Child Tumbles Into Stock Tank, Drowns Over 31/2 Inches of

STUART — A 17-months-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

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; broth-

ers-Robert and Gordon; sisters —Lois and Carolyn. Robert and Lois were polio sufferers last year. The family resides 21/2 miles south and one-half mile east of

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 kinson Memorial hospital. She had been ill several months and had been confined to the hospital

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery beside the grave of her ranched south of Emmet, died husband, Gustav Ullrich, who at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, 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. Ulrich, whose maiden name was Catherine Schaffer, was born at Mayshoff, Germany, March 19, 1872, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Stodden Schaffer.

She married Gustav Ulrich 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. Ulrich had purchased a farm shortly before his death but did not live to reside on it.

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

Survivors include: Sons-Jo2 Atkinson; Pius of Sioux City; daughters-Mrs. James Mullen of Abart, Oliver Maring and Homer O'Neill; Mrs. Orville (Frances) Maring, all of Emmet. Hitchcock of Atkinson: Mrs. Lloyd (Catherine) Quinn of St. Visit Lynch—Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Jake (Marcel-Mr and Mrs la) Stasch of Nenzel, and Miss Theresa of Atkinson, who has the Ed Hoffman and Harold Potbeen teaching school north of ter homes in Lynch this week.



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 perted to be in a wheel chair for 15 minutes at a time. He has recovered his speech and par-tial use of his left arm. He had no useage 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.

Joseph Crawford Dies at St. Edward

Friday morning, July 24, in At- Formerly Resided South of Emmet

EMMET - Joseph Lutheran Crawford, 79, who formerly July 27, in a rest home at St. Edward. He died unexpectedly and had not been seriously ill. Mr. Crawford resided at an O'-

Neill hotel until moving to St. Edward several months ago. The body was removed to Biglin Brothers funeral home in O'-

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 had an off-year in this county.

p.m., in the Biglin Brothers chapel with Rev. M. H. Grosen
Most corn has been damaged bach officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. The late Mr. Crawford was born in Saunders county August

21, 1893. He resided at Silver Creek, in Merrick county, prior to coming to Holt county in 1904. His wife, who is deceased, was the former Jennie Marshall. They

became the parents of four chil-Survivors include: Sons-William of Pomona, Calif.; Archie of Azusa, Calif., and Carl, formerly

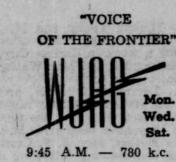
of Emmet; daughter-Mabel, also formerly of Emmet. Pallbearers will be Clarence seph of North Bend; Leonard of Ernst, Fred Lorenz and Keith Abart, all of O'Neill, and Darcy

Mr. and Mrs. Carence Hoffman and family of Norfolk visited at



Auto Pushball Top Fair Attraction

A relatively new novel attraction that wows audiences whereever it is shown has been booked for the 1953 Holt cuonty fair at bers, September 1, 2, 3 and 4. The attraction is known as | -Charles Crook, 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 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 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 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 attraction is known as auto, pushball. Rubber bumpered jalopies will race in hot pursuit by a spellbound grandstand crowd. The two-hour pushball show will feature entertainment on September 3 and 4. The attraction is known as auto, pushball show at a spellbound grandstand crowd. The two-hour pushball show will feature entertainment on September 3. The people walking can always a vacation in Park Rapids, Minn. Dawes; third—Janie Spry; fourth ship, trying to get somewhere in the properties of the propertie





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Seven Cents

State Board Whoops Holt Values

Soakers Boon to **Pastures**

Moisture Is Timely for Growing Crops

Well over 3½ inches of mois-ture 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.

Then the rains came. Monday, 3:20 a.m., a heavy downpour set in, accompanied by severe electrical disturbances. At the outset the rain came down fast, filled the city's storm sewers and lighter showers continued intermittently through the night. Amount of rainfall unofficially was .90 of an inch, according to Chicago & North Western railroad and Consumers Public Power district gauges.

