

# Committee Urges Lifting of Controls

## Military Rites for Korean Vet Cpl. McKim's Burial Here Monday

The body of Army Cpl. Lyle C. ("Red") McKim, O'Neill's second Korean war fatality, will arrive in O'Neill early Sunday with military escort. The young O'Neill man, who was killed in a jeep accident in Korea on January 8, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McKim, sr., of O'Neill. He was 24-years-old at the time of his death and was expected to return to the U.S. "within a few weeks."

The O'Neill soldier was killed when the knuckle on the steering mechanism of his jeep became loose and the vehicle upset.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, March 23, from the Methodist church here. Rev. W. B. Smith, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers. Simonson post 93 of the American Legion will conduct military rites.

Pallbearers chosen are Jerome Gallagher, Quentin Cavanaugh, Harold Prill, Leo Matthews and Gene Porter, all of O'Neill, and Jerry Thompson of Atkinson.

Simonson post has requested that business firms display flags at half-mast from 8 a.m. until after the funeral, then at top mast.

Mayor J. E. Davis has proclaimed that all places of business will lock doors and cease business operations between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. on the day of the funeral to pay tribute to this soldier.

The body reached the U.S. last week.

Sgt. Harold W. Fifer will accompany the remains to O'Neill. The body was forwarded from Oakland, Calif., on March 18.

Lyle was born December 13, 1928, on a farm near O'Neill. He was reared and educated here, attending O'Neill high school for four years.

Following his graduation from high school he was employed by the Beckwith Oil company, Dewey Electric and Outlaw Implement company. He was best known as "Red" McKim. He joined the services July 5, 1951.

He was in O'Neill in January, 1952, on a delay enroute to a West coast embarkation camp after receiving his military training in Georgia.

Survivors include: Parents; brothers—Leslie, Kenneth and Keith; sisters—Mrs. John DeGeorge and Miss Hyldred, both of Omaha; Mrs. Howard Wales of Castro Valley, Calif.; Mrs. Dale Wales of Hayward, Calif., and Miss Wilma of O'Neill.

**O'NEILL SNOW TRAVELS**  
Pfc. Leo Liable, who is stationed in Tokyo, sent a clipping of the O'Neill blizzard picture to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Liable of Atkinson. The picture appeared in a civilian Japanese paper. The Frontier has received numerous reports from Far East military personnel stating a blizzard scene appeared in the army newspaper, Stars & Stripes, Tokyo edition.

**Nuptials March 21**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clinkenbeard of Athol, Kans., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Patricia Ellen, to Ramon Wallace Shellhammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shellhammer. The ceremony will take place Saturday at the Methodist church in O'Neill.

**LB 245 Passed by Legislature**  
Holt and Boyd county wildlife enthusiasts will not have to go out of their territory to hunt. LB 245, introduced by O'Neill's State Sen. Frank Nelson, was enacted by the unicameral legislature Wednesday.

**Return from Nassau**  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich returned recently from a vacation in Florida and Nassau, E.W.I. They also visited their son, William J. Froelich, jr., who is stationed at Washington, D.C., with the navy.

**To Girls' State**  
Miss Esther Kaiser (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser of O'Neill, has been selected as O'Neill's girls' state delegate in June. She is an O'Neill high school junior, has been active in band, pep band, glee club, girls' trio and class activities. The alternate is Miss Evelyn Asher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Asher, Simonson post 93 of the American Legion auxiliary is Miss Kaiser's sponsor.—O'Neill Photo to Co.

Eighteen cattle industry leaders, including O'Neill's Dewey C. Schaffer, recommended to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson in a hurried two-day conference last week a seven-point program to halt skidding cattle prices.

Schaffer, president of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, received 48-hour notice to take part in the Washington talks. He got the word Sunday, March 8, and reached Washington Tuesday evening, March 10. The conference began the following morning and was concluded last Thursday.

Mr. Schaffer returned to O'Neill late Friday. He reported on the seven-point program on the Monday "Voice of the Frontier" radio program (WJAG, 9:45 a.m., 780 kc.).

The committee, composed of cattle industry representatives from throughout the nation, proposed a government promotion campaign to encourage more beef-eating at home and urged expanded research in the use of tallow, animal fats and hides. The group also recommended against standby wage-price controls after the present law expires April 30.

