

MIT Employs Wind Tower

This 55-ft. wind tower resembles a cross between a water mill and an oil derrick but its functions are quite different. Air Force Capt. Robert Gentzler (above), former Rapid City, S.D., newspaperman, is making a routine check on the tower at the wind test site near here. The tower is part of the equipment employed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in connection with the air force-sponsored wind study in progress here. The arched pipes are used for measuring wind temperatures, the white-tailed object is a wind vane, and the cupped gadgets are anemometers (for measuring wind speed).-The Frontier Photo.

# Holt 1953-'54 Budget Higher but Levy Less

Helt county's expenses for the 1953 - '54 fiscal year will include \$137,805.34 to be raised by a 3.31 mill levy. Last year's levy was 3.55 and raised \$134,815.84.

General fund requirements are increased over 16-thousanddollars and the medical and hospitalization fund will need 15-thousand-dollars. Formerly the state treasury paid 75 percent of the cost of administering medical aid and hospitalization to aged, blind and financially insolvent residents of each county. The county will continue to foot 25 percent of the bill until January 1, 1954, and from there on the entire 100 percent. Other sources of county income are provided by county officers'

fees, gasoline tax, motor vehicle licenses, delinquent tax collections. There also are some unexpended cash balances. Abbreviated levy tables and camparisons follow: MILLS ON THE DOLLAR

PHELS ON	DOLL.	The state of the s	Amount	
	to	Last	to be	Last
Fund 6-	30-54	Year's	Raised	Year
County general fund	1.90	1.64	\$ 78,932.61	\$62,283.59
County bridge fund	.90	1.51	37,044,17	57,342.82
Unemployment relief fund ar	nd			
assist, supp.	10	.30		
Soldiers' and sailors' relief fur	nd .01	.02	424.71	759.45
Holt county fair fund		.06	2,347.57	2,277.83
†Medical and hospitalization fur	nd .35		15,000.00	
County road fund		.02		759.45
TOTAL COUNTY LEVY	3 31	3.55	\$137,805.34	\$134,815.84
State general fund				
*State special building fund	1 10	1.10		
*State service (teachers' pension	1.10	1.10		
annuity fund	.50			
*U of N medical college build	-			
ing fund	25			3. 10 115 128
Care of insane	_ 1.10	1.12	TO SERVICE STATE OF THE PARTY O	
Care of feeble minded	29	.28		
University hospital		.07		
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TOTAL STATE LEVY	_ 7.17	8.45		
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TOTAL STATE AND	10.00	10.00		
COUNTY	10.48	12.00	THE RESERVE	

SCHOOL DISTI	RICT LEVIES
	7-1-53 to Last
District	6-30-54 Year's
2.—Page	33.4 45.2
7.—O'Neill	13.2 22.2
20.—Emmet	12. 9.
21 —Atkinson	21.6 29.6
29 —Ewing	22.2 47.8
	41.8 46.6
30.—Inman	26.6 33.8
44.—Stuart	16. 50.8
131.—Chambers	

CITY & VILLAGE LEVIES MILLS ON THE DOLLAR

O'Neill				16.1	2
Atkinson	100			11.7	1
Staurt -				12.	1
Ewing				18.	1
Page				9.	1
Chambers				16.	1
Inman				10.	1
Emmet				11.	1
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Annual Control	7-1-53 to	Last	Iowa	4.	
	6-30-54	Year	Josie	2.	
Antelope	2.8	3.	Lake	3.8	
Atkinson		2.8			
Chambers	4.	3.8	Paddock	3.	
Cleveland	3.6	4.	Pleasant View	4.	1
Coleman	2.4	2.4	Rock Falls	2.2	
Olchidi	The second secon	-	Sand Creek	3.4	

Dustin

Ewing

Fairview

Grattan Green Valley Holt Creek

Emmet

2.6 Saratoga

3.6 Shamrock

1.6 Sheridan

Shields

Stuart

Swan

Verdigris

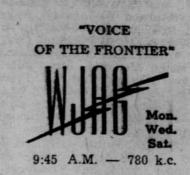
Willowdale

Steel Creek

2.4

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2.6



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O'Neill, Nebr, Thursday, August 13, 1953.

Seven Cents

# Identity of Body

# Play May Have

Mystery still shrouds the death of an unidentified 8- to 10-year-old boy, whose lifeless body was discovered about 7:20 a.m., last Thursday by two fishermen.

