigue and the habit of sneaking a bit into ways of obeying the traffic laws.

Sergeant Shorney said: "In an attempt to build a better record, for 1955, we may face some legislation, adding more laws that require more personnel to enforce. I feel we have proper laws and ways and means are constantly being introduced for the traveler's safety and protection, if only the drivers would obey the traffic rules.

"The signs referred to as 'The Signs of Life,' are placed to keep you guided on unfamiliar roads," Shorney stated.

The film strip, "It's In Your Hands," was shown. This was made by the Omaha safety patrol as its contribution to the "Crusade for Safety" and depicted many of the wrong approaches to traffic problems—the cause of most accidents.

Mrs. Sageser introduced Dr. Irmaene Holloway of Cincinnati, O., a member of the national safety council. She is the only woman to hold the degree of doctor in the safety field.

Doctor Holloway declared that the class room of the driver of tomorrow is the family car of today. She likened the driving game to a baseball game. The objective in both cases is "getting home safely." Several high school students assisted in the quiet section of her lecture and the points made by Sergeant Shorney were reviewed.

Doctor Holloway quoted the startling figures that for every one polio patient there are 15 deaths from accidents among children and 50 cripples from the same.

"We have taken much interest and donated funds for research and care of the polio victim, but have neither raised a hand nor lifted a voice in an effort to combat the greater threat to our children," she declared.

"Whenever the general public assumes personal responsibility for the prevention of accidents, we will see a drop in the accident and fatality rate, but not until the drivers see fit to cooperate." A petition was circulated for signatures asking for a patrolman to be stationed in this area.



Charles Alvin Fauquier . . . born in Civil War era.—Frontier Photo.



Bob Thomas, manager of radio station WJAG, Norfolk, conducts interview at railroad boosters' meeting here Monday night. Left-to-right: A. L. Eccles of Norfolk, C&NW division superintendent; N. J. Rich of Norfolk, division traffic representative; Ira Watson of Inman, hay dealer and secretary-treasurer of the Save-the-Trains association, and Robert Krotter, O'Neill businessman



Mrs. Seery . . . ill more than a year.

Mrs. Fred Seery Rites at Chambers

Lived Near Chambers Since 1938

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, from the Methodist church here for Mrs. Fred M. Seery, 70, who had resided on a ranch south of Chambers since 1938.

Mrs. Seery died Wednesday, January 12, at 12:15 p.m., in the Community hospital at Burwell. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery. Pallbearers were Lyle Watson, Verne Wilkinson, Everett Jarman, Herman Shipman, Glenn Taylor and William Turner.

Hymns sung were "Under His Wing," "In the Upper Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset." Singers were Letha Cooke, Mrs. Ed Eisenhauer, Stanley Lambert and Ernest Farrier, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. V. Robertson.

Edna Almeda Hodgson, daughter of George and Clara Hodgson, was born at Cairo, August 27, 1884. She spent her childhood in that community.

On December 26, 1906, she was united in marriage to Fred M. Seery of St. Michael. They made their home at St. Michael until 1916, when they moved to a ranch north of Ballagh.

In 1938 they moved to this community. To this union two children were born. Mrs. Seery and her husband observed their 48th wedding anniversary in December in a quiet way. Mrs. Seery had been in ill health for over a year, and seriously ill the last two weeks, following several strokes.

Survivors include: Widower, son—Roy of Chambers; daughter—Mrs. Pearl Westover of Burwell; three grandchildren—Wilma and Janet Seery of Chambers and Con Westover of Burwell; brother—James Hodgson of Burwell. Rev. J. M. Hodgkin officiated at the funeral rites.

Among relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Seery and Mrs. Bertha Seery, all of Cairo; Mrs. Myrtle Fowler and Mrs. Fern Julian of Lubbock, Tex.; Mrs. Ernie Rowse, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fransen, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hodgson and family, all of Burwell; also many friends from Burwell, Atkinson, Ord, St. Edward, O'Neill and Neligh.

Nelsons Hosts—Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Houser and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smithson were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Nelson.

Rail Revenue Figures

The following figures represent some comparisons of passenger and express revenues on Chicago & North Western trains 13 and 14 at selected stations:

Station	TICKETS		EXPRESS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
Norfolk	591.70	803.85		(does not apply)
Clearwater	21.28	142.09	113.38	
Ewing	7.95	52.76	149.21	
Inman	9.00	36.65	44.63	52.57
O'NEILL	551.97	766.37	1,505.12	1,584.53
Atkinson	289.00	424.00	770.72	832.65
Stuart	37.00	174.00	292.24	326.95
Newport	.56	176.39	182.12	135.90
Bassett	367.00	435.00	633.91	727.89
Ainsworth	860.00	754.07	1,089.85	1,088.20
Valentine	720.00	940.00	2,174.85	2,186.64
Chadron	1,063.00	1,641.00	1,365.25	1,042.00

Note: It should be pointed out the passenger revenues do not include tickets sold on trains by conductors (some stations are closed when trains pass through). It must also be considered there was some "bad weather" rail travel in 1953 whereas December, 1954, was characterized by outstandingly good weather.

Mothers' March on Polio Jan. 27

'Dime Time' Revue Is Making

Benefit activities for the 1955 march of dimes fund-raising campaign are coming up thick-and-fast.

The O'Neill push is a part of the countywide drive in behalf of the Holt chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve is county polio chairman; Mrs. Norma Hall of Stuart is county drive chairman; Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh is in charge of the fund campaign in the O'Neill business section.