Mr. Schaffer said the committee that all price supports and controls recommended to Mr. Benson in agriculture be knocked off. He said the committee was unanimous in this feeling on the theory that supports offer only temporary relief.

It was felt that "government interference at this time would only further complicate the problems," Mr. Schaffer explained.

Schaffer was the only Nebraska delegate. Besides ranchers others represented the feeding, packing and breeding phases of the industry.

The citizens group urged increased beef buying for the school lunch program, and also urged the diet of American service personnel. It was further urged to work out a meat diet for South Korean soldiers now existing on "rice and beans," Mr. Schaffer explained.

The committee charged that high price supports on feed crops "confounded and aggravated" the cattlemen's plight and are "big factors in the present price squeeze." The cattlemen recommended "the whole support program be re-examined and more flexibility brought into it."

Secretary Benson was urged to explore the beef import and export conditions to see if beef demand could be increased.

Mr. Benson did not conduct the meeting but sat in on conferences. Mr. Schaffer said he lunched with Sen. Hugh Butler and Rep. A. L. Miller.

**Atkinson Shares Forensic Trophies**  
STUART — The results of North-Central Nebraska high school conference one-act play contest held Tuesday in Stuart follow:

Atkinson high and Valentine captured the trophies.

"Where the Cross Is Made" was the title of the Atkinson entry. Supt. Harold Hutcheson is the forensic director at Atkinson high school. Members of the cast were Lodison Wefso, Dale Ratliff, Fred Mulford, Gary Spence, Henry Dierks, Richard Kissinger and Donald Withers.

The Valentine entry was directed by Miss Ruth Collins. Members of the cast are Irene Kramer, Kay Arrasmith, Anisa Shamis, Gene Lamoreaux and Marlene Nicholas.

Schools winning honorable mention were Ainsworth, Bassett, and Stuart.

Other schools taking part were O'Neill, Springfield, Wood Lake and Long Pine.

**Country Club Meeting Scheduled**  
On Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m., at the Legion hall, O'Neill, a meeting will be held for all persons interested in the promotion of the O'Neill Country club.

It is not necessary that you are a golfer to attend this meeting. All interested in recreation are invited. This is a chance to express your likes and dislikes. The club is an asset to O'Neill, according to M. J. Golden, president.

**Cronin Speaks to Rural Youth**  
Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, Friday spoke to members of the O'Neill Rural Youth group at the courthouse annex.

The speaker told of the republican national convention last summer and told how the major political parties in the U.S. operated.

Visitors included Mr. Cronin, Fernie Waterman, Bessie Cullen, Eunice Rossmann, Duane Benash, Melvin, Joyce, Harold and Earl Miller.

**DEERE PROGRAM FRIDAY**  
The annual John Deere day program will be held at the Legion auditorium Friday, March 20. The Harry R. Smith Implements will be hosts. The program starts at 1:15 p.m.

**Go to Sioux City**  
Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. Mabel McKenna, Miss Genevieve Biglin and Miss Norma McAuliffe spent Monday and Tuesday in Sioux City.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
Ramon Wallace Shellhammer, 21, and Miss Patricia Ellen Clinkenbeard, 17, both of O'Neill, on March 18.

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# Fatally Burned in Explosion and Fire

## Mrs. Ira, 77, Expires in Hospital

### Lynch Doctor's Wife Recently Submitted to Leg Amputation

LYNCH—Mrs. G. B. Ira, 77-year-old wife of a veteran Lynch physician, died about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning, March 18, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. She had been a patient there for several weeks.

Recently Mrs. Ira submitted to amputation of one of her legs. No funeral arrangements have been completed. The body is at the Coulthard funeral home.

Survivors include: The widow—Dr. G. B. Ira, who is ill and is a patient in the Lynch hospital with a broken leg; one son—Dr. Gordon Ira of Jacksonville, Fla.; daughter—Mrs. G. R. (Naomi) Douglas of Indianapolis, Ind.; brother—Clifford Whipple of Tacoma, Wash.

The late Mrs. Ira's son and daughter were both expected to arrive in Lynch late Wednesday. Doctor Ira has been a physician at Lynch for half a century. He fell on the ice in a Lynch street several weeks ago and has been hospitalized at Omaha and Lynch.

His wife's maiden name was Florence Elsie Whipple. They were married April 10, 1898, at Omaha. She was a member of the Methodist church at Lynch.