Claude Milligan and Louis Jiskra, both of Plainview, had arbited control of Plainview arbited control of Plainview arbited control of Plainview arbited c rived early at O'Donnell's lake, located 2½ miles east of Inman, in anticipation of a day of fish-

They saw an object floating in the water and upon investi-gation found it to be the corpse

of a young boy, clad only in abbreviated shorts. The body had been mutilated by wildlife at the lake, especial-ly one side of the face. Milligan and Jiskra first noti-

fied T. D. Hutton, North Western railroad agent at Inman, who, in turn, sent a message to Holt county authorities. The body was taken to O'Neill

where a preliminary autopsy was performed by Drs. O. W. French and J. P. Brown.



Deputy Holt Sheriff James

That evening the body was removed to Omaha where a detailed autopsy was carried out at University hospital. A spokesman olic Daughters of America. there announced the following morning the boy had been in the water "from two to four days" and the exact cause of the death

could not be determined. No boy answering to the de scription had been reported missing in Nebraska. But a Brook-

The unidentified youth wore a small silver ring with a tiny red heart emblem on the index finger of the left hand. The Massachusetts lad was listed in a circular as having been wearing the same kind of inexpensive ring when he disappeared.

The youth whose body was yielded by springfed O'Donnell's lake had dark hair and a dark complexion, and led authorities to believe he was of Mexican or Indian descent.

Holt authorities issued a pick-up order via shortwave radio among law enforcement authori-Year ties in several states for a couple driving a late-model car drawing a housetrailer. Traveling with the couple were "five or six"

A family answering to that description camped near the lake on Monday, August 3. At that time all of the children -boys and girls- were wearing an iron lung. abbreviated shorts. It is believed "Pat", as h

the car bore an Indiana license. Griffin said that if the boy died from natural causes only charges that could be brought against the parents would be for illegal disposition of a body. Deputy Sheriff Mullen said he

thought there might have been some foul play. Holt authorities 3.4 some foul play. Holt authorities 1.8 conferred with the criminal in3.6 vestigation bureau of the Nebras2.6 ka safety patrol to make labora3.6 tory tests in an effort to estab-3.6 tory tests in an effort to estab-1.8 lish the cause of death. 2.2 A half-dozen farmers from the

A half-dozen farmers from the O'Donnell's lake area searched helping care for the elderly Lan-3.4 on horseback for several hours Thursday morning in an attempt ied Leo Harte and Miss Bea 2.6 to find some clews. No addition- Gallagher to Flandreau to attend 3.6 al clothing was found.

#### New Helicopter Arrives from Memphis

Another air force model H-13 belicopter has reached the air force wind test site. The craft reached here Monday, having been flown from Memphis, Tenn. Captain Butcher, a veterar fighter pilot, is the skipper on this craft. It replaces the original this craft. It replaces the original Authorities Say Foul machine which crashed and claimed the lives of six men aboard on Thursday, July 30.
Actual wind test operations began at 8:31 p.m., Saturday and Caused Boy's Death continued through the night and most of the day Sunday. South-

Open-house for the public is scheduled on Sunday, August 23 between the hours of 2 and 4

## 'Pioneer Women' Hay Days Winner

### Morgan, Wefso, New Royalty

(Pictures at right)
ATKINSON— Much-welcomed moisture dampened festivities here Monday and Tuesday in connection with the annual hay days celebration.

But the obliging weatherman held off the droplets until after the 90-unit parade had been viewed by thousands of visitors. Rain Monday evening prevented the customary coronation in front of the grandstand. The coronation party brokeup when the cere-mony was half finished. The coronation ball was held in the Crystal ballroom to the accompaniment of .75 of an inch of rain. LaVern Morgan, 29, became king of hay for a year and Miss Lodema Wefso, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wefso, became the hay queen.

Morgan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan and resides five miles west of Atkin-son on a ranch, Queen Wefso is a 1953 Atkinson high school graduate.

Grand prize in the parade went to the Atkinson Style shop's entry entitled, "Prairie Women of Nebraska." The float present-ed a primitive homestead scene complete with sodhouse, churn, washboard, lantern and handpump. This entry also was judg-ed first-place winner in the com-mercial division.

there were indications the boy was dead before his body entered the water.

Second place honors in the commercial division were shared by Smith's Federated store and the Atkinson Veterans' Wives club. The Smith entry was the Mullen said the boy's body appeared to be normal and well nourished.

The birth branch in the parade—"Neparated to be normal and well braska, 99 Years of Progress."

The AVW club titled its entry,

"Story of Nebraska."

