

# 'Chins Drop, Eyes Pop At Sight of ARC Gals'

## Heart Attack Fatal to Louis Barthel

### Military Rites for Well-Known Rancher

BURWELL—Louis W. Barthel, 59, who was stricken with a heart attack on Monday, December 7, and was taken to the Burwell Memorial hospital the following day, died Wednesday, December 9. He was a prominent Holt county rancher, residing about three miles from the Garfield-Holt county line.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 14, from the Methodist church in Burwell. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Burwell—the crowd overflowing the church auditorium into three other rooms.

Military burial rites were conducted at the Chambers cemetery by members of the Chambers American Legion post.

The late Louis William Barthel was born at Amelia January 7, 1894, the second son of Carl Barthel, who died when Louis was a small boy, and Ruby C. Rubin Barthel, who died in October, 1945.

He spent all of his life in the Amelia community and homesteaded near Amelia.

In March, 1918, he entered the army and received his honorable discharge in December, 1918, after the close of World War I. On June 10, 1919, he married Katherine Nelson of Lincoln. They became the parents of six children.

The late Mr. Barthel joined the Methodist church and was baptized at Swan lake in the summer of 1921. The rural church was disbanded about 15 years ago.

At the time of his death Mr. Barthel was chairman of the board of directors of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association, with headquarters in O'Neill, and was a district PMA committeeman.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Kenneth of Chambers, Calvin of Burwell, Keith of Amelia; daughters—Eleanor M. (Eleanor) Johnson of Burwell, Lois and Joan, both of Amelia; five grandchildren; brothers—Grover E. of Wenatchee, Wash., and Carl E. of Burwell.

Reverend Clayton, assisted by Rev. A. J. Hindman, officiated at the funeral. Donald Benton, Mrs. Betty Rowse and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ballagh sang "What a Friend," "Saved by Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross." They were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Laura Garwood. Pallbearers were Floyd Taylor, Claude Abbott, Donald Carpenter, Loren Jurgenson, Ralph Kelley and Charles Perrott.

(Photo below)  
Arriving on the snowswept, rugged Korean terrain in time for Thanksgiving dinner with American troops, O'Neill's Miss Mary Louise ("Lou") Birmingham thus completed a drastic transition.

Until signing up with the American Red Cross in October, she headquartered in the comfy KM-TV studios at Omaha, doing a homemaking program in front of the big cameras.

Now she has a morale job with 10,000 lonely GI's in distant Korea. She is a link between the overseas servicemen and their wives and sweethearts back home. "Lou" was born and reared here, attended Barat college at Lake Forest, Ill., before entering the television field.

Miss Birmingham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, have received a series of delayed letters from their globetrotting daughter. And her own words best tell the story:

"This is the beginning of a great adventure," she wrote while enroute. "I know deep in my heart that it is the right thing to do. The Red Cross is the best agency for helping—and that's what I want to do—to give and help."

"At Travis air base in California (enroute overseas), I chanced to visit with Capt. Bill Conklin, who flew with Bob Early in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II. Incidentally, we flew across in a GI-plane with bucket seats—not a plush job at all. The experience is one I'll never forget. Aboard were 65 passengers and 11 of them were women."

"At Honolulu I phoned Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Latta. They were very surprised. I couldn't blame them."

"We donned bright yellow Mae West (lifesaver) jackets for the flight. We got into Wake island about 3 a.m. The sun was beginning to come up and the colors in the sky were out of this world—bright green, deep blue, rose, pink, aqua."

"The pilot was from Grand Island—that's for the small world department. Landing at Haneda airport outside Tokyo, we cleared through customs and changed our money to the coin of the Japanese money is quite complicated and hard to keep. Like playing monopoly."

"While in Tokyo we visited Tokyo general hospital and heard a beautiful choir sing."

"There are no people signals in Tokyo. People are scurrying in all directions. They have tiny taxicabs which toot their horns incessantly. Being an American makes me feel definitely in the minority. Americans are so tall—the Japanese are so small. Even I, 5-4, feel like a giant."

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## Mrs. Peter Gengler Burial at Lynch Lives on Homestead Half-Century

LYNCH—Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Gengler, 76, were held at the Assumption BVM Catholic church at Lynch Tuesday, December 15, with Rev. John Wiczorek offering the requiem mass. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery north of town. The body was taken to the funeral home Monday evening.

Mrs. Gengler, daughter of Henry and Mary Boltz, was born in the grand duchy of Luxembourg.

At the age of 12, she came to America with her parents to make their home. They came to Knox county.

She was united in marriage to Peter Gengler February 15, 1896, at Bloomfield. Mr. and Mrs. Gengler lived on their homestead for 50 years.

Four sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gengler.