Third Golden Wedding in Schmidt Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Schmidt (center foreground) are surrounded by their descendants on their golden wedding anniversary celebrated Wednesday, March 11. The Schmidts' children remember when their great-grandparents celebrated their golden wedding; remember their grandparents' 50th wedding celebration and helped their own parents in last week's observance at the Schmidt farm, located four miles north of Ewing.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## Frank Sedivy, 44, Gross Farmer, Dies

### Rites Held Tuesday at Rosedale

LYNCH—Funeral services for Frank E. Sedivy, 44, were held Tuesday, March 17, at 2 p.m. at the Rosedale Covenant church north of Bristow with Rev. Harold Nelson in charge.

Interment was held in the Lutheran cemetery north of Bristow.

Mr. Sedivy was suddenly stricken ill Sunday, March 8, and on Tuesday, March 10, snow drifts were cleared so he could be taken to the St. Anthony's hospital at O'Neill. He died early Saturday morning.

Frank, the youngest son of the late Joseph and Mary Sedivy, was born at Lynch September 19, 1908.

He attended the Lynch schools and was a prominent farmer and stockman in the Gross community at the time of his death.

He was married to Ella Dahlberg February 20, 1935. To this union two children, Luella and Gordon, were born. Both reside at home.

Survivors include: Widow; two children; three brothers and six sisters—John P. Sedivy of Casper, Wyo.; Andrew Sedivy of Lynch; Emil Sedivy of Tilden; Mrs. George Svatos and Mrs. Frank Svatos, both of Lake Andes, S.D.; Mrs. Smil Soulek of Ravenna, S.D.; Mrs. Lee Ferguson of Lebanon, Ore.; Mrs. Bernard Webber and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski, both of Lynch.

## C. J. Davis, 73, Dies in California

C. J. Davis, 73, former resident of O'Neill who left here in 1935, died last Thursday in a hospital at Los Angeles, Calif., where he had been residing. He suffered a heart ailment and had been in failing health for two years.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, March 16, in Forest Lawn Memorial park cemetery in Glendale.

The late Mr. Davis was born in Iowa. He married Miss Hulda Jane Prebel in Rutland, N.D., about 50 years ago. They became the parents of five children.

The Davis family moved to O'Neill in 1928 from Hartford, S.D. Mr. Davis worked for Interstate Power company here until 1935, when the family moved to Los Angeles.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Forest Earl of Torrence, Calif.; Mentor Edwin of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. W. C. (Morna Jean) Dunnam of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Bud (Norma Elizabeth) Payne of Hawthorne, Calif.; two granddaughters, and one sister.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Davis, who reside northeast of O'Neill, were unable to attend the funeral for Mr. Davis's father. They had visited him last fall in California.

## Minnie Lines, 85, Burial Rites Today

### Page Woman Dies at Home of Son

PAGE—Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Amelia Lines, 85, a Holt county resident since childhood, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) from the Biglin Brothers funeral chapel.

Mrs. Lines died at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, at the home of her son, Leslie A. Lines, at Page. She had been ill for several years.

Rev. George Francis will officiate and burial will be in the Page cemetery. Pallbearers chosen are Frank Beeler, William Neibauer, Herbert Stevens, Neven Ickes, sr., Neven Ickes, jr., and Hugh Holliday, all of the Page community.

The late Mrs. Lines, whose maiden name was Minnie Amelia Smith, was born April 9, 1867, in Cook county (Chicago), Illinois.

When a small girl she came to Holt county with her parents, the late William G. and Sarah Atkin Smith.

On November 27, 1882, at Neleigh she married the late Adalaska Lines. He died in 1918. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Clyde Edwin, and one daughter, Effie Irene David, who died December 20, 1918.

Survivors include: Son—Leslie A. of Page; daughter—Mrs. Patrick (Nettie May) McCart of Iolich, S.D.; sister—Mrs. Nina Hayne of Neleigh.

**TO NEW LOCATION**  
R. H. ("Ray") Shriner and H. D. Gildersleeve, OD, will be located in the Golden floor building on the ground floor location formerly occupied by Carmel Corner. C. M. Eason, DDS, is moving into the new Rasley building on South Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman spent the weekend in Omaha visiting their son, James, and his fiancée, Miss Marilu Jesse.