On Thursday evening, January 27, between 7 and 8 o'clock, O'Neill mothers will stage their annual march on polio. Sirens will blare and bells will ring as the door-to-door solicitation starts.

Mrs. William W. Griffin is in charge of coin boxes in the city. Sgt. James Lyons will head a bottle drive to be held Saturday, February 12. Richard Smithson, O'Neill public school vocal instructor, is arranging a home talent show entitled "Dime Time Revue." Date will be announced.

Simonsen post 93 of the American Legion will present a benefit dance.

Mrs. Hall said rural communities are organized separately for the 1955 drive and will be credited individually. Mrs. Hall points out the national need for 64-million-dollars to treat polio sufferers and for research.

Last year's goal of \$12,000 fell considerably short, Mrs. Hall points out. Donations may be sent directly to Mrs. Norma Hall, Stuart, and the proper community will be credited.

Ewing Woman, 86, Oldest Aux Member

EWING—Mrs. Clara May Tucker, 86, has joined the American Legion auxiliary, Sanders unit 214, at Ewing. She has the honor of being the oldest member in 1955.

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'Railroad' Theme Results in Ride

"Railroading" is the topic for Cub scouts this month.

Hence, members of Cub dens I, II and III boarded the west-bound Chicago & North Western passenger - mail - express train number 13 here at 6:44 a.m., Saturday and rode the plush streamlined daycoach to Atkinson—a distance of 20 miles.

The happy Cubs, many of them having had their first train ride, were met at the Atkinson station by their parents and several of the leaders. They returned to O'Neill by auto and devoured a heavy breakfast at the M&M Cafe & Bakery.

Dust Accompanies High Wind in Region

High winds last Friday whipped considerable dust across north-Nebraska skies. The wind subsided at nightfall.

The O'Neill region shares dryness with the rest of the nation. Light snow fell here Tuesday, but moisture is badly needed.

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Her eldest son, Ray Tucker, is a World War I veteran, Ora and Floyd Tucker are veterans of World War II. One grandson, Ralph C. Ellsworth, was killed in World War II and is buried at Luxembourg, Germany.

Grandsons now serving in the armed forces are Robert R. Pruden in Korea and Lyle Tucker in Europe. Another grandson, John Pruden, recently was separated from the armed forces. He served several months in France.

Save-Trains Group Says Gains Made

Stations in Region Report Substantial Jumps in Revenue

Forty persons from cities and towns along the Omaha-to-Chadron line of the Chicago & North Western railroad heard encouraging reports on the December, 1954, revenues on trains number 13 and 14—the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains in northern Nebraska.

The reports covered passenger and express revenues by stations from Hooper to Chadron.

Invitations had been sent to rail enthusiasts and civic groups ranging from Norfolk to Ainsworth. An organization was formed. Carroll ("Cal") Stewart, publisher of The Frontier and acting chairman of the meeting, was elected president; Francis Hebard, Bassett farm implement dealer, was named vice-president, and Ira Watson, Inman hay dealer, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The group designated Save-the-Trains association as its formal title.

Clearwater, Ewing, Inman, O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Newport and Bassett were among the stations showing substantial gains in passenger ticket sales in December 1954, compared to December, 1953.

This was "encouraging," the association officials said, in view of the national trend in which railroads have been losing heavily.

A. L. Eccles of Norfolk, division superintendent for the C&NW, said the "eight-months experiment is not far enough along to make any pronouncements." However, he agreed the picture has improved since December 6—the date the streamlined equipment went into service and the date the experiment began. Eccles also pointed out that December, 1954, was an "open month" in which there was no noticeable "bad weather traveling on rails."

He agreed that if there had been bad weather, perhaps one or more additional coaches would have been needed. (Two passenger coaches were in service two weeks.) In December a year ago and two years ago some rail travel was induced by severely bad weather conditions.

It was also pointed out the first week of December had elapsed before the streamlined coaches went into service.

Railway express business increased at Ewing, Inman, O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Newport and Bassett, the reports showed.

Stewart told the group the railroad officials at the top level had demonstrated good faith on at least four counts in an effort to save the trains which the C&NW says are incurring operational losses of 60-thousand-dollars annually.

Streamlined coaches and Pullmans were placed in service December 6 (three weeks following the public hearing at Valentine, attended by J. E. Goodwin, C&NW vice-president).

2. Through service was provided at Omaha, enabling passengers to travel to and from Chicago (and intermediate points) without changing trains.

3. A public relations expert has lectured to railroad agents, assistants, trainmen and others in contact with the public and conducted seminars for rail employees at five points (including O'Neill). This was the C&NW's answer to charges made at Valentine that some of the employees were disinterested.

4. The C&NW has strengthened its promotional and solicitation staff on the line to make an aggressive bid for business and thereby help retain the trains.

"It looks like we have cut out for ourselves a big task," Stewart told the group.

Robert Krotter, O'Neill businessman, who presented the revenue reports, said he was satisfied the C&NW and the public had made "honest attempts" to save the trains and wondered if the rail unions would come up with some economy suggestions. Krotter pointed out the flagmen (working in several shifts) draw 20- to 25-thousand-dollars per year, collectively. He questioned the need for flagmen and said their salaries represent "about one-third" of the loss.

Forty-eight trainmen are employed on the two trains and they'll be obliged to look elsewhere, he said, if the experiment doesn't work out.

Ed Wilson of O'Neill cited some railway express rates and pointed out that many items of merchandise and supplies, especially for

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