Freight Engine Hits Motor Car; Man Dies

Young Mother Dies in Omaha

Small Sons

few hours old, died Saturday in curve and bearing down on them. St. Catherine's hospital, Omaha. Funeral services for Mrs. Owen Moore, 34, the former Margaret Mary Earley of O'Neill, were conducted at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 4, from St. Fatrick's Catholic church. Very Rev



Mrs. Moore . . . burial here. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated

and burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Pallbearers were Robert Gallagher, John Cleary, John Conway, Michael Bonenberger, Louis Zastrow, Edward Murray, Bernard Pongratz and James Dono-

The late Mrs. Moore was born April 4, 1919, on the family farm located 15 miles northwest of O'Neill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Earley.

She received her grade school and high school education at St. Mary's academy, graduating in

After attending Nebraska university she worked in Denver five years. It was in Denver she met and married Owen Moore of Veteran Hay Inspector Amarillo, Tex. They were married on September 21, 1946. The Moores resided for several years in Wisconsin after Mr. Moore was recalled to duty as an army captain. Upon his release from the army, they purchased a

The Moores became the parents of three sons-Michael, Leo and Bruce Allan, the latter born inmediately prior to his mother's

Survivors "include: Widower sons - Michael, Leo and Bruce Allan; parents - Mr. and Mrs. connolly

attending the funeral were: Nelson F. Moore of Geneva, O., Mrs. Butterfield. Mamie Rohrbaugh of Youngs-town, O., and Mrs. Harold Mormont; William McCormick and Leo Anderson, both of Omaha; ley of North Bend.

Cronin Nominated to Head State Bar

Julius D. Cronin, 58, veteran O'Neill, attorney and prominent for many years in Nebraska republican politics, has been nom-inated to head the Nebraska State Bar association. He is the only the nominating committee.

The association's president, three vice-presidents and executive council member-at-large will be elected at the 1953 annual meeting to be held in Omaha November 12 and 13.

Cronin is a native of O'Neill and the son of the late D. H. Cronin, pioneer editor of The Frontier and veteran Nebraska

He was a delegate to the republican national convention in 936 and 1948.

Vern Cunningham, 58-year-old Oakdale man, was fatally injured about 8:40 a.m., Thursday, July 30, when the motor car on which he had been riding was struck by an eastbound Chicago & North Western freight train at Survivors Include 3 a point about three miles west of Emmet.

Three O'Neill crewmen -James Boyle, Hans Saas and Al Bosn-jumped free of the west-The mother of three small sons, bound motor car when they saw the youngest of whom was only a the freight train rounding a

> Boyle got off the car and ran ahead to flag down the train while Cunningham, Saas and Bosn tried to stop the car by applying the brakes and putting it in reverse.

When they saw their efforts were to no avail, it is reported the three abandoned the car. Cunningham is said to have returned to the car for some 12ason and he was fatally injured in the head-on crash.

County Assessor William Wefso of Atkinson, heading eastward toward O'Neill on U.S. highway 20, assisted in loading the injured man into his auto and took him to St. Anthony's hospital here, accompanied by Boyle and Bosn stayed with the wreck-

Supt. A. L. Eckles of the railroad's Norfolk office said the crew apparently didn't see the

freight train until it was very close to them. At 10:15 o'clock Mr. Cunningham died. He was a relief section foreman on duty at O'Neill.

Military funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday from the Methodist church in Oakdale, Mr. Cunningham was a veteran of World War I. Burial was at Oakdale. His wife died in July, 1945. Survivors include one daughter,

Carl Pettijohn Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Lois James, of Neligh.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August | tomers. 5, from the Biglin Brothers funeral chapel for Carlton W. Pettijohn, 74, an O'Neill resident who died at 7:15 p.m., Sunday, August 2, in St. Anthony's hospi-

He had submitted to surgery about a week before his death and failed to recover. Rev. Charles Phipps, Wesleyan

24 FP James T. Earley of O'Neill; broth- Methodist church pastor in At-Among those from out-of-town Johnson, Lawrence Jonas, H. E. Coyne, Roy Worth and Justin

The late Mr. Pettijohn was born December 24, 1878, at Raygan of Fostoria, O., brother and nard, Ill., a son of Robert and sisters of Mr. Moore; Robert Ear-ley of Syossett, L.I., N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earley of Fre-pine in 1896. He was a hay inspector by occupation.

