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## Child Tumbles Into Stock Tank, Drowns

STUART — A 17-month-old Stuart boy, Jerel Dale Givens, left the family house while his mother was doing chores, wandered to the stock water tank in the yard, and drowned.

Discovery of the drowning was made by the mother, Mrs. Art Givens, about 6:30 p.m., Friday. She said she had left the child in the house and was gone "less than 15 minutes."

Efforts to revive the child were futile.

Mrs. Givens worked with her child for a time and later the Stuart and Atkinson firemen attempted to revive the boy.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Monday, July 27, from St. Boniface Catholic church. Burial was in Calvary cemetery in O'Neill.

The child was born February 20, 1952, in the Community hospital at Stuart. The mother is the former Alda Pongratz.

Survivors include: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Art Givens; brothers—Robert and Gordon; sisters—Lois and Carolyn.

Robert and Lois were polio sufferers last year.

The family resides 2 1/2 miles south and one-half mile east of Stuart.

## Catherine Ullrich Dies in Hospital

AGED HOLT RESIDENT ILL SEVERAL MONTHS

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Monday, July 27, for Mrs. Catherine Ullrich, 81, who died at 8 o'clock Friday morning, July 24, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been ill several months and had been confined to the hospital 11 days.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery beside the grave of her husband, Gustav Ullrich, who died 42 years ago.

Pallbearers were August Troshynski, Anthony O'Donnell, Walter Ries, Gus Rohr, John Wenner and Edward Jensen, all of this community.

The late Mrs. Ullrich, whose maiden name was Catherine Schaffer, was born at Mays-hoff, Germany, March 19, 1872, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Stodden Schaffer.

She married Gustav Ullrich at Charter Oak, Ia., on January 16, 1892. The couple came to Nebraska 48 years ago, initially settling for one year on a farm four miles south of Atkinson, later moving to a locality five miles east.

Mr. Ullrich had purchased a farm shortly before his death but did not live to reside on it.

Mrs. Ullrich carried on for several years with her children, moving into Atkinson to retire about 25 years ago.

Survivors include: Sons—Joseph of North Bend; Leonard of Atkinson; Pius of Sioux City; daughters—Mrs. James Mullen of O'Neill; Mrs. Orville (Frances) Hitchcock of Atkinson; Mrs. Lloyd (Catherine) Quinn of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Jake (Marcella) Stasch of Nenzel, and Miss Theresa of Atkinson, who has been teaching school north of O'Neill.

## Auto Pushball Top Fair Attraction

A relatively new novel attraction that wows audiences wherever it is shown has been booked for the 1953 Holt county fair at Chambers, September 1, 2, 3 and 4. The attraction is known as auto pushball. Rubber bumpered jalopies will race in hot pursuit of a big ball in front of a spellbound grandstand crowd. The two-hour pushball show will feature entertainment on September 3 and 4—the final two days of the fair.



Lyons Recovers

Billy Lyons, 18 (above), O'Neill youth who was critically injured June 21 in a motorcycle accident northwest of the city, is making rapid recovery at his home here. He suffered a head concussion and other injuries. This week he was permitted to be in a wheel chair for 15 minutes at a time. He has recovered his speech and partial use of his left arm. He had no use of the arm three weeks ago when he returned from the hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don O. Lyons.—The Frontier Photo.

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# State Board Whoops Holt Values

## Soakers Boon to Pastures

Over 3 1/2 Inches of Moisture Is Timely for Growing Crops

Well over 3 1/2 inches of moisture has fallen here during the past three days.

And the rain could not have come at a better time to freshen pastures, soak thirsty crops and gladden hearts.

Hot days and hot winds had sadly depleted topsoil moisture and caused serious concern among farmers and ranchers.

A succession of predicted thundershowers had failed to materialize, except to dampen the sidewalks, and by Sunday evening the agricultural outlook was rather grim.

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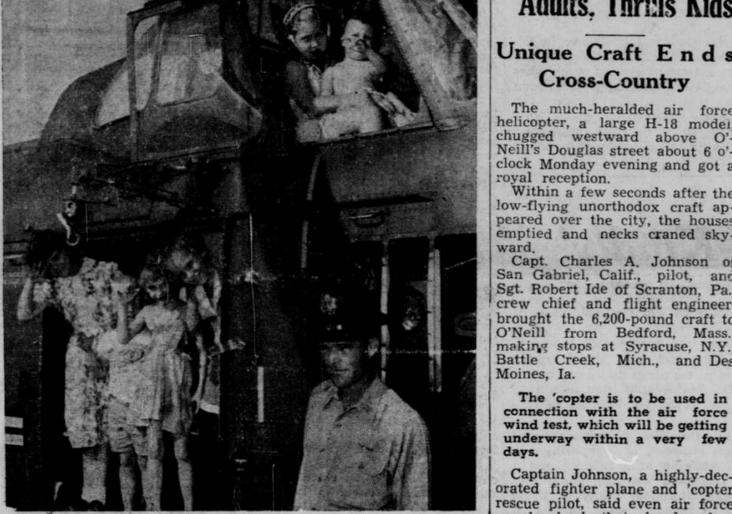
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Swarming around the air force's big H-18 helicopter after its arrival at the wind test site were these excited O'Neill kids: Foreground (left to right): Robert Wilson, Sally Stewart, Scott Stewart; standing—Suzanne Stewart, Merna But-

terfield, Roberta Becker, Verna Butterfield, Joan Wilson, Captain Johnson, Linda Stuitbergen, Richard Stuitbergen, Patricia Wilson. Pointing out a map is Sergeant Ide, crew chief.