At the same time, Ainsworth ported an inch; Clearwater, .25; Valentine, a light shower; Hartington and Belden, traces; Amelia, 1.25; Ewing, .25; Chambers,

Neligh received only enough

rain that morning to settle the Then on Tuesday evening another rain set in, also characterized by considerable lightning and thunder. There were intermittent power failures here blamed on lightning striking high tension line arresters in the vicinity of Wausa.

Showers continued through the night and an official total of 1.22 of an inch precipitation was received here.

Oakdale received a trace; Ne igh a shower; Clearwater, 1.14; Ewing, .50; Inman, 1.35; Atkinson, 1.75; Stuart, 2.50; Newport, 1.25; Creighton, 1.49; Gregory, S.D., 75; Dallas, S.D., .72; Winner, S.D., trace.

Another rain set in Wednes day evening, netting 1.41 inches. The harvest of wild hay is in the final stretch. Holt county's hay crop this year is good, lots of quantity and fair-to-good quality. Mother, Daughter The second crop of alfalfa is nearing completion. Bluegrass

by moisture lack. Corn is now in its critical stage and half of it will be tasseled by the close of the week.

		Hi	Lo	Prec.
July	23	 85	57	
July	24	 93	65	
July	25	 97	73	.01
July	26	 93	68	.02
July	27	 87	69	.90
July		 92	70	.06
July		 73	63	1.22
July	30			1.41
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Total prec.

dren had spent many hours dec-

The winners in all divisions

Richter, Elizabeth Fritton, Gary

Jeffrey, James Cuddy, Oran Spry

Second prize-Danny and Billy

Putnam, Third prize-Terry Con-

Most original: First - Harry

Miscellaneous: First - David

McCage; second-Wayne Wiley;

third— Joe Gilg; fourth — Rita

Peterson; fifth-Harvey Colfax.

erson; second — Larry Frisch; third—Bonnie Tomlinson; fourth

Best slogan: First-Larry Pet-

Bellin; second— Raymond Fox;

ro and Sammy Strong.

a colorful exhibition.

Neill Friday evening to witness thur Frisch.



to-right): Robert Wilson, Sally Stewart, Scott out a map is Sergeant Ide, crew chief. Stewart; standing-Suzanne Stewart, Merna But-

Swarming around the air force's big H-18 terfield, Roberta Becker, Verna Butterfield, Joan helicoppter after its arrival at the wind test site Wilson, Captain Johnson, Linda Stuifbergen, were these excited O'Neill kids: Foreground (left- Richard Stuifbergen, Patricia Wilson. Pointing



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

blown out.

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

The daughter, a sixth grader ing navy photography at Pensamost seriously burned on her red to Jacksonville. face, legs, back and hands. Mrs. Fleming was burned on the face,

Color Parade Closes Campaign

A large crowd gathered in O'- -Shirley Mae Hicks; fifth-Ar- | a hurry. Starting to school in

the bicycle parade which ended | Prettiest; First-Bonnie Riege; idea. I do not like to be late or

Most safely equipped: First-

The winner of the new bicycle,

Best group: First prize-James donated by Tri-State hatchery the proper signals and to make

given for the best slogan and

was "Safer Cycling - Surer Liv-

Runners - up were Bobby

Gary Brewster also won first

prize in the essay contest for 10-

year-olds and younger. Since he

had won one bike, the new bi-

cycle, given by Gamble stores,

SAFER CYCLING, SURER

LIVING

We should first learn the A,

Brown, second: Mike Hammond,

Billy Hynes and Ronald Holly.

3.62 legs and hands.
Both are in St. Anthony's hos-

the safety campaign, sponsored second-Alice Schaffer; third-

by the Willing Workers 4-H club. Francie Kelly; fourth- Dianne

orating bikes and the result was Ralph Wagner; second (a tie)-

third-Kathryn Rubeck; fourth- third; Richard Hill, fourth, and

Funniest: First-Perry Dawes; was presented to Richard Bellin,

second—Harold Sobotka; third— who rated second: Following are

Dickie Green; fourth - Ricky the two winning essays:

Kenneth Sanders; fifth- Larry Donald Crook, fifth.