Third place honors in the same division went to the Cath-

First prize in the 4-H club division went to the Clover 4-H club with an entry entitled, "Nebraska Law - Past and

Second place honors went to 

nity of Norfolk, and Ray Estes, commander of post 115, Stuart.

The celebration annually is sponsored by Farley-Tushla post of the American Legion.

Young Father

#### be conducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) for Patrick\* ("Pat") Laney, 29, who died early Monday, August 10, of polio in a Sioux Falls, S.D., hospital. He was stricken Friday while assisting his father on a farm near Flandreau, S.D. He was tak-

en to Sioux Falls and placed in "Pat", as he was best-known, attended the Inman public school and completed his sophomore

year here, transferring to St. Mary's academy, O'Neill, where he graduated. Recently he had been working at Sioux Falls and Minneapolis, Minn., with a trucking line. Survivors include: Widow; son

the funeral.



Hay days royalty . . . King LaVern Morgan, 29, and Queen Lodema Wefso, 17.-Frontier Photo,



Sodhouse and primitive utensils . . . grand prize winner.—The Frontier Photo.

Neck Fractured

Grothe, sr.

### Former Holt Priest Dies in Hotel Room

### Rev. Byersdorfer, 58, Founded St. John's

Rev. Clement A. Byersdorfer, 58, retired Roman Catholic priest who founded St. John's parish south of Ewing, was found dead in a hotel room at Tulsa, Okla. Death apparently resulted from a heart attack.

Father Byersdorfer, who was retired. was found in his night clothes at his bedside by hotel employees. He had scheduled a breakfast meeting with John

by the Green Valley Bluebirds.

Judges were Robert Swanson of Stanton, district American Legion commander; John C. Watson, commander of Simonson post 93, O'Neill; William McGinnity of Norfolk and Ray Estes. Father Byersdorfer was well acquainted in Holt county. He has no known survivors:

#### 3 SMA '53 Grads to Become Nuns

The motherhouse chapel of the Franciscan Sisters. Marycrest, in Denver, Colo., will be the scene on Saturday, August 15, of the INMAN-Funeral services will religious reception of the habit of three graduates of St. Mary's academy with the class of 1953. They are Anna Marie Schulte, whose name in religion will be Sister M. Pauline: Agnes Langan. Sister Mary Phillip; Rita Ann Simons, Sister M. Antoinette. A novice, Sister M. Helen, formerly Arlene Borszich, aslo a St. Mary's graduate, enters her second year noviceship. These young ladies are recruits

to the Franciscan order to which St. Mary's academy and St. Anthony's hospital belong. MORE PLASTIC SURGERY

Keeney and family.

Mary Jane Truax (above), CHAMBERS - Little Arlene Minnesota's champion baton twirler and acrobat, will be one Potter, 9, entered Lincoln General hospital Monday, August 10, of the featured entertainers at the 1953 Holt county fair in Chambers. Fair dates are September 1, 2, 3 and 4. Other grandstand performers include aunt—Mrs. Harold (Elizabeth) dog last winter and has had a Series of operations. V-Roy & Co., magician; Lew series of operations. Fine and Jeanei, comedy emcee with music; The Cut-Ups, five-piece band. Next week's Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harley and family went to Norfolk Sun-day to visit Mr. and Mrs. Vernon issue of The Frontier will enter 3,500 homes in Holt county and will feature a 16-page premium

Fair Headliner

list and fair supplement.

#### Graveside Rites in Basement Fall Held at Chambers EMMET-William Grothe, 73year - old farmer residing 11/2 miles northwest of here, suffered

cemetery at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 10, for Mrs. William Sprandel, 62, native of this com-Those who accompanied him were Herman Grothe, Mrs. Bert Henning of Atkinson, Earl Farr, munity, who died last Thursday, Sam Banks and Mrs. William August 6, in Omaha.

Rev. C. D. Ankney, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of-The late Mrs. Sprandel, whose

maiden name was Clara Dore-thea Walter, was born October 28, 1890, at Chambers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter. She married William Sprandel on April 26, 1911.

where the late Mrs. Sprandel was sandhills community of 150 peractive in Sunday - school and sons, which also is the county-church work at First Lutheran seat of Wheeler county. The buschurch for a number of years. inessmen of the town arranged The Sprandels became the par- for the visitors to enjoy the faents of four sons. Survivors include: Widower;

sons — Clarence of Plymouth; charge. Gustav of Omaha; Martin of San The Francisco, Calif., and Louis of urging Gov. Robert Crosby to Ct. Louis, Mo.; father — John appoint Mr. Cronin, an O'Neille Walter of Chambers; seven attorney and staunch good roads grandchildren; brothers—Alfred booster, as a member of and Henry Walter, both of Cham- state highway commission. bers; sisters — Mrs. Al Dierking and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, both of Chambers, and Mrs. Chris Haussler of Holbrook.