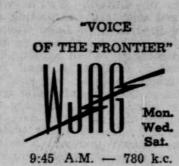
On January 3, 1918, at Neligh he married the former Amanda Mrs. Cecil Muller of Omaha and her mother, Mrs. Ella Gaughan of North Bend; Edward T. Earthe parents of one son. Survivors include: Widow; son -Frank of Bensenville, Ill.; three

Dobson's Enter Low Paving Bid

The Dobson Bros. Construction company of Lincoln, successful bidder at the letting of contracts not as large as many companies Bar association. He is the only nominee for the post, according to an announcement issued by the nominating committee. the city council met in special session to open bids on eight

blocks of paving. Dobson's were three thousand aollars under the next highest bidder on the total amount for paving and improving of streets in districts number 7 and 8.

The districts embrace four square blocks adjoining the center of the city and the con-tract calls for eight lineal blocks of concrete paving. (Continued on page 6.)





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SECTION 1

North-Central Nebraska's BIG Newspaper

6 Die in 'Copter Crash;

Volume 73.—Number 14. O'Neill, Nebraska, Thursday, August 6, 1953.

Seven Cents

Gas Flare Lighting August 13

Color Ceremony Will Usher in Use of Natural Gas Here

A flare-lighting ceremony next Thursday evening, August 13, will mark the inauguration of natural gas service into O'Neill. Mayor J. E. Davis will light the flare in front of the Holt county courthouse. Officers of Kansas - Nebraska Natural Gas company will attend. Of 14 communities in north-

east Nebraska to which the company is building lines, O'Neill is the third to be connected. Kansas-Nebraska is investing more than \$1,700,000 in the extension of its system north of Neligh to bring gas to O'Neill, Plainview, Osmond, Creighton, Inman, Bloomfield, Wausa, Randoiph, Laurel, Hartington, Coleridge, Clearwater, Ewing and Pierce. Gas to serve O'Neill is brought from the Hugoton field in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma, the largest gas field in the

Kansas-Nebraska also draws gas from fields in western Ne-braska and eastern Colorado. In these three fields the company gathers gas from 230 wells.

The company also has 40 additional wells available and awaiting connection to its gathering facilities. It is estimated that the company has a reserve supply of gas equal to 30 times the annual consumption of its present cus-

Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas company was founded in 1936. It pioneered the bringing of natural gas service to smaller cities and towns of Kansas and Nebraska.

The company was built on faith and courage, a spokesman for the company said. At the time of its organization, other leaders in the gas industry warned that bringing gas to the small communities scattered over a ers — Robert of Syossett, L.I., kinson, officiated. Burial was in N.Y., Joseph of Fremont and James of O'Neill.

Among those from out of town of natural gas service and went ahead with the venture.

O'Neill is the 173d town to be connected to the Kansas-Nebraska system. The population of the communities served in north-central Kansas, central and western Nebraska, and eastern Colorado totals more than 250,000.

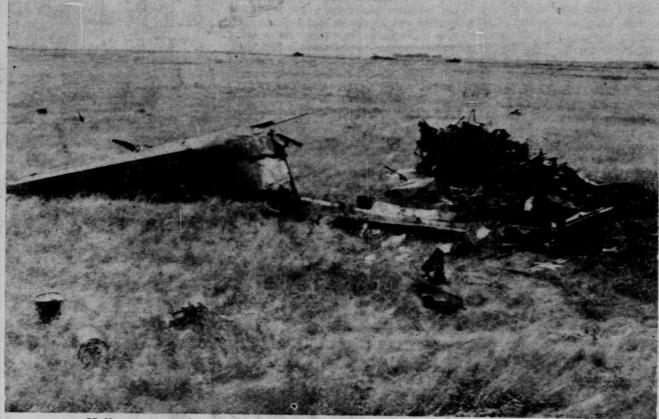
One hundred twelve communities are provided retail service by Kansas-Nebraska. In 59 other communities the company brings its pipe lines to the town border where gas is supplied on a whole-sale basis to other companies which distribute the gas

In the company's new north-eastern Nebraska extensions, all communities will be served at retail except Pierce. There the company will wholesale the gas to the Central Gas & Electric company.

Although the total population served by Kansas-Nebraska is serve in a single city, Kansas. miles of pipe line to serve its

In its new northeast Nebraska division, Kansas-Nebraska will have 36 regular employees. Charles S. Duncan, district manager,

O'Neill employees are Manager Cecil Baker, George Bosn, Freeman Knight, Leland Lieb, Rex Stowell, Orville Dye, Lowell Nesbitt and Miss Deritha Smith



Helicopter wreckage . . . six persons instantly killed .- The Frontier Photo.



Arrow points to rotor mechanism where blade snapped off.—The Frontier Photo.

Sarah Connolly

Nebraska must maintain 3,400 O'Neillite Expires in Beverly Hills

states that about half of these will be hired locally. "Over its entire system the company employs about 550 people," Duncan Calif. She had been ill for some Calif. She had been ill for some Calif. She had been ill for some Calif.

