Growing Crops Are Now Needing Rain

300 Attend Bethany Church Dedication skyward for rain.

History of Country Parish Told

Dedication services for the new church building in the Bethany community were held Sunday, June 28, with an estimated crowd of 300 in attendance. Following the Sunday - school hour, Rev. Ralph Gerber, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Lexington and former pastor of the Bethany and O'Neill churches, preached the morning sermon.

Rev. Oliver Proett, D.D., pas tor of First Presbyterian church of Wayne, gave the call to wor-ship and pastoral prayer. Musical numbers included "The Whispers of Jesus," sung by the choir, and two numbers, "The Church in the Wildwood" and "My Anchor Holds," by the male quartette composed of Tom Chilvers, Bob Chilvers, Tom Lambert and Stah-

ley Lambert.

Rev. A. P. Kidwell, pastor of
First Presbyterian church at Pender and moderator of the Niobrara Presbytery, offered the invocation and benediction. During the noon hour a basket

dinner was held in the basement. Many old friendships were re-

The dedication service with revelry Rev. Samuel Lee presiding began with the choir singing the will be staging a two-day roder, introit at the entrance, continu- starting Saturday and extending ing with the hymn, Church's One Foundation," as the includes a parade, quarter horse processional. Following the show and contest dancing, carn-Apostle's creed, the choir sang ival and fireworks.

"Be Thankful Unto Him," after which Rev. Oliver Proett, D.F., on July 4, heralded as Nebraska's son, chairman of the building races, wrestling, free acts, mid-committee, presented the key to Reverend Lee, who then proceed-baseball games. ed in leading the congregation in the litany of dedication. Reverend Gerber offered the prayer of dedication. After the male quartette selection, "All Hail the quartette selection, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. George S. Bancroft, D.D., of Omaha preached the dedicators aha preached the dedicatory serchoosing as his subject, "The Church's One Foundation," using I Corinthians 3:11 as his "For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Doctor Bancroft emphasized the need of the church to be aware of the world's needs, and of the necessity of building on Preschool Tests the foundation of Christ.

He pointed out that even many religious groups seemingly forget this admonition and tend to base their work or activity more upon the words of man than upon Jesus Christ and His message But Christ is the only sure foundation upon which we can

Mrs. Lizzie Honeywell of Chambers, the only living charter member of the Bethany church, and Mrs. Star, one of the early aid members, were present. Rev. L. R. Hansberry, Rev.

Lawrence McElheron, both of Chambers, and Rev. Jens C. Jorgensen of Hoskins were also

Histories of the Bethany church and the ladies' aid organization were read by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lambert, respectively. Mrs. Henry Wood, treasurer of

the building committee, reported that all bills were paid and that there was a substantial balance in the treasury at present. She also read an appropriate noem which expressed the feeling of the community in their accom-plishment of building the new

Members of the building committee are Chairman James Gibson, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. P. W. Summerer, Stanley Lambert, Carol Summerer, Mark Gribble,

and Irwin LuRue.
John Harkins, Jim Gibson and Carol Summerer make up the board of trustees, and the members of the session are Mark Gribble, Ralph Hoffman and Kenneth LaRue.

On February 19, 1887, a small band of Christian people met at the home of L. S. Angel, three miles east of the town of Chambers, and under the direction of Rev. T. L. Sex-ton, assisted by Rev. John C. Sylvanus, Bethany Presbyterian church was organized.

L. S. Angel, William O. Hekart and Z. Prothero were elected ruling elders.

There were 19 members in the original organization. The session recorded meetings on February 19, May 29, and October 2 of the year 1887. Z. Prothero was cho-(Continued on page 6)

Try The Frontier on your next at Ft. Wayne, Ind. His degree is in electrical engineering

Hot weather has prevailed in north Nebraska for the second consecutive week and ranchers and farmers are hourly glancing

Pastures are getting dry and the

small grain and corn crops are badly in need of moisture. Meanwhile, federal aid is being made available to cattlemen in drought-stricken Texas and Oklahoma. Forty counties in those two states have been designated as major disaster areas.