**SURE SIGN?**  
A sure sign of spring was the appearance Wednesday of Clyde Bowden in his multi-colored antique model T Ford. This antique model is tucked away in a garage on the Bowden property late in the autumn. Incidentally, Mr. Bowden never drives the vehicle at night.

**Atkinson Visitors**  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kaiser of Atkinson were Sunday evening callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kliment at Atkinson. Robert Beckenhauer, a student at Creighton university, Omaha, spent the weekend here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beckenhauer.

**Visit Columbus**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek, Christie and Jimmy and Mrs. Lod Janousek went to Columbus Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hile.

**IRRIGATION MEETINGS**  
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**CARRIER VACANCY**  
ORCHARD—Applications are being received for an examination to be held at the O'Neill postoffice on Thursday, April 2, in connection with a rural mail carrier vacancy at Orchard.

## Farmer, 24, Dies Here in Hospital

### Entire Family Brought in Following Early Morn Farm Mishap

An early Wednesday morning fuel oil explosion and fire resulted in fatal burns to Melvin Steskal, 24-year-old Holt county farmer, residing six and one-half miles south and three miles east of Inman.

Young Steskal, father of two small children, died several hours later—at 1:05 p.m.—in St. Anthony's hospital here. Third degree burns covered 90 percent of his body, hospital attendants said.

He was not unconscious until shortly before his death. Before he died he learned his wife would recover and his two children were unhurt.

Mr. Steskal, his wife, 23, their daughter, Donna, 2, and son, Marvin, 1, and Junior Earhart, 16, who was at the Steskal place, were brought to the hospital for medical attention.

Little hope was held for saving Mr. Steskal's life. Mrs. Steskal's condition late Wednesday was described as "good." She is suffering from back burns.

The Earhart youth's burns were confined to the arms.

Mr. Steskal was attempting to start a fire about 8 o'clock in the dining room stove when a nearby five-gallon tractor fuel can exploded. The fire got out of control and the home and all the personal effects were completely destroyed.

Young Earhart, a cousin of Mr. Steskal and whose home is in Elgin, said the can exploded after Mr. Steskal dropped it. The youth made an exit out the pantry window and ran to the nearby James Rotherham home for help.

Mr. Steskal's uncle, Elmer Steskal, found Mrs. Steskal unconscious in the middle of the bedroom floor. The children were found hurt in the bed. The door between the bedroom and dining room was closed and windows and doors kept intact are credited with saving the lives of the young mother and her two children.

Mr. Steskal was found in the yard. Neighbors could not explain how he managed to get out of the inferno and reach the outside. Elmer Steskal took his nephew to St. Anthony's hospital, arriving about 9 o'clock. Several doctors were summoned to attend the suffering burn victim. He also placed in the car Mrs. Steskal and the two children.

Mr. Rotherham took young Earhart to St. Anthony's. John Steskal, jr., also helped with the rescue.

The late Melvin Steskal was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steskal of Inman, who were not at home at the time of the tragedy. Melvin attended Ewing high school and served for several years in the armed forces after World War II.

His wife is the former Gladys Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wright of Ewing.

The children, suffering only minor burns, were dismissed from the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

The body of the late Melvin Steskal was taken to Atkinson pending completion of funeral arrangements.

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## Annual Spring and Soil Conservation Issue

This is the Frontier's annual spring issue, heralding the official arrival of spring on Saturday, March 21.

Annually The Frontier devotes extensive coverage to the activities of the Holt Soil Conservation district in a special issue. The year-end conservation report and additional conservation features and pictures have been incorporated in this issue.

Circulation of this issue is 3,800 copies and a sample copy is being sent to most rural homes in Holt and Boyd counties. The gross press run has been increased 1,400 copies to accomplish nearly one hundred percent rural coverage in the two-county area.

**3-D Films Coming Soon to Stuart**  
STUART—Movie-goers here will soon be receiving the new three dimensional pictures.

Dwaine Lockmon, theater owner, will install the three dimensional equipment in the Stuart theater.

The new equipment is expected to be delivered within three or four weeks.

However, Mr. Lockmon will arrange his screens so the conventional film as well as the three dimensional can be shown.

**'U' Band in Concert**  
The University of Nebraska ROTC symphonic band, of which John Berigan and Donald Hagensick of O'Neill are members, will present its annual public concert Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. in the coliseum. Donald A. Lentz is conductor of the 90-piece organization.

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