



Galen Boyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle . . . with his father when this 8-year-old deer was killed.—The Frontier Photo.

33 Deer Kills Checked During First 3 Days

90-mph Joyriders Taken into Court

Coulter Is Paroled, Back in Again

Trouble has been mounting the past fortnight for Clark Coulter, about 38, of O'Neill. On Tuesday, December 1, he was arrested for participating with a friend in a 90-mph flight across county roads with an armed state patrolman in pursuit. What made matters worse, Coulter and his companion, Richard ("Dick") Davidson, 24, had to explain to the judge why they appropriated from O'Neill's Douglas street a 1953 Plymouth belonging to Walter Haake of Chambers. They admitted guilt Tuesday before District Judge D. R. Mounts when they were charged with unlawfully taking a vehicle. Davidson drew a one- to five-year sentence in the men's reformatory at Lincoln.

Coulter was paroled to Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack for five years. Then Coulter's real trouble began. Within a few hours, the sheriff was obliged to serve eviction papers on Coulter, directing him to move his family out of the dwelling in which they were living on the northeast outskirts of O'Neill. At 4 p.m., Tomjack had Coulter back in jail on another day. Tomjack said Coulter would face check forgery charges. The sheriff said an incident involving \$3.75 had taken place at Stuart on November 28—just two days before the escapade in the new Plymouth.

Frank Sullivan Dies Suddenly

Francis L. ("Frank") Sullivan, 57, former O'Neill pharmacist, died suddenly Saturday, December 5, in a Portland, Ore., hospital where he had been a patient about a week. He had suffered a heart ailment for about a year. His death was unexpected. Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday, December 9, at Portland. The late Mr. Sullivan, a son of the late M. M. and Abbie Sullivan, was born at O'Neill November 6, 1896. He was reared in town and attended St. Mary's academy. He was in the first class of boys to advance at the academy beyond the eighth grade.

Later he studied pharmacy at Creighton university, Omaha, and returned to O'Neill to be employed several years by Frank Pixley and Timothy Hanley, who were pioneer druggists.

During World War I, the late Mr. Sullivan served in the army, spending considerable time at Ft. Russell, Wyo., near Cheyenne. He was in the army about three years.

About 35 years ago he left O'Neill and was employed as a pharmacist at Jerome, Ida., San Bernardino, Calif., Grant's Pass, Ore., and Kelso, Wash., before going to Portland about 12 years ago.

He was married while in the West and his wife died about a year after their marriage. They had no children. Mr. Sullivan had no relatives near him at the time of his death.

One brother, John V., of Chicago, Ill., and a sister, Mother M. Virginia of Alliance, went to Portland to attend the funeral. The only other survivor is a brother, Felix of O'Neill.



Anspach . . . nature of illness not known.

Lucky holders of deer hunting permits made hay during the first three days of the hunt in Holt county with 33 kills having been checked in at O'Neill until 5 p.m. Wednesday. The season—the first in a half-century—opened Monday morning and will close at sundown on Friday, December 11.

Most of the successful hunting has been in the northwest corner of the county. Only two kills have been made east of U.S. highway 281.

Game Warden Sam Grasmich of Minden, formerly stationed here, is manning the O'Neill check point for the five-day hunt. He points out the majority of the kills are white tails and they are running "surprisingly large—even larger than mule deer being taken in the north-west portion of the state."

Biggest kill reported in the O'Neill region to date is a 230-pound white-tail bagged by Frank Risor of Butte and checked at Butte. The weight was "hog dressed." Raymond Nemecek of Spencer killed a white-tail that weighed 276 pounds on the hoof.

Biggest deer killed in Holt county to date was a 211-pounder ("hog dressed") shot by Freddie Boettcher, Atkinson rancher. Game Warden Fred Salak, who is stationed here, said hunter-rancher relationship has been "very good to date. There have been no reports of cattle being damaged or accidents.

"Many places are posted and most ranchers are particular whom they allow to hunt on their place," he added.

Among the Holt countyans who have checked-in deer here are: James L. Allyn of Stuart, Cecil W. Baker of O'Neill, Ralph Beck of Atkinson, Donald G. Bern of Stuart, Freddie Boettcher of Atkinson, Lyndley J. Crumley of Page, Jack D. Everett of O'Neill, Harold C. Freymeyer of Page, Joe Grutsch of O'Neill, Eugene A. Hamik of Stuart, Elvin L. Hamilton of Stuart, Helena Ruth Heermann of O'Neill, Dale Henderson of Stuart, Alfred F. Krobot of Stuart, Joe A. Krobot of Stuart, Pauline J. Krobot of Stuart, Dwayne J. Lockman of Stuart, Harry William Mlinar of Stuart, Roland V. Peterson of Stuart, Harry Edwin Prouty of Spencer, Donald Albert Stearns of O'Neill, Minor K. Varilek of Stuart, Kenneth E. Wettlaufer of Page, Claude V. Wiley of O'Neill, Charles C. Wright of Ewing.