The 1953 bluegrass crop in Holt county is of little account and hay crops will not be outstanding.
The mercury Wednesday soared to 102 degrees here, officially-the hottest mark of the year. Week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6

		Hi	Lo
June	25	76	54
June	26	80	55
June	27		61
June	28		54
June	29	97	67
June	30	94	73
July	1	102	68

July 4 Celebrations at Stuart, Neligh

Independence day falls on Saturday and the long weekend will be an inducement for considerable traveling, family reunions and

The American Legion at Stuart "The through Sunday, Program also

read the Scripture. James Gib- bigest, will feature stock car

At the Country club here a golf tournament will be in progress and there will be fireworks the numerous vantage points along the roads near the grounds.

The Martha Community club again is sponsoring a July 4 for Joseph Emmett McLimans, After the war he got a job in they would ceny record.

races and picnicking. August 12, 13, 14

followed by baseball games, look

Miss Virginia Lynn of Wayne
State Teachers college will be in
O'Neill to give preschool tests
August 12, 13 and 14, according
to Miss Alice L. French, Holt
McLimans. The foster father,

and you want him to attend the couple christened the kindergarten or the beginner foundling child and endeavored grade this year, contact the coun-

French urged. The state department recommends that no children whose hopes for Joseph.
birthdays come after January 1 The task of rearing Joseph birthdays come after January 1 shall be tested.

Samples of school exhibits are the Coyne Hardware each week-end during July. "Look at the samples and then see the whole exhibit in the exhibit hall!"



ISC Graduate

Kenneth Berglund (above), son of Mrs. Peter More of Fair mont, formerly of Redbird, re-cently received a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State college at Ames. Berglund graduated from O'Neil! high school in 1946. He is a brother of Mrs. Harvey Krugman of O'Neill, and has accepted a position with General Electric is in electrical engineering.

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McLimans brushes away a tear when sentence is pronounced.

Slayer's Record Sordid

celebration on the school grounds, activities starting at 10 a.m. There

Chief Chet Calkins, investigators for Joe Maas. will be a brief patriotic program have pieced together a sordid Then, for six months, he

twisted and evil-bent.

county superintendent of public instruction.

If your child is 5 any time from October 16 to January 1 ter of their own.

to rear him in the ways of rightty superintendent's office, Miss eousness. Both parents were devout Catholics and good churchgoers. They entertained fond

became increasingly difficult after the death of Mr. McLimans, being placed in the window of the brave foster mother recalls. Joseph's first brush with law took place in Omaha when he il-legally appropriated an automobile for a "joyride." The incident landed him in court and he was paroled to an Omahan. This was in November, 1942, and he was

Came Pearl Harbor. Joe enlisted in the air force and received training as an en-gineer-gunner on four-engined B-17 Flying Fortresses. Apparently, the air force had winked at the police record. His outfit was shipped overseas to England. Joe's crew had been operational only a month and had flown only one or two missions when his craft was shot down over

That was in April, 1944. During the ensuing months, until the war in Europe ended, Joe existed in a Nazi stalag — one of the worst prisoner of war camps. His war record prompted his commander, Col. Dale O. Smith, man with the O'Neill murder un-to send a letter of commendation til the right moment. Instead, to Joe in the care of his foster

The citation read:
"Although you failed to return
from your last mission over Germany, I take pleasure in being able to commend you for your meritorious achievement on that date. In spite of heavy fighter and flak opposition, you coolly accomplished your duties. By your skillful airmanship and courage you enabled our group to deal a vital blow to the ene-

"We sincerely hope you are safe and that we shall again be

North Western railroad as an trip to the pen.

"extra brakeman," making runs from Norfolk-to-Long Pin and from Norfolk-to-Bonesteel and Winner. He was among four younger men with the rairoad who were readying for examinations to qualify as freight con-But his extra-curricular activ-

ities, his unbridled sorties in the night and his habits, which were flaunting everything he had been taught at his mother's knee, changed the course of the life of

breaking and entering the Schlueter Implement company in Norfolk on February 18. He was caught in the act by William Schlueter, the owner, who held McLimans by the nap of the neck with one hand and held a hammer over his head with the other until police came and arrested McLimans. It was his second entrance at the Schlueters estab-

It had a large and distinctive buffalo-head hood ornament.

