

# '54 Auto Show Opens Here Today

A room full of glistening new automobiles with that wonderful factory-fresh smell will go on display at 1 o'clock today (Thursday) when the doors swing open for the 1954 O'Neill Auto Show. It is a two-day event—Thursday and Friday, afternoons and evenings—at the American Legion auditorium.

Thousands of persons are expected to file through the auditorium during the course of the show. They'll see their own image in highly polished engine hoods. They'll fondle the steering wheels and gadgets and the dashboard panels, and they'll sample the luxury of the interiors. The 11 cars will make an imposing appearance in the highly-decorated auditorium.

The second annual O'Neill Auto Show is sponsored by The Frontier in cooperation with leading automobile dealers in the area. Makes of cars to be exhibited and the dealers are:

- BUICK—A. Marcellus of O'Neill.
- CADILLAC—Lew White Motor Co., of O'Neill.
- CHEVROLET—Lew White Motor Co., of O'Neill.

- CHRYSLER—White Motor Co., of Plainview.
- DE SOTO—Shierk Motor Co., of O'Neill.
- FORD—Louhaus Motor Co., of O'Neill.
- LINCOLN—Carlin Motor Co., of Sioux City.
- MERCURY—Contois Motor Co., of Neligh.
- OLDSMOBILE—Lew White Motor Co., of O'Neill.
- PLYMOUTH—Shierk Motor Co., of O'Neill.
- PONTIAC—Wm. Krotter Co., of O'Neill.

There'll be gifts and mementos distributed by the dealers. Free coffee and cookies will be served, courtesy of Gambles in O'Neill. There'll be music, entertainment and fun.

And the ladies will come in for something really special: The Central Finance Corp., of O'Neill and the Elkhorn Flower Shop of O'Neill are cooperating to provide orchids for the ladies.

Show hours are 1 p.m., until 9:30 p.m., each day. Of course, there is no admission. It's all free—provided by the cooperating dealers themselves.

Outside the auditorium many of the dealers will have demonstration cars, enabling prospective new car customers to take a whirl out on the highway in the car of their choice.

Last year door prizes were distributed. This involved registration and drawings. Because the door prize practice is being restricted in Nebraska on the basis of being unlawful, the show manager, Bill Bowker, said the door prizes would not be included in this year's program.

However, a swell radio show is planned. The "Voice of the Frontier" will go on the air (WJAG, 780 kc.) at 4:05 p.m., today (Thursday) with 40 minutes of music, interviews and entertainment. Evans Meier of WJAG's staff will be master-of-ceremonies. Featured entertainers are Miana White and her accordion and Don Hopkins and his electric guitar.

In addition to the auto displays, Force Tire & Supply Company will have a tire retreat display and the Western Auto store will offer an auto seat cover display.



Don Hopkins and his guitar (above) and Miana White and her accordion (below) . . . will entertain visitors at O'Neill's second annual auto show.—The Frontier Photos.



## Brennan Avoids Crash in Pittsburgh

### Power Fails, Lands on Hillside

An air force pilot from O'Neill fearful of having to bail out of his crippled plane and have it crash in crowded metropolitan Pittsburgh, Pa., put the ship down safely on a hillside a few miles northeast of that city.

Capt. Herbert O. Brennan, 27, and his co-pilot, Capt. James Allen of Louisville, Ky., escaped without a scratch. Their plane, a twin-engine C-45, was considerably damaged.

The officers, both instructors at the U.S. military academy at West Point, N.Y., were on a routine training flight from Stewart air force base at Newburgh, N.Y., to the air force installation at Greater Pittsburgh airport.

A few moments before their scheduled landing, one engine failed. Captain Brennan immediately contacted the control tower of the civil aeronautics administration at Greater Pittsburgh airport.

"He said one engine was dead, the other was losing oil pressure," a CAA spokesman said. "He asked for a directional fix for the airport. A short time later he asked for another fix. The shortest route to the port would have taken him right over Pittsburgh and he said he had better not do that."

Within a few seconds Brennan spotted an open field. He came in for a wheels up landing, the plane skidded some distance, damaging the undercarriage, propeller and wing flaps.

Brennan, who flew F-80 shooting stars in Korea for one year, declared:

"I knew I was going to crash because of power failure. I kicked that knob (of the hill) instead of legging it to Greater Pittsburgh airport. I was afraid we might have had to bail out over Pittsburgh."

## Former Holt Couple Plans Open-House

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davies of 1315 K St., apartment 2, Lincoln, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 7, at their home. They will observe open-house between 2 and 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married at the home of Mrs. Davies' father, the late S. W. Brion, in Ewing on February 3, 1904.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davies have spent most of their lives in Holt county and reared their family here, moving to Lincoln in 1932. Their four children and their four grandchildren will be present for the celebration.