Standing in 'copter's doorway (left-to-right) are Merna Butterfield, Richard Stuitbergen, Suzanne Stewart and Roberta Becker and Captain Johnson, the pilot, stands beside the craft. The cockpit are Joan Wilson and Robert Wilson.—The Frontier Photos.

## Mother, Daughter Burned in Fire

Mrs. Mary Fleming and her daughter, Lillian, 12, were seriously burned about 4 p.m., Saturday at their home. They were lighting a gas hot water heater in the basement. The flame had gone out several hours before.

Mrs. Fleming had summoned her daughter to assist and the explosion burned both of them. The daughter, a sixth grader who was clad in a sunsuit, was most seriously burned on her face, legs, back and hands. Mrs. Fleming was burned on the face, legs and hands.

Both are in St. Anthony's hospital being treated for first and second degree burns. They will be confined to the hospital for several more days.

Firemen went to the scene and extinguished a bedding fire. Several basement windows were blown out.

## CALKINS ON LEAVE

Don Calkins, son of Mrs. Chet Calkins and the late Police Chief Chet Calkins, arrived in O'Neill about 11 o'clock Friday for an 11-day leave. He has been studying navy photography at Pensacola, Fla., and is being transferred to Jacksonville.

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## Color Parade Closes Campaign

A large crowd gathered in O'Neill Friday evening to witness the bicycle parade which ended the safety campaign, sponsored by the Willing Workers 4-H club. Individuals and groups of children had spent many hours decorating bikes and the result was a colorful exhibition.

The winners in all divisions follow:

Best group: First prize—James Richter, Elizabeth Fritton, Gary Jeffrey, James Cuddy, Oran Spry. Second prize—Danny and Billy Putnam. Third prize—Terry Conroy and Sammy Strong.

Most original: First—Harry Bellin; second—Raymond Fox; third—Kathryn Ruback; fourth—Kenneth Sanders; fifth—Larry Dawes.

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## 'Copter Fascinates Adults, Thrills Kids

Unique Craft Ends Cross-Country

The much-heralded air force helicopter, a large H-18 model, chugged westward above O'Neill's Douglas street about 6 o'clock Monday evening and got a royal reception.

Within a few seconds after the low-flying unorthodox craft appeared over the city, the houses emptied and necks craned skyward.

Capt. Charles A. Johnson of San Gabriel, Calif., pilot, and Sgt. Robert Ide of Scranton, Pa., crew chief and flight engineer, brought the 6,200-pound craft to O'Neill from Bedford, Mass., making stops at Syracuse, N.Y., Battle Creek, Mich., and Des Moines, Ia.

The 'copter is to be used in connection with the air force wind test, which will be getting underway within a very few days.

Captain Johnson, a highly-decorated fighter plane and 'copter rescue pilot, said even air force people shook their heads when he told them he was flying the plane cross-country to O'Neill—some 1,800 miles from the Eastern seaboard. Helicopters are considered a short-range, specialized type aircraft and seldom are used in a transcontinental flight.

Johnson received a host of decorations in Korea and is a veteran of 13 years in the air force. Ide has been in the air force eight years.

Also arriving within the past few days have been the Johns Hopkins university meteorological crew from Baltimore, Md.; the Wright Field research group from Dayton, O.; personnel from the Sixth weather squadron at Tinker field, near Oklahoma City, Okla., and several members of the fourth weather group from Dietrick, Md.

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## Truce in Korea Means No Cutbacks

The United Nations command and the communists signed an armistice in Korea in a ceremony beginning at 7 o'clock Sunday evening (CST). Within 12 hours—or at 7 o'clock Monday morning (CST)—all firing ceased along the 155-mile battlefield near the 38th parallel.

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Sgt. Edward Schmucker, Pfc. James Fleming and Pfc. Ardell Bright, all members of the Norfolk national guard company, will depart Sunday for two weeks of active duty at Camp McCoy, Wis. Also going to Camp McCoy is Lowell Nesbitt, who resides here but is a member of the Grand Island guard company.

## BICYCLE SAFETY

If I had a bicycle I would remember to act safely all the time. When I ride on the streets I would stay on the right side going and coming, and I wouldn't hang into cars and things. The people walking can always

We should first learn the A, B, C's of bicycle riding, which is "always be careful."

We do not need to pretend like we are in a rocket, or a spaceship, trying to get somewhere in

## Chet Stockwell Night at Bassett

BASSETT—Tonight (Thursday) is Chet Stockwell night in the Rock county capital.

Mr. Stockwell has been leader of the town and school band for 50 years, and he has been identified with the musical life of the city even longer.

Down through the years he has assembled one of the most complete libraries of band music in the state, largely at his own expense. Mr. Stockwell enjoys a very fine reputation among band masters in the region and townspeople are going to honor him at tonight's concert, which will be played rain or shine at the bandstand.

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## Paul Shelhamer, 18, Flown to Omaha

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