thy, Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin, Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack and the Nebraska safety patrol, a plausible policy was evolved. No at-tempt would be made to link the

Billy Lyons, 18, Still 'Critical'

Billy Lyons, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don O. Lyons, is in "critical condition" in Methodist hospital, Omaha.

when his motorcycle went out of control Sunday afternoon near the Hugo Holz farm, on U.S. highway 20, a mile north of O'-Neill. He lay in the ditch until he was removed to St. Anthony's hospital in an ambulance. Dr. O. W. French several hours later

106 degrees and all members of his family including his parents; his sister, Mrs. Betty Richter of Washington, and his brother, Walter, of New Mexico, were summoned to his bedside. By late Wednesday the temperature had dropped to 101 degrees but hos-

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they would first probe his lar-

McCarthy sought out a C&NW near the cash register.
railroad inspector and checked Schlueter's firm h the company's work sheets. Im- robbed several times before. Bill

(Editor's note — The Frontier has borrowed much of the following chronology from the Norfolk Daily News):

After a group of officials, in-cluding Madison Sheriff McCarthy, Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack, Brown Sheriff Ralph Leonard, Sgt. Harry Carlisle (then of the safety patrol), and Sgt. R. R. Shorney of the safety patrol (Continued on page 3)

Joseph Emmett McLimans. McLimans got himself involved in a series of larcenies—petty and otherwise. His undoing was Nearing O'Neill

Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas company pipeline crews are now from Inman to O'Neill-

munities," an official pointed out.

Completion of the distribution system in the city is expected before July 15. When it is completed, the crew will move to Bloom-

to Plainview is expected to be tal for observation. finished this week, after which a lateral line will be laid to Creighbeing a mental case after about

rel, Belden, Hartington, Coleridge and Wausa.

High Postal Official, Holt Native, Dies

ATKINSON—C. B. Utley, 70, a native of Holt county and in recent years the holder of the highest civil service post in the U.S. postoffice department, died suddenly Tuesday in Washington, D.

Mr. Utley was an uncle of Mrs. John Silverstrand of Atkinson. He began his postal career in Mus-kogee territory of Oklahoma.

JOINS MARINES

son of Leo Carney and the late
Mrs. Carney, left Omaha late
Wednesday for boot training in
San Diego, Calif., after enlisting
in the response to the late of the l pital attendants were holding little hope for his recovery and he was still unconscious.

Wednesday Inc.

San Diego, Calif., after enlisting set in county court at 5 p.m., and in the marine corps. He is a St. the slayer was bound over to district court.

Mary's academy gracuate who district court. university, Omaha.

McLimans Begins Life Term in Pen

Threatens McLimans

Norfolkan Captures Burglar in Store

A powerful, 210 - pound gent with greying hair sat in the courtroom Saturday as sentence was pronounced on Joseph Emmett McLimans.

This man had a special interest in the prosecution.

Here's why:
William Schlueter, owner of
the Schlueter Implement company in Norfolk (Oliver dealer
on East Norfolk avenue), was the man who, assisted by Clarence Hamm of Winside, actually captured the elusive McLimans.

It was on the night of February 18, 1953. Schlueter had just been released from an Omaha hospital. Hamm, a customer, went to Norfolk, asked Schlueter to open up the implement store to get some needed repairs. It was about 8:30. Upon entering the store they heard a rustling Schlueter's firm had

story of waywardness and crime.

But it wasn't until after the murder confession had been told mass located in the Hotel Waldorf of the murder. From that point got to his feet and unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined had unsuccessfully set several McLimans was off-duty the night of the murder. From that point got to his feet and was located in the Hotel Waldorf of the murder. From that point got to his feet and unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined had unsuccessfully set several for the murder. From that point got to his feet and unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined had unsuccessfully set several for the murder. From that point got to his feet and unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined had unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined by the murder confession had been told was located in the Hotel Waldorf of the murder. From that point got to his feet and unsuccessfully set several mediately it was determined by the might was located in the Hotel Waldorf of the murder. that the details of the crime spree were made public.

Med image' life wasn't always

was located in the Hotel Waldort of the murder. From that point on the machination set in that way through the store — a distance of about 80 feet.