Out-of-countyans who have checked-in here are: Harold G. Daniels of Clearwater, Gerald J. Kluthe of Elgin, J. Gerald Kluthe of Elgin, James D. Ladehoff of Morsebluffs, Faye A. Robeson of Fremont (former highway patrolman stationed here), and Leslie Plock of Fairmont.

Robeson's kill was made north of Eagle creek. Adverse road conditions have confined hunters to the county highways that are open and has restricted their movements.

"Temperatures have been ideal," Grasmich explained, "and the outlook is favorable for the remaining two days. Not since before the turn of the century, before the game commission was organized, has deer hunting been legalized in the O'Neill area," he added. Nine kills were checked-in on Monday at Butte, where two game conservationists are stationed for the course of the deer season.

Sergeant Anspach Flown Back to U.S.

Air Force Sgt. Keith Anspach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach of O'Neill, during the week-end was flown from Panama, Canal Zone, to Mobile, Ala., in a single day for hospitalization there. He has been ill eight weeks. His wife and their small son, Stephen, made the flight with him. Sergeant Anspach entered a military hospital at Mobile while his wife and son continued on to Omaha where they were met late Monday by Sergeant Anspach's father and his wife's father, Fred Fersch of Butte.

Sergeant Anspach had been stationed in the Canal Zone 28 months. His wife is the former Mavis Fersch, who, with her son, is now visiting in Butte. The nature of the sergeant's illness is not definitely known, according to his parents. A series of tests will be made at military medical centers. Mrs. Gladys Oxford of Chambers recently spent a week at the Henry Lohaus home.

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Snow, Wind in Winter's First Blast

Thursday's 12 Inches of Snow Paralyzes Traffic 24 Hours

A snowstorm, first-class, howled out of the northwest last Thursday in O'Neill winter's initial blast. Twelve inches of snow fell here between 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, when the precipitation actually began, and 9 p.m., Thursday, December 3, when the onslaught officially ended.

The early hours of the storm were gentle enough, but the winds mounted to blizzard proportions on Thursday morning. At 11 o'clock the conditions worsened and folks in the O'Neill region braced for the duration.

In many respects the storm was reminiscent of the November 18-19, 1948, debacle—the start of a miserable winter. There was rain turning to ice and snow, just like five years ago. The main assault came with temperatures only five degrees below freezing—just like the number one storm of the now-famous recurring blizzards of 1948-'49.

Only a handful of pupils reported for classes at O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy last Thursday morning, and many of those pupils were sent home.

The state highway department here dispatched snowplows early in the morning. One of the big machines went into a ditch near the John Dick shelterbelt, on U.S. highway 20 about six miles west of here. Lack of visibility was blamed. This prompted the resident engineer, John Osenbaugh, to order all snow-removal equipment off the roads until the storm subsided.

Business activity almost came to a halt in O'Neill stores as the day progressed. Finally, most merchants, shop keepers and professional men locked up and plowed snow afoot to their homes.

The Golden hotel, however, was a beehive of activity as the regional meeting of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association got underway. About one hundred delegates reached O'Neill late Wednesday—ahead of the storm. These, in addition to snowbound travellers, quickly filled the city's four hotels and three motels.

The snow was laden with moisture, which cheered farmers and ranchers even though they were considerably inconvenienced. The 12 inches of snow was reduced to .89 of an inch of moisture.