Individuals and groups of chil- Gillespe; fifth-Betty Rodman.

pital 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.

CALKINS ON LEAVE Don Calkins, son of Mrs. Chet Calkins and the late Police Chief Mrs. Fleming had summoned Chet Calkins, arrived in O'Neill explosion burned both of them. 11-day leave. He has been study-

Try Frontier want advs. for

plenty of time is a very good

It is dangerous to have some-

one else on the bicycle with us.

It causes the bicycle to not bal-

ance as well, and is much easier

for it to tip over. We should ride

single file when riding in groups.

way we are going to turn.

It is very important to learn

When ever we are riding where

to an older man or lady or a

Riding a bicycle is a lot of fun

Safety comes first and we

should make it a good habit.-By

BICYCLE SAFETY

and can be healthful, but we

must obey the traffic rules.

Gary Brewster.

have to hurry, either.

and Wallace and Kersenbrock a habit of using them. We can

(Texaco service), was Gary help the people in cars a lot if

Brewster. His winning slogan we will let them know which

Copter Fascinates

Unique Craft Ends Cross-Country

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

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., 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

Captain Johnson, a highly-dec-orated 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.

Several basement windows were The 'copter fascinates adults and thrills the kids. Few persons here had ever seen a helicopter before except in the magazines.

Also arriving within the past few days have been the Johns her daughter to assist and the about 11 o'clock Friday for an Hopkins university meteorological crew from Baltimore, Md.; the Wright Field research group who was clad in a sunsuit, was cola, Fla., and is being transfer- from Dayton, O.; personnel from the Sixth weather squadron at Tinker field, near Oklahoma Cifrom Dietrick, Md.

Virtually all preparation for the wind profile has been completed, although several key scientists from the air force research center at Cambridge, Mass., and from several major university campuses are yet to arrive.

Because Captain Johnson does not want to risk mechanical failures, the craft has not been flown since its arrival. A new blade is expected to be flown in this weekend.

Captain Johnson expects to use the 'copter in flights to 3,000 and 5,000 feet in connection with the research. The eruising speed of the machine is about one hundred miles per hour. The three-bladed, variable pitch overhead propellor spins counterclockwise. there are people walking we should be careful that we do not vertical prop on the tail assembly neutralizes the torque creatrun into them and especially in- ed by the "windmill."

> LEAVE FOR CAMP Sgt. Edward Schmuecker, 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, Wisc. Also going to Camp McCoy is Lowell Nesbitt, If I had a bicycle I would re- who resides here but is a memmember to act safely all the time. ber of the Grand Island guard When I ride on the streets I company.

Chet Stockwell

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.

Bullet Rips into

Paul Shelhamer, 18,

Paul Shelhamer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shelhamer, Adults, Thrills Kids was seriously wounded in the leg about 9:30 o'clock Monday evening while he and two companions were shooting rats at the city dump. Young Shelhamer was alone

at the north end of the dump with a .22 calibre pistol. He stepped upon a log, which turned in by the counties. 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 stepped upon a log, which turned and he lost his balance. The pistol he was carrying accidently discharged, sending a .22-long into his left leg above the knee.

His companions, Harold Dex-

ter and Dewayne Alton, heard his cries for help and saw him limping toward them. Alton carried Shelhamer to the nearby doubled in 57. In most of the Dexter car and they sped to St. other counties the valuation for Anthony's hospital. Dexter car- this class of property was raised ried his wounded companion at least 50 percent. into the hospital.

Shelhamer was in surgery from noon Tuesday until 4 o'clock and at 6 o'clock he was transferred to an air ambulance Battle Creek, Mich., and Des and flown to Omaha. The plane was met by the Omaha North Side emergency squad and trans-ferred to St. Joseph's hospital. The youth's parents followed the air ambulance in a plane

piloted by Russ Foree. Until late Wednesday Omaha doctors had not undertaken subsequent surgery, and hospital attendants reported the youth "resting well, fever down, and circulation was being

restored in the leg."
The shell had penetrated the leg about four inches and ripped several openings in the also damaged a nerve. The patient lost considerable blood and he was given three trans-Miss Mary Schmitz, RN,

companied the patient on air ambulance.