Schlueter, in his bedroom

slippers, and Hamm were in close pursuit. McLimans started out a small window head-first. Schlueter applied a powerful grip on McLimans' leg and drew him back into the building.

The burglar landed among some iron articles near the window. He pleaded to be allowed to get up on his feet. Schlueger picked up a two-pound hammer and admonished McLimans whom he did not know, not to make a move.

Hamm hovered over the burg-lar while Schlueter called police, who were about five minutes in

Later, at the police station, it was found McLimans had been unarmed. The police knew Mc-Limans as "Joe" and said they could handle him all right. Schlueter and Hamm, both of

the final leg of the extension from Neligh to O'Neill.

It is tentatively planned to have natural gas flowing into the new O'Neill distribution system by about July 15, officals explained this work.

A "torch lighting" whom told the story to The Frontier, might well be the right-ful claimants to the rewards that have been offered for anyone giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Calkins slayer. whom told the story to The

this week. A "torch-lighting" Moreover, the night of Februceremony is being talked with Chamber of Commerce and city officials. on some of the reward money Following completion and testing of the lateral line southeast of Holt each posted \$500 rewards of O'Neill, gas service will be made available to the communities of O'Neill, Ewing and Inman. of the money has been returned. It will be necessary to put these lines under test before gas have been made for the reward can be turned into these com- money todate although one coun-

field. Only a few rail crossings and street crossings remain to be completed in O'Neill.

A natural gas line from Neligh taken to the Norfolk state hospi-

eight weeks, and was returned Other towns in the expansion to the Madison county jail. It program include Randolph, Lauwas on Thursday, June 18, Mc-Limans was transferred to the Holt county jail at Holt's request.

The technique of the investigators was to pin the Galven Motor company burglary on the prisoner, finally the Shelhamer implement break - in, and the "D.D."-initialled overnight case

cent years the hold.

est civil service post in the U.S.

postoffice department, died suddenly Tuesday in Washington, D.

C. He suffered an apoplectic have something to tell if he might see his foster mother first.

Mrs. Lillian McLimans, accommised by Dan Jewell, Norfolk C'Neill early panied by Dan Jewell, Norfolk attorney, came to O'Neill early Wednesday, June 24.

Mrs. McLimans urged her fos-ter son to "tell all." He did. Jewell also heard the initial confes sion. Holt county and state patrol John F. ("Jack") Carney, 19, officers moved in and the oral

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Frank Lee Weinmeister (above) has been contracted to teach industrial arts and social studies in the Chambers felt like a "50 pound weight had been lifted off his chest." trained shop instructor. The board considers itself fortunate in securing his services.

Teacher Signed

Pearl McLimans, descending

steps from Holt county court-house cell block . . . "I'll stick

By a Staff Writer

The heavy barred gates of the Nebraska state penitentiary clanked shut about dusk Sunday evening on the remaining years in the life of Joseph Emmett McLimans, 33-year-old railroad brakewith Big Hammer man from Long Pine and Norfolk.

McLimans was quiet and submissive as he began his life sen-

tence in the penitentiary at Lincoln for the slaying of O'Neill's wellloved Police Chief Chet Calkins on an O'Neill street in the early morning hours of March 7, 1952.

Only four drama-packed days elapsed between the time McLimans confessed to the slaying and the day he entered the Nebraska penitentiary. However, the investigators have a file on McLimans an inch thick that now bares the full, sordid story of a fantastic life of larceny, gambling and drinking in addition to the shameful murder of Calkins.

As his term began, McLimans volunteered no comment. He admitted things looked "pretty discouraging" now and that he didn't feel too good. His first words to prison officials were, "When can I have some

County Sheriff Leo Tomjack and his wife took McLimans to Lincoln Sunday, leaving here about 2 p.m. Tomjack said McLimans

was very quiet on the four-hour trip from O'Neill.

McLimans, having been in custody since February 18, was brought to O'Neill from the Madison county jail June 18, ostensibly to be questioned in connection with breaking and entering the Galyen Motor company in Atkinson several months ago. A confession of the Calkins murder was gained late Wednesday afternoon, June 24.