In 1941, the family moved to Lynch and in 1942 to Verdigré where they resided five years, returning to Lynch where they have since resided.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, who died in infancy, her parents, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Nicolaus of Plainview; George and Louis, both of Omaha; Anton of Creighton; daughters—Mrs. Katherine Geotzinger of Norfolk and Mrs. Elizabeth Nolleit of Valentine; sisters—Sister Mary of Los Angeles, Calif., Order of the Good Shepherd; Mrs. Virginia Gales of Iowa, Minn.; Mrs. Catherine Anderson of Omaha; five grandchildren.

## Postoffice to Stay Open Saturday P.M.

The O'Neill postoffice service windows will remain open Saturday afternoon on December 19 to accommodate patrons, it was announced by Acting Postmaster Mrs. Helen Sullivan. Normally the windows close at 1 p.m.

The westbound mainline passenger-mail trains on the Chicago-North Western railroad have been operating up to three hours late this week due to the heavy load of Christmas mail.

## To Florida—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alm and Peggy have gone to Palmetto, Fla., to spend a portion of the winter. They are residing at 615 Fourth st., Palmetto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker left Monday for Florida where they will spend about three months.

## '54 Pontiacs Go on Display Here Friday

An entirely new line of cars—bigger, longer and more luxurious—plus an improved and newly styled line of Chieftrains for 1954 was announced this week by the Wm. Kroetter Co., of O'Neill and Spencer, Pontiac dealers. Pontiac is a division of General Motors.

They will go on display in dealers' showrooms across the nation for a two-day announcement period beginning Friday, December 18. Kroettors will be serving free coffee and doughnuts to persons visiting their showrooms on Friday. They will be open until 10 p.m.

The new line, to be known as the Star Chief series, is 11 inches longer overall, has a two inch longer wheelbase, a more powerful eight-cylinder engine and some of the most luxurious interiors ever offered in a motor car.

All 1954 Pontiacs have been restyled with a new radiator grille, new silver streak, new DeLuxe and Custom mouldings and many other features, both interior and exterior, including the widest selection of colors and color combinations ever offered.

Mechanically, the Pontiac straight eight with 7.71 compression ratio and hydraulic lift has been stepped up to 127 horsepower, equipped with a new carburetor and intake manifold, a new current and voltage regulator and a new spark plug and ignition coil mounting. The new regulator, a new distributor and valves with improved durability have been added to the six-cylinder engine.

An expanded line of optional accessories is offered this year, including power brakes, Comfort Control front seat with a tilt-or-raise feature, automatic electric window lifts for front doors, instrument panel safety cushion, air conditioning for eight-cylinder models and improved power steering, as well as Pontiac's famous dual-range hydraulic transmission.

Kroettors will have at least two '54 Pontiacs on their floor.

Paul Moseman an instructor—Pvt. Paul E. Moseman, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Moseman, sr., is an instructor in the engineering laboratory at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. He is in the army signal corps.

## MINOR FIRE

STUART—Minor damage to the roof of the Newman Oil company plant here was caused by a fire Thursday evening, ignited by an illuminated sign. The Stuart fire department answered the alarm.

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## Santa Claus to See Kids Saturday

### Jolly Ol' Fellow Again to Make Trip Here with Jet Airplane

That jolly ol' fellow, beloved the world over by the small fry, will again visit O'Neill. Santa Claus has passed the word he'll buzz into town Saturday, December 19, in his jet-powered airplane, land at the Municipal airport, and be met by the O'Neill fire department's big truck.

Operating on a tight time table, because he has a back-breaking schedule between now and Christmas eve, Santa says he'll pull up at the O'Neill public school at 2 p.m.

"I want to see all the kids from miles around in that line-up at O'Neill," Santa advised The Frontier by shortwave radio. "I'm going to have treats for all of 'em."

A final report on the arrangements for Santa's forthcoming visit was made to the Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening in the group's regular monthly meeting. John R. Gallagher, committee chairman, said "all is in readiness."

President G. C. DeBacker presided. James W. Rooney, chairman of the Chamber's new industries committee, made a report and Carroll W. Stewart reported on the state highway department's hardsharpening plans for U.S. highways 281 and 20 and state highways 95 and 11.

Extensive contracts are scheduled to be let March 11, 1954, with construction to get underway as soon as practicable thereafter.

The group instructed the secretary to write letters of appreciation to State Highway Engineer L. N. Ress and State Sen. Frank Nelson.

Ed Wilson urged the group to go on record to discourage ammunition trucks passing through the city. The Chamber voted to send a letter, conveying this feeling, to the state railway commission.

Wilson pointed up the recent ammo truck explosions and peril to cities through which the trucks pass.