Mrs. Connolly resided here until two months ago when she Laredo, Tex. went to California to reside with The group will be back Aug 10... her daughter.

Funeral arrangements for the burial at Beverly Hills have not been completed.

Sarah Slattery, daughter of the late Michael and Sarah Slattery, was born on June 10, 1871, in Pittsburgh, Pa. After coming to this area she married Patrick J. Connolly, who worked for the railroad and later operated a cream station until his death several years ago. They became the parents of two chilldren-Joseph and Gertrude. Joseph preceded her in death about five years ago.

bets with some of the older European scientists. That was in 1928. years ago.

Survivors include: Daughter— high school physics student Mrs. John (Gertrude) Dailey of spending weekends studying un-Survivors include: Daughter-1823 Fox Hills drive, Beverly der Professor Currie at Sorbonne Hills, Calif.; brother—Ed Slattery university in Paris, contended of Winter, Wisc.; sister - Mrs. that before he (Loeser) attained Clyde (Katherine) Hiatt of O'-Neill; several nieces and ne-

Arrives from Glendale-

the past year. On Monday she O'Neill on Thursday, July 30. ney. Mrs. Bridges is making her be carried on by his compatriots. home in an apartment in the Doctor Loeser, one of the di- lowing the war, he "mended searcher." William Artus home. Her son, rectors of the Great Plains Turb- watches" for farmers and vil-Pfc. James Bridges, will arrive ulence Field Project now in pro- lagers in the Saar basin. They today (Thursday) from Ft. Bragg, gress near here, was interested exchanged milk and eggs for N.C., to spend a furlough here. in space flights as a hobby.

Holt Teachers

Miss Lucille Mitchell of Stuart,
Miss Leah Serck of Emmet and
Miss Leona Fern Beckwith of rites will be conducted at 2 p.m., Atkinson left Omaha Tuesday morning, July 28, with 34 other Nebraska school teachers for an extended tour of Mexico.

Miss Elia McCallerach former

Atkinson left Omaha Tuesday from the Mt. Auburn chapel.

Gasque Just Arrived—

Lt. Francis Gasque drove

Enroute to Mexico, they visited places in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. One complete day was Maj. Oscar Tibbets said Wedspent in the historical town of

he simply didn't say. Captain Johnson was of slighty above average height, wore a short haircut and was an intelli-gent, quiet, pleasant fellow. He impressed this Frontier reporter as a tired warrior who had been given a research assignment far less arduous than the jobs he had

readily discuss his war exploits, and when asked during a "Voice

of The Frontier" radio interview

what decorations he had earned

Crash Sidelights

of three children.

But that isn't the way things turned out.

Bodies Escorted—
Bodies of the 'copter crash victims were forwarded Saturday night by rail from Sioux City to the respective hometowns. They on Mexico Tour were accorded military escort. Funeral services for Dr. Guenter

Lt. Francis Gasque drove in from Boston, Mass., about 11:30 Mrs. Sarah Connolly, 82, a longtime resident of the O'Neill community, died at 9:15 o'clock Miss McCullough currently is dean of women at Dana college, lieve Captain Johnson on aroung the home of her daughter Mrs.

> nesday another helicopter has been requested for continuation (Continued on page 6)

By a Staff Writer

Research Going Ahead

Six persons including a famous German scientist were killed instantly at 10:47 a.m., Thursday, July 30, when an air force H-18 helicopter crashed in a J. B. Ryan pasture located about six miles northeast of O'Neill. The three-ton 'copter which had reached O'Neill only a few days before, appeared to disintegrate when one of the rotor blades broke loose while the craft was preparing to land. The 'copter hit the earth with a rending crash, having gone

out of control at an altitude of about one hundred feet. Perhaps 75 persons witnessed the accident. Killed were:

DR. GUENTER LOESER. 40, 41 Paul street, Watertown, Mass.; husband of Mrs. Isle Loeser, same address. CAPT. CHARLES A. JOHNSON, about 33, pilot, native of San Gabriel, Calif.; husband of Mrs. Grace M. Johnson, Lexington, Mass. LT. FRANCIS GASQUE, Conway, S.C., copilot; son of Archie

M. Gasque, same address S/SGT. ROBERT IDE, about 25, crew chief and flight engineer; son of William A. Ide, Scranton, Pa. A/2c DONALD E. EDDY, about 21, son of Mrs. Ella V. Eddy,

A/2c FRANCIS G. MAPES, about 23, son of Mrs. Viola G. Mapes, Monocqua, Wisc

First persons to reach the crash

They heard a hissing sound and

It was generally considered

One of the wrist watches worn

Maj. Oscar J. Tibbets of Mc-

acknowledged by next-of-kin.

