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Airman Dies When Auto Rolls Over

Concrete Pouring Begins at Pool

Cement Will Arrive Monday for Streets

Construction on two major municipal improvement projects moved into a new phase this week. Pouring of concrete was begun on the footings of the new swimming pool, being built in the center of Ford's park, and forms are being readied on Everett street, between Third and Fourth, for initial pouring of concrete on the new eight-block paving project.

A 22-year-old airman, who had been on duty here only 10 days, died at 2:45 a.m., Sunday at the junction of U.S. highways 20 and 281, 1 1/2 miles northwest of O'Neill, in a one-car accident. When the late-model east-bound car driven by S/Sgt. Antonio Gonzalez overturned and came to a stop, the driver's lifeless body was picked up about five feet from the wrecked machine.

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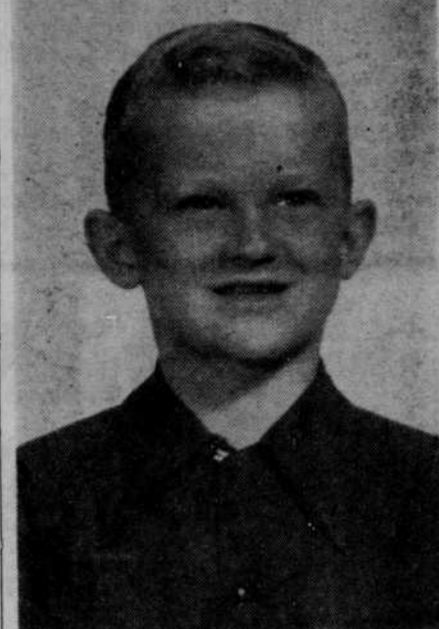
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\$85-Million O'Neill Project Gets Okay



Europeans Visit Chambers Farms

Three young men from Germany, one from Switzerland and one from Austria stopped overnight Saturday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitaker, northwest of Chambers. The Europeans were admitted to the U.S. for a year to study industrial techniques and were assigned to the Davenport-Rock Island-Moline area where one of them became acquainted with Randal Whitaker, who works in a laboratory in Moline. He routed the Europeans by car through Holt county and insisted they visit his parents. Mr. Whitaker took his guests on a sidetrip to the C. V. Robertson

Regional Director Sends to Washington His 'Final Report'

The federal bureau of reclamation has "recommended for early development" two more projects in the Niobrara river basin.

The two—the O'Neill canal and irrigation project and the Mirage lake flats extension project—would add almost 72,000 acres of irrigated land to Nebraska. Estimated cost is \$85 million for the O'Neill project and \$7.6 million for the Mirage flats proposal.

The recommendations were contained in a report which Avery Batson of Denver, Colo., bureau of reclamation regional chief, termed the "final report" on the subject.

Together with two projects previously recommended—the Ainsworth canal and the Lavaca development—these would total an estimated \$120 million in federal spending. The total irrigated land involved is about 144,400 acres.

By federal law the proposal will have to be reviewed by state officials concerned. Dan Jones, chief of the state irrigation division, said he expected Secretary of the Interior McKay would officially submit a copy to Gov. Robert Crosby for his formal comments. The projects recommended for early development include:

The Ainsworth canal which will deliver water from the Merritt reservoir on the Snake river in Cherry county by waterway across Cherry and Brown counties into the Ainsworth area to irrigate about 44,800 acres. Cost \$85 million. This is by far the largest single package of irrigable land in the basin.

The Lavaca flats project on the Niobrara itself in Sheridan and Cherry counties, due south of Gordon, will irrigate about 3,150 acres. Cost about \$970,000.

The O'Neill project to take water from the Niobrara near Meadville across Rock and Holt counties to the O'Neill area to irrigate 66,000 acres. Cost about \$85 million.

The Mirage flats extension project, to extend the only major irrigation project on the Niobrara into the eastward in Sheridan county. Cost about \$7.6 million.

Except for the two new recommended areas, the report was much like its predecessors.

Under discussion were 14 separate projects in the Niobrara basin.

The report concurred with previous reports that only irrigation and not hydroelectric projects must be considered at present.

In a formal hearing here last winter, no objections to the bureau's irrigation plan were heard.

The Ainsworth project has brought strong objections by Cherry county ranchers who don't want it cutting across their cattle land. They have protested to both Crosby and his predecessor, former Gov. Val Peterson.

One of their major arguments is dealt with briefly in the reclamation report. They protest that seepage from and into the canal may hurt their ranch land.

Particularly where the ranchers have hayland they fear that water may seep into the canal, leaving their fields dry, or that in other places it will seep out of the waterway, making their meadows too damp.

Also in winter they fear that snow will drift over the canal fences and cattle will wander blindly into the open ditch.

The report states, "Damage to land along the canal is unlikely as the canal wherever necessary will be lined to prevent seepage and checks and drops will be constructed to prevent drainage of hay meadows adjacent to the canal. It is also stated that the canal will be fenced or other safeguards provided wherever hazards appear to exist."

This could mean lining with concrete or asphalt as much as 21 miles of the 52-mile canal.

Andy Wettlaufer Joins Police Force

Andy Wettlaufer, retired farmer who is well-known in the O'Neill and Page communities, Friday began his duties as a member of the police force on the night shift. He succeeds Sam Banks. (See editorial, "Enough of Joe Wert", on page 2.)

Lightning Strikes Church Chimney

STUART—The chimney on St. Boniface Catholic church was demolished Tuesday night, September 8, when it was struck by lightning during a severe electrical storm. The town blacked-out for a short time during the storm when a fuse blew out.

Pasture Fire Brings Firemen

CELLIA—The rural fire department fire equipment was called from Atkinson to put out a fire in a pasture one mile south and a half mile west of the Clarence Focken home last Thursday afternoon. It is thought the fire was caused by a tractor used to move a haystacker which he planned to use in helping his brother, Marvin Focken, put up his hay.

Neighbors and men working on a county road by the Duane Beck home helped put out the fire. Little wind, was blowing which also aided in stopping the blaze.

At Osenbaugh Home—Mrs. Velma Morgan and Mrs. Zelma Megrue were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Osenbaugh Wednesday, September 8.

Mrs. Guy Cook Rites Today, Venus

VENUS—Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock at the Venus church for Mrs. Guy Cook, 69, who died Monday. Mrs. Cook's husband and four of her nine children preceded her in death. Survivors include four daughters and one son.

Family Together First Time in 15 Years

LYNCH—Mrs. Josephine Boska was surprised when all her children simultaneously came home on Sunday, September 6. It was the first time they were together at the same time in 15 years.

Those present were Joe Boska of Lynch, Mrs. Richard (Anna) Minerts and husband of Council Bluffs, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Boska and son, Emden, of Missouri, Mrs. Delores (Mary) Malcolm and family of Bristow and Frank Boska of Bristow.

Liabie Back from Far East, Separated

ATKINSON—Relatives received a phone call Wednesday from Cpl. Leo Liabie of Atkinson, stating he is in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was discharged from the army. He had served 1 1/2 years in Japan and docked September 8 on the West coast.

20 CATTLE DIE

Gene Mudloff of the Page community early Wednesday reported the loss of 20 head of cattle found dead. They had been pastured in alfalfa. A veterinarian worked all morning on other cattle in the herd of 85.

BORG ARRIVES

Sgt. Dwayne Borg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg, of O'Neill, arrived Monday at Seattle, Wash., aboard the navy transport, Gen. M. M. Patrick. Borg has been in the Far East.