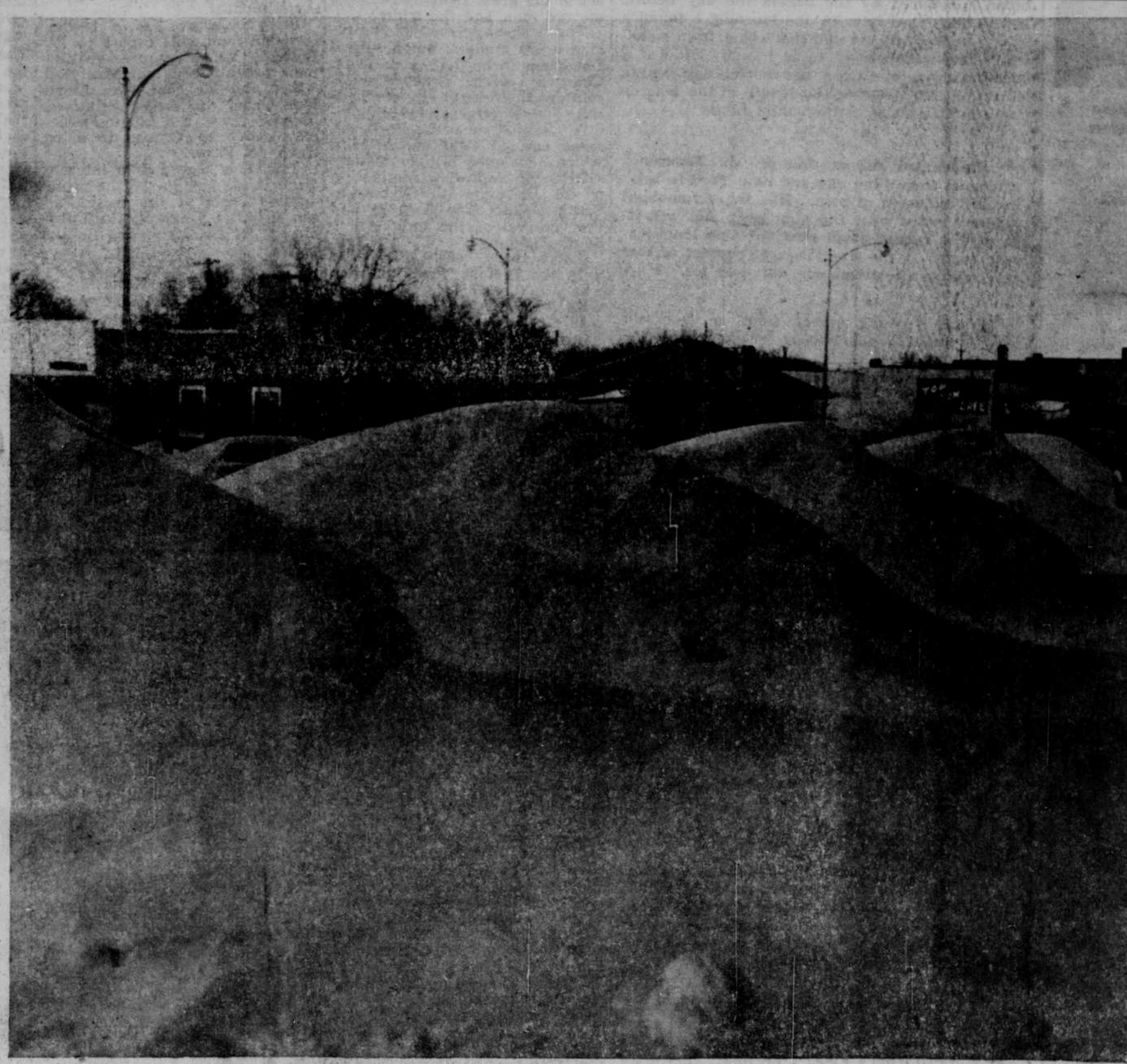
Ice conditions in the Norfolk area created four thousand breaks in telephone lines. Ice also severed O'Neill's toll connections with Winner, S.D., and other points. The Northwestern Bell Telephone company's toll center here maintained contact with Ainsworth and Valentine on the west, where considerably less snow was received, but all switching to Sioux City, Omaha, Lincoln and other points is normally done via Norfolk and Omaha, and ice wrecked the facilities until about 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

The Western Union telegraph circuit was knocked out but the office here was able to (Continued on page 7.)



Returns to U.S.

A/2c Thomas Harty (above), son of Mrs. P. B. Harty of O'Neill, reached here Friday after having spent over 11 months with the air force in Korea. He was stationed with the 18th fighter-interceptor group at Osan and worked with a supply unit. Airman Harty left the U.S. in December, 1952, and docked at San Francisco, Calif., Monday, November 30. He will report at Kinross field, Saute St. Marie, Mich., on January 9. Airman Harty, an enlistee, has about 2 1/2 years to serve.



These unusual snowdrifts bury a row of cars parked in front of the Golden hotel.—Omaha World-Herald Photo.

Mrs. Leota Butler Succumbs at Ewing Former Teacher Ill Short Time

EWING—Mrs. Leota Butler, 84, a resident of the Ewing community for 55 years, died at her home in Ewing on Friday, December 4.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, December 6, at the Methodist church here with Rev. Charles Mitchell officiating. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery beside the grave of her late husband, Wilbur L. Butler.

Pallbearers were Willis Rockey, Vance and Lyle Anson, all grandsons, and Archie Tuttle, Buford Carlson and Edward Shrader.

Leota Coe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Coe, was born April 7, 1869, at Independence, Ia. At the age of two she moved with her parents to Antelope county, where her father homesteaded in what is now the Neligh community. There she grew to womanhood, choosing teaching as her profession, beginning in the rural schools and later as a teacher in the intermediate grades of the Ewing public school.

One of the experiences of those years was the blizzard of 1888, which she often discussed with relatives.

In March, 1892, she was united in marriage to Wilbur L. Butler. To this union were born five children. One daughter, Leonora, died in 1926.