McLimans was handcuffed and strapped into the sheriff's car for the Lincoln trip. He had been a bit surly and temperamental following the trial, and Tomjack was anxious to turn the prisoner

over to officials at Lincoln. Tomjack admitted he himself was exhausted after the trial and indicated the trip wouldn't be made for several days. McLimans threw a minor scare into officials some pills which he had carried over from his days in the state hospital at Norfolk. (He had been in the hospital for 60 days this

spring for observation.) Doctors were summoned but the pills turned out to be relatively harmless sedatives for nerves. Frank Noffke, Sr., Dies in Hospital

> Funeral Held Monday for Blacksmith EWING—Frank Noffke, sr., 74, a retired Ewing blacksmith, died at the University hospital at Omaha on Friday forenoon, June

> Mr. Noffke had been in poor health for a number of years. Survivors include Widow: 20ns Herman of Superior, Carl of Albion, Frank, jr., of Ewing, and Harold of Kansas City, Mo.; daughters— Mrs. Elmer Owens of Norfolk and Mrs. Vernon Cronin of Pierre, S.D.

Two daughters, Helen and Ruth, and one granddaughter, Sandra Kay Cronin, preceded him in death. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Ewing Methodist church with Rev. W. J. Bomer

Frontier Publishes Extra After Trial

officiating.

The Frontier's big press be-gan turning out a four-page McLimans trial extra late Saturday afternoon—a few hours after the life sentence had been imposed on the slayer of Police Chief Chet Calkins.

Forthcoming publication of the extra was heralded on The Frontier's Saturday morning radio program ("Voice of The Frontier," WJAG, 780 k.c.) and during a total of one hour and 30 minutes of radio reporting of the trial.

The extra contained three pictures taken inside the courtroom by The Frontier's staff
photographer, John H. McCarville, plus five other late
news pictures in connection
with the confession and several
pictures taken from the Calkins murder files.

Three thousand extras were published and made available at newsstands extending from Norfolk to Ainsworth, east and west, and from O'Neill north to
Bonesteel, S.D. Most newsstands reported sellouts, Maill
orders directly to The Frontier
ran into the hundreds and orders are still coming in.
The outre is believed to be

The extra is believed to be the first ever published in O'-Neill newspaper history. Most of the contents in the extra appear in this issue in order that all regular subscribers have the full trial story.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Emerson Devine of Burley, da., a former resident of O'Neill, died Saturday, June 27. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons, two sispublic school for the 19.3-'54 term. Mr. Weinmeister, whose home is at Greeley, Colo., is a Mrs. Robert Cook of O'Neill, and one brother, Philip Simmons.
The funeral was held Tuesday. June 30.

Signature Lack Saves Life

his mood changed later in the day when he learned the lack of a signature actually had saved his life. One hundred twenty-nine GI - passengers and crew Johnson about 6 o'clock and was supposed to clear the base, then go to another field for the flight. "It was the last-minute I was scrubbed from that passenger was walter family Sunday at Spencer."

Murray of O'Neill reported at a master plunged to their death.

Far East air base for passage on a C-124 Globemaster transport plane, one of the clearance documents in his possession lacked a members aboard the big Globemaster death.

"Boy, I never was so lucky in my life," wrote Erwin to his father, Frank H. Murray, Phoenix route, O'Neill. "The news really masters are about the size of a fine new house but they we all

signature.

"Sorry, Joe, we can't let you board this one," bellowed the sergeant, who was checking the passenger roster. The big engines were being warmed up and making plenty of racket.

The O'Neill airman turned back a little disappointed. But his mood changed later in the

When A/3c Thomas Erwin members aboard the big Globelist. One paper wasn't signed and turray of O'Neill reported at a master plunged to their death. they scratched me right off," he

That night, Madison County Sheriff Joe McCarthy, one of Nebraska's youngest peace offi-cers, first linked McLimans with the Calkins crime. The suspicion arose because McLimans had a 1949 green Kaiser automobile similar to the one seen in O'Neill the night of the Calkins murder.

By agreement between McCar-

He was knocked unconscious

ordered the youth transferred by air ambulance to Omaha where surgery was performed.

He was suffering from concussion and a skull fracture. His temperature Tuesday soared to