Thirty members attended Monday's session at Slat's cafe. A turkey day report by A. P. Jaskowiak indicated the event was a "huge success." A long-term yule street lighting committee was appointed to be headed by Don Peersent.

Longs Arriving—Mr. and Mrs. Noel Long of Colton, Calif., are expected next week to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Robertson, and other relatives and friends.

Visit Dishners—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kinsman of Columbus visited at the F. J. Dishner home the past week.



## 10 Babies Fill Hospital Nursery

Ten tiny babies in 10 little cribs posed Wednesday, December 9, for The Frontier's photographer in the St. Anthony's hospital nursery. It was an important day because it was a record number of infants in the 15-months-old hospital. The roster: Front row (left-to-right)—Shirley Joan Reiman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reiman of Butte; Sharroll Held, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Held of O'Neill; Clo Etha Charlene Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walters of Chambers; Tommy

Dean Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harding of O'Neill; Joedean Bernice Olson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Olson of O'Neill; back row—Cheryl Kay Dammé, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dammé of Chambers; Robert Martin Langdon, jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Langdon of O'Neill; Mark Steven Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lambert of Chambers; Robert James Paxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Paxton of Chambers; Jack Eugene Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clyde of O'Neill.

## Ullom to Be '30-Year-Man'

After 15 years in the army, Maj. Madeline Ullom has decided she might just as well be a "30-year-old" in civilian life.

"What could an old army mar like me do in civilian clothes?" she asked with a wide grin. "All these hash-marks and fruit salad on my uniform are strictly military, and don't mean a thing to a civilian."

Major Ullom is a native of the O'Neill community where she was reared. Recently, the Rocky Mountains News, published at Denver, Colo., devoted most of a page to a picture story about her.

Even civilians would disagree with Major Ullom about some of the fruit salad. For example she wears the bronze star, awarded for valor on Bataan and Corregidor, one of the few women entitled to wear this decoration.

Her citations, both from the U.S. and Philippine governments, have devotd them a story of long and devoted service and hardship. It's the same with the battle stars and the theater ribbons. She has earned them.

At 42, Major Ullom is a lively, fast-talking natural blonde who left a job teaching a country school in Nebraska in 1933 to become a nurse, and then donned a uniform with a second lieutenant's bars in 1938 and never regretted it.

She's run the entire gamut of army nursing jobs, from general ward nurse to operating room to obstetrics ward to nursing supervisor to laboratory work to her present job at Fitzsimons army hospital, director of the advanced technician school.

"I've seen the whole story," she said. "I've built a career in the army and I have a wonderful life in a great profession. It's a career any young woman could enjoy, fully as much or more than a civilian job."

Major Ullom frankly is interested in attracting other young women into the service—not only nursing, where the shortage of professional nurses is an acute problem, but into other branches—the WAC, the WAVES, the women marines, the women army aviators.

Though trained as a school-teacher, she gave up teaching when 22 and went to Philadelphia, Pa., where she was graduated as a nurse in 1937.

"I knew some army people and thought they were wonderful, so I decided to enlist," she said. "In 1938, I made the grade and went to Walter Reed hospital. After two years, I asked for overseas duty and was sent to Manila." War came on December 7, 1941. Major Ullom, with a dozen other

nurses, stayed on duty in Manila until December 30, when they were evacuated to Corregidor. They set up a hospital in a tunnel and, under almost continual fire and bombing, treated the American sick and wounded as they best could.

On May 6, 1942, Corregidor surrendered and "we were under new management." She and the other nurses were considered dangerous by the Japanese and were locked up in isolation for six weeks. Then they were placed in St. Tomas concentration camp.

For the next three years, they ran their own hospital within the camp for the civilians. They had little equipment or medical supplies; often were lacking in food. For the most part, their captors did not bother them—save for the time the Jap commander forced them to care for him when he had his tonsils removed.

When liberation came, Major Ullom returned to the States. New assignments—including a

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Mrs. L. A. Burgess plans to leave Sunday for Rochester, Minn., where her daughter, Miss Joann, has been a patient in a hospital.

## Coulter Draws 2-Year Sentence Enters State Pen Saturday

Clark Coulter, 38, who was paroled, evicted from his home and arrested again, all in a single day, has begun serving a two-year sentence in the Nebraska state penitentiary at Lincoln.

He first got into trouble with authorities when he unlawfully took a joyride in a car belonging to Walter Haake of Chambers. Coulter and a companion, Richard Davidson, were chased by State Highway Patrolman Robert Gude at 90-mph over county roads. The chase led down O'Neill's two busiest streets. Gude fired at the speeding car before the machine went into a plum thicket south of town.