Since the death of Mr. Butler in 1940, Mrs. Butler and her daughter, Mrs. Vera Anson, have made their home in Ewing. Mrs. Butler, while not in good health, was able to perform duties about the home until the last few weeks.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. R. G. (Irene) Rockey and Mrs. Vera Anson, both of Ewing; sons—Coe of Lincoln and Vance Butler of Neligh; brother—Vance Coe of Rapid City, S.D.; sister, Mrs. Henry Veit of California; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Methodist church and held various offices in the women's organization of the church.

She also taught Sunday-school many years. Her hobbies were needlework and flowers. Mrs. Harriet Welke and Mrs. Gene Ruby sang "The Touch of His Hand on Mine," "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" at the funeral rite.

Spends Weekend Here—Gaylen Hull of Pickstown, S.D., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull, and other relatives and friends over the weekend.



Almost like an Eskimo igloo, Jim Schmitz, St. Mary's academy student, looks out from driver's seat of snow encased perked car following last Thursday's storm.—Omaha World-Herald Photo.

Dr. J. W. Bennie Collapses Monday—CLEARWATER—Dr. J. W. Bennie of Clearwater, widely-known physician, was stricken at his home here Monday morning and collapsed.

Mrs. David and Gordon Fletcher of Orchard, brothers of Mrs. Bennie, were called here to care for him. Give The Frontier for Christmas!

Hugh Benson went to Norfolk Tuesday to get his brother, Elwyn, who has returned from Greenland. Elwyn has been employed on the project there for about eight months. His wife returned about six weeks ago.

'Livestock Outlook for '54 Is Good'

Economist Cheers Group Attending Stock Meeting Here

Attendance at last Thursday's regional meeting of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association was only about one-third the expected attendance. But the blame could be placed squarely in the lap of the weatherman, who arranged for a first-class early winter snow and blow.

An estimated 110 persons, most of whom had reached O'Neill the night before, heard talks by Harold F. Breimyer, U.S. department of agriculture economics statistician; Stan Matzke, Lincoln radio news editor, commentator and former member of the Nebraska legislature; Dan Hanson, Wyoming rancher, and Erich Rohling of the American Meat Institute.

These four were heard during morning and afternoon sessions held at the Golden hotel. Featured speaker of the evening banquet, Carl E. Bahmeier of Huron, S.D., executive secretary of the South Dakota Bankers' association, was snowbound at Huron and couldn't reach O'Neill to keep his appointment.

Breimyer

Breimyer predicted higher cattle prices for 1954 and based his predictions on a study he has just completed for the USDA. "I believe demand will soften some but will remain pretty good," he said. "Trends in cattle production have not been smooth but have fluctuated in cycles. A major problem is how the cattle industry can adjust to demand for beef without going through violent cycles in production and prices. The present cycle has been typical of previous ones, but appears to be shorter than usual. The six cycles since 1880 have been getting progressively shorter," Breimyer explained.

"The present cycle arose largely in response to strong postwar demand for beef. Expansion in cattle started slowly but picked up last in 1950 and 1951. Cattle numbers in the U.S. increased 22 percent between 1949 and 1953. Beef output in 1953 increased 30 percent over 1952 and caught up with the trend in population.

"Price declines have been severe. In November, prices were down from November, 1951, by about 30 percent for top grade fed steers, 50 percent for feeder cattle, and 55 percent for cows. U.S. average prices for all cattle have been 71 to 78 percent of parity in recent months. "There will be improvement in price and a stronger and firm cattle market, according to all indications, but there will be no return to prices of a year ago.

"Cattle slaughter of 1953 has outrun production and numbers of cattle may be reduced a little by January 1. Output next year and probably in succeeding years is expected to be smaller than this year, but it will still be large—around 70 pounds of beef per person.

Matzke

Matzke's subject was "The Good and Bad About the Unicameral." The salient point in his talk was his hope that the one-house legislature be preserved instead of being made into a two-house system as is being sought by some political leaders. Matzke, however, would change the unicameral from a non-parti-

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Out-of-Towners Among Soloists

Four out-of-towners will sing the solo roles in the third annual presentation of George Fredrick Handel's "Messiah" here on Sunday, December 20, according to Director Charles B. Houser. The selections:

Mrs. Lane Griffin of Atkinson, soprano; Mrs. Merwyn French, Jr., of Page, alto; Willis Johnson of Spencer, tenor; John Schwartz of Atkinson, bass. Mr. Johnson is music teacher in the Spencer public school; Mr. Schwartz teaches music in the Atkinson public school, and Mrs. French, whose home is at Page, is the O'Neill public school vocal instructor.

Mr. Schwartz sang the bass solos in the 1952 presentation. The director stated this week chorus rehearsals have been made "quite difficult to date" because of busy seasonal schedules here and in the other communities. But he is confident the offering will be "well worthwhile for music lovers." Mrs. French and Mrs. Houser will be piano accompanists.