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 mornty, Okla.; and several members ing (CST)-all firing ceased along pletely unjustifiable for Holt, beof the Fourth weather group the 155-mile battlefront near the 38th parallel.

Heavy artillery barrages marked the cessation of hostilities. Eighth army commanders had ordered American troops to fire only in defense during those waning hours in an effort to conserve U.S. lives. The reds poured in thousands of shells in the final moments and American artillery The pullback of the huge allied

and communist armies from the Korean battleline continued in full swing in the 48 hours following the signing of the truce. Holt county has no draft quota for August, but selective service officers have insisted there will be no immediate cutback in manpower requirements in spite of

Visits Parents-Miss Kathleen Darcy, of Yankton spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Darcy at Creighton.

Night at Bassett Farm Land Increased by 207%

Orders 30% Boost on Business Schedules; State Tax 5.75 Mills

Holt county was handed a sharp increase in property valuations, both real estate and per-sonal, when the state board of equalization finished its 1953

O'Neill Youth's Leg

aul Shelhamer, 18,
Flown to Omaha

work.

Based on the 1953 abstract of valuations furnished to the state tax office by Holt County Assessor William Wefso and the Holt board of equalization, the state whooped farm real estate values here 207 percent; city and town real estate values 438 percent; business personal property values 30 percent, and all household goods 100 percent. (See tack) hold goods 100 percent. (See ta-ble at left.)

The hiking handed Holt far exceeded, percentagewise, the increases ordered in most other counties.

Farm real estate values were lowered in 11 counties, raised in

lowered nowhere. · Household values untouched in seven counties but

Meanwhile, the state proper-

ty tax levy was fixed at \$5.75 per one thousand dollars assessed valuation, or 5.75 mills. The state board announced that the state's total assessed valuation this year, for taxation purposes, is \$3,370,919. Cries of anguish were quick to

arise in Holt county, which appeared to be a sort of whipping boy. The county's abstract originally was considered relatively low in relation to all other coun-

Frank J. Brady of Atkinson. former state tax commissioner, told The Frontier:

"I'll defy anyone to tell what household goods actually are worth. They won't bring 25 cents on the dollar when put up for sale. . . A few isolated sales of real estate is no basis for actual worth of real estate. I've always contended the state shouldn't have any property tax, but counties should be permitted to do their own equalizing."

State Senator Frank Nelson of O'Neill said: "I have no comment until I've had a chance to study all the facts in black and white."

A spokesman for the Holt county board of supervisors, in session Wednesday, declared:

"We have no idea what basis or what justification has been used on the business schedules. The 30 percent increase is comcause we started at one hundred percent actual valuation. The state now orders us to make farm land values \$24 per acre in this county. In our opinion this is substantially higher than actual sale values at the present time. The 438 percent increase in town real estate is going to work a hardship on town property owners, particularly in the smaller towns and communities, where the values of such real estate do not compare with the comparable

County Assessor Wefso had no comment but said he was anxiously awaiting the official word from the state tax commissioner. He expects the official report today.

properties in the larger towns."

One O'Neill real estate owner, who did not want to be quoted, said he purchased a business property in O'Neill two years ago when prices were the high-"The state board now puts (Continued on page 6)

Valuations at Glance

The valuation picture at a glance, showing the abstract figure turned in by County Assessor William F. Wefso, the change ordered by the state board of equalization, and the percentage of increase

Contract of the	Abst	353 ract	State Board	In-
	Farm and real estate valuations \$6,68 City-town real estate valuations 1,52		\$20,531,000 5,663,470	2079
		35,000	1,482,135	Section 2 and a second
	Household goods valuations 4	6,000	93,820	1009