### Flare - Lighting **Scheduled Tonight**

Natural gas will be formally shered into O'Neill at 8 o'clock tonight in a flare-lighting ceremony to take place in front of the Holt county courthouse. Emmett Crabb, chairman of

the city council, will light the natural gas flare in behalf of Mayor J. E. Davis. who is out of the city. The Municipal band will provide music. Frank Soldan of Hastings,

sales manages for Kansas-Ne- resided for a number of years in sales manager for Kansas - Ne- the Chambers community. Mrs. will be the principal O'Neill is the largest of 14 northeast Nebraska cities and towns in the 1953 expansion plans of the

Kansas-Nebraska company. Mayor Davis, Mrs. Davis and family departed Friday for the days at Colorado Springs, Colo.

# Ress Tells Oil Plans Hiway 281

TWELVE

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#### Bituminous Matting Is Set for 16 Miles in O'Neill Vicinity

BARTLETT - One hundred day evening attended a banques meeting of the Nebraska Highway 281 association held here. Principal speaker was State Highway Engineer L. N. Ress of

Delegates heard Ress tell of plans for improving highway 281 across the state. Ress said the highway will get "slightly more than its proportionate share of improvements" during the next two years under the revenue measure passed by the recent session of the legislature.

Ress said a program 3.2 times greater, both mileagewise and dollarwise, would result than would have been possible under the old revenue plan.

But he added during the next two years improvements on 281 will involve 3.6 times as many miles and 4.3 times as much money as would have been the case without the added revenue. Specific projects involve improvement of 44.8 miles of 281 at an estimated cost of \$1,361,000 This includes 12½ miles of bitu-minous mat from O'Neill north (toward Spencer) or 11.4 miles of new hardsurfacing (north from the drive-in theatre junction of highways 20 and 281); also 41/2 miles of bituminous mat from a point 13 miles south of O'Neill to the junction of U.S. 281 and

state 95 (also known as the Chambers junction). Ress said that at present revenue rates 12 years would be required before all of highway 281 across Nebraska—a distance of 235 miles — would be hardsur-

faced.
Officers elected are: Earl Carpenter of Red Cloud, president: Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill, vice-president; John R. Krotter Spencer, secretary-treasurer. All were reelected. Carpenter is completing his seventh year as assoiation president.

Directors elected are: Butte-D. B. Raymer and C. J. Dopheide; Spencer — Gayle Couch and C. H. Fisher; Bristow— L. W. Gibson and Floyd Kelly; O'-Neill - District Judge D. R. Mounts and Axel Borg; Chambers — Edwin Wink and M. F. Gribble; Bartlett— Arthur Ause-rod and John Nichols; Greeley miles northwest of here, suffered a fractured neck Saturday in a fall down the basement steps at his home.

He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital and transferred Monday by ambulance to a Lincoln hospital and transferred Monday by ambulance to a Li Hastings—Harry Purdum and C. G. Wallace; Blue Hill — Byron Vaughn and Alfred Buschow; Red Cloud—J. O. Smith and Lee

> The women of the Methodist church served the banquet.

A severe rain and hail storm left the meeting without elec-tric lights when power failed in portions of the town. Ress. spoke with the use of a flashlight on his notes.

The family resided for several years in Chambers, moved to Beatrice and then to Plattsmouth

Delegates to this year's meeting encountered a unique demonstration of hospitality in this stration of hospitality in this stration of hospitality in this stration. cilities of the restaurants and recreational places without

The association went on record

# Dies in Atkinson

ATKINSON - Mrs. Matilda Genevieve Barnes, 95-year-old Atkinson woman, died Wednesday afternoon, August 12, at her nome in Atkinson. She had suffered a stroke 12 years ago and had been in failing health since

that time Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, August 14, in Atkinson and burial wall

be in the Chambers cemetery. The late Mrs. Barnes was born February 8, 1858, in Cincinatti, O. Her husband, Christian Fremont Barnes, died in 1920. The family

12 years ago. Survivors include: Daughters -Mrs. Edna Schwarz of Sloan, Ia., and Mrs. Earl Ellsbury of Attkinson.

West in a recently - purchased housetrailer. They spent several son, Terry, returned Sunday from Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjack and a vacation at Park Rapids, Minn.