Coulter was paroled to County Sheriff Leo Tomjack from "one to five years" when he appeared before District Judge D. R. Mounts in Holt county district court. After being in jail here more than a week he was given his freedom following the sentencing.

A few hours later he and his family were evicted from the residence in the northeast section of town.

At 4:30 p.m., he was back in jail on a check forgery charge involving \$375. The phoney check had been issued at Stuart two days before the joyride. In another hearing Saturday morning, Judge Mounts sentenced Coulter to two years in the pen. Sheriff Tomjack took Coulter to Lincoln Sunday and, at the same time, took Davidson to the men's reformatory to serve "one to five years" on charges growing out of the joyride incident. Both admitted having driven the Haake vehicle.

## Polio Group Hears Mrs. Sageser

A regular meeting of the Holt county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was held at the courthouse annex at 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 14.

C. R. ("Bob") Hill of O'Neill, president, was in charge.

The feature of the meeting was a report by Mrs. Vern Sageser on a New York meeting which she attended recently concerning polio and progress being made to curb and control the dread disease.

## Batenhorst Made Class Officer

STUART—Navy Cadet Kenneth F. Batenhorst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Batenhorst of Stuart, and a pre-flight student at the "Annapolis of the Air" in Pensacola, Fla., was picked as one of the officers of his class. They are selected on their academic, physical and military training grades. The officers are accorded special privileges.

Kenneth graduated from Stuart high school in 1951 and attended Creighton university two years.

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## French New President of Doctor Unit

### New Visiting Policy Evolves from Staff Meeting at Hospital

An election of staff officers took place and a new policy concerning hospital visitations evolved from a joint meeting of staff doctors and St. Anthony's hospital staff. The session was held Friday at the hospital.

Dr. O. W. French was elected president of the staff, succeeding his partner, Dr. J. P. Brown, who held the post during the first year of the hospital's operation. Dr. Rex W. Wilson was named vice-president; Dr. W. F. Finley, secretary.

Other staff doctors are Dr. L. A. Carter and Dr. R. M. Langdon.

In a prepared statement, the doctors and hospital staff announced new regulations which go into effect today (Thursday). The statement declared "the new policies have been adopted in the interest of the patients."

"Visiting hours will be from 2 until 4 o'clock in the afternoons and from 7 until 8:30 in the evenings."

"Visitors will be required to limit their stays to 15 minutes, or less. Be cheerful, control your voice and please leave promptly. Only two visitors will be allowed each patient at one time."

"No morning visits will be authorized by the doctors, except for the very nearest relatives of the morning of surgery or delivery."

"The doctors and nurses need time for patients."

"No Sunday morning visitors will be allowed, and children under 12 are not permitted to visit patients."

The new set of regulations, signed by each of the doctors and by Mother Superior M. Bertrand, was deemed imperative because on several occasions patients have had so many visitors the doctors and nurses could not even enter the room, a spokesman said.

Sunday morning visitations never have been authorized. "These measures are taken and will be rigidly followed in the interest of the patients to speed their recovery and dismissal from the hospital. These policies are universal in the better hospitals throughout the country and it has become necessary to follow them religiously at St. Anthony's. This is an urgent request to the public to cooperate with the doctors and the hospital staff. And, when these matters are pointed out, we are certain you will be happy to cooperate with us in the best interest of the sick."

## Petersen Newly-Elected Chairman

Harry Petersen, O'Neill telephone executive, Wednesday evening, December 9, was elected chairman of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross at a dinner meeting. He succeeds R. E. Evans of O'Neill.

James R. Lyons of O'Neill was elected first vice chairman; Leigh Reynoldson of O'Neill, second vice-chairman.

Re-elected treasurer was J. B. Grady of O'Neill and Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet was re-elected secretary.

One of the topics of discussion was a water safety training course to be inaugurated upon the opening of O'Neill's new municipal swimming pool.

## 2 Holt Men Dock Monday at Seattle

Two Holt county servicemen, returning from the Far East, were among the 3,063 passengers docking Monday at Seattle, Wash., aboard the USNS Marine Serpent.

They were Sgt. Harmon M. Grunke of O'Neill and Sgt. Frederick B. Kaup of Stuart.

## Alaska Resident Visits Atkinson

ATKINSON—Wayne Werner of Spinard, Alaska, has arrived in Atkinson to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Henry Werner.

Mrs. J. M. Kennedy of Ainsworth visited Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Dave Loy.

O'Neill's Miss Mary Louise ("Lou") Birmingham (standing at left) is pictured with a contingent of American Red Cross workers upon their recent arrival at U.S. army IX corps headquarters

in Korea. The group was trained for social work at American university, Washington, D.C., and flown to Korea via Hawaii and Japan.—U.S. Army Photo.