Captain Johnson and Sergeant

Ide had flown the 'copter—the biggest standard model used by the air force and navy—to O'Neill

from Hansen field at Bedford, Mass. They had left Bedford on Friday, July 24, stopping at Syra-cuse, N.Y., Battle Creek, Mich., and Des Moines, Ia., on their

hopscotch transcontinental trip

to O'Neill-traveling about two

The craft reached O'Neill at

6:10 p.m., on Monday, July 27. Captain Johnson, a veteran fight-er pilot who had also received

numerous decorations for 'copter rescue work on the Korean west coast, indicated to The Frontier

that all was not well with the

machine and that he had requisi-tioned a new blade. (Main mech-

anism was a three-blade variable

pitch rotor.) On Wednesday, July 29, Cap-

tain Johnson and Sergeant Ide "revved up" the plane and the pilot lifted the four-wheel land-

thousand miles.



Doctor Loeser . . . internationally famed scientist. -The Frontier Photo (transmitted around the world by Associated Press Wirephoto).



Captain Johnson . . . highlydecorated fighter and 'copter pilot.—The Frontier Photo.

Recent Visitor at Ewing Drowns ground.

EWING-Mrs. Anna Pollock received word Sunday telling of the death by drowning of her nephew, Wayne Divan. The accident happened in a reservoir near White Clay, S.D. She left Monday for Gordon

to be near the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Divan and to attend the funeral. Wayne was discharged from

appeared to be normal. the navy about a month ago and was a guest of his aunt for a few days at Ewing.

ing gear several feet off the On that fateful Thursday morning, about 9 o'clock, Cap-tain Johnson and Doctor Loeser made a test flight, Ground observers said the 'copter was put through its paces and its reactions and maneuverability

Apparently it was then the de-ision was made to make the test flight with six persons aboard. Loeser, Johnson, Gasque and Ide made up the complement for test purposes, and Eddy and Mapes, nonflying personel, were mem-bers of the 'copter's ground maintenance crew.

The 'copter worked its way to about four thousand feet and a Loeser's elderly father died rack of 12 smoke bombs was and Guenter, then in his mid-dropped. This is procedure that thirties, took over as editor of had been rehearsed earlier at the magazine in a limited way. Cape Cod, Mass., and was to be The country's economy was followed here in connection with

During this flight the 'copter They labored under all kinds of had been seen over O'Neill and trying conditions, the doctor has its functioning was considered

Finally, the big craft began its sults that came out of unheated descent. Normal procedure from rooms and makeshift labora- that altitude is to circle about twice and land on the third The Western Germany postwar round. When the 'copter gets "guns" the rotor and the plane

"meshes" or eases to the ground. When the rotor acceleration Mrs. Alice Bridges arrived last hursday from Glendale, Calif., there she had been living to the control of the

> Because the landing and taking off of any type of an air-(Continued on page 6)

terrific impact.

Davidson (center) and Dr. Heinz Lettau discuss crash.—The Frontier Photo. problems on the test site. Professor Suomi is

Plans for completing the wind study here from the University of Wisconsin, Davidson and will continue, despite the loss of six lives in the Lettau are directors of the project. A third dihelicopter tragedy. Prof. Vern Suomi (left), Ben rector, Dr. Guenter Loeser, died in the 'copter

Loeser Wagered on Moon Trip.

By CAL STEWART Editor, The Frontier

A young teenage science student from the Saar basin and the son of the editor of Germany's foremost scientific journal enthusiastically posted what may seem to have been preposterous

Guenter Loeser, in those days a the age of 50 a successful exbeen completed.

He organized the Interna-tional Society of Interplanetary Scientists, largely composed of scientists from Britain, France, Germany and the U.S. He be-came the society's first secre-tary and discussed the organ-ization in the United Nations at Lake Success, N.Y. Doctor Loeser's scientific

knowledge was so valuable that the Hitler government assigned him to the Krupp munitions works prior to and during World War II. He was a ballistics expert and helped develop the famous V-2 rockets, which had a pedition from the earth to the back of the moon would have principally London, during the

where she had been living for of 40 in a helicopter accident near to the eastern front during the

watch and clock repairing.

wrecked but the scientists kept the wind research. at research in the western zone.

"You'd be surprised at the rerooms and makeshift laboratories," he explained.

government had few resources down to within several hundred for continuing meteorological re- feet of the ground, the pilot search, so Doctor Loeser accepted an opportunity to work for the U.S. air force research center at

100 a weather forecasting system (vertical). From that point night to make adjustments on a I preferred to bring my family —the disintegration began and resumed her job as secretary to Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attor- etary explorations, however, will sprawled over six railroad cars. work with my hands in routine personnel, controls and engine. With Germany prostrate fol- things," he explained. "I am a re- plunged straight downward with

> He told us how difficult it was for any organization ex-(Continued on page 6)