The children are Mrs. Mark Fowler of Omaha, S. Evan Davies of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Chester Fowler of Anaheim, Calif., and Mrs. Rodney Shuman of Lincoln.

Dwight C. Worcester was in Sioux City on business Saturday. His wife and two daughters were in Beresford, S.D., for the weekend.

T/Sgt. Charles E. Worth spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth. He is stationed at Wichita, Kans.

### PROMOTED IN SERVICE

Marlin Luber was promoted to the rank of sergeant December 31. His duties have been first sergeant of the general carpenter course, which is an army specialist school at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

## 5 Volunteer for Military Service

### Draft Board Sends Group to Omaha

Five Holt county young men Wednesday departed from O'Neill for Omaha for induction into the military service. They are volunteers through the selective system, according to Mrs. W. H. Hartly, chief clerk of the Holt board.

The volunteers are: Morris E. Howard, Donovan J. Becker, Edward J. Cuddy and Phillip J. Morrison all of O'Neill and Gerald A. Wills of Emmet.

Also going into the service Wednesday was John E. Wallen of O'Neill, who had been deferred earlier for medical reasons.

Mrs. Hartly explained that numerous volunteers through the selective service system had made draft calls unnecessary during the past six months.

Meanwhile, the army-air force recruiting station here has announced the following recent enlistments:

For regular army: Raymond W. Downs of Oakdale, William L. Henderson of Oakdale, Vernon D. Blecher of Neligh, Eugene T. Coleman of Elgin, Randall R. Telgren of Oakdale, Jerold O. Williams of Oakdale, and Gene A. Peters of Neligh. These men have gone to Ft. Riley Kans., for basic training and processing.

For the air force: Billy E. Thayer of Wood Lake, DeMar S. Jurns of Wausa, Norval E. Peterson of Long Pine, Clark W. Peterson of Wausa, Eugene E. Primus of Chambers, John D. Lanz of Bassett, Adolph J. Bartak of Brunswick, John A. Barries of Atkinson, Jerald W. Anderson of Bassett, Norman Larson of Winterton, Dean L. Bowers of Crieghton, John C. Nissen of Norden, and Brian W. Scofield of Neligh. The air force enlistees went to Lackland air base, Tex.

## Angus Sale Gross Is \$12,815

Bulls Average \$325; Miller Entry Is Grand Champion

The top 10 bulls in the eighth annual sale sponsored by the Holt County Aberdeen Angus Breeders' association averaged \$453. The show and sale were held here Tuesday, receipts grossing \$12,815—an overall average of \$279.24 per head. Forty-six lots were sold.

The 90 bulls averaged \$325; the 16 females, \$192.

The grand champion bull, owned by Rolland Miller of Middlebranch, was purchased by Ben Vonasek of Star for \$600. The reserve champion bull, exhibited by Elaine Garwood of Amelia, brought \$440 and was bought by Cedar Grove Angus Farms of Loretto.

Mr. Garwood showed the grand champion female and it was purchased by Mrs. Clara Blume of South Dakota for \$140. The reserve champion female was owned by E. L. Miner and Son and went to Marvin Lou of Belmont, S.D., for \$200.

Top price for a female was \$350, however, and was paid by Vernon Harmon of Plainview for an animal shown by Harry Ressel of O'Neill.

South Dakotans purchased eight head.

A large crowd attended the sale. Harry Ressel of O'Neill, who brought the first registered Angus cattle to Holt county, and who has been an Angus breeder longer than any other Holt county resident, received one of the plaques.

The trophy for the grand champion bull was presented to Rolland Miller by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, and Miller also received a trophy from the Frontier for having the best pen of three bulls.

Former Association President Ray Siders of Inman was presented a plaque, also.

The following 4-H club members (Continued on page 8)

## Jansens Plan Open-House February 9

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jansen will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, February 9.

A mass will be read at 8 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church at O'Neill. Open-house will be observed at the Gilbert home from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Herbert Jansens are the parents of seven children, all of whom plan to be here for the celebration.



Their Talent Helps Swell Polio Fund. The march of dimes campaign got a \$190-shot-in-the-arm Friday evening in a home talent show presented at the O'Neill public school auditorium. The performers, including adults and students, numbered over one hundred. Mrs. John C. Watson was in charge of arrangements and Charles B. Houser directed the music in the pointless musical comedy. The most interesting thing about the production was the nondescript costumes. There were songs, dances, music by the Municipal band, and some off-beat stuff created by a dishpan rhythm band, which included a handful of businessmen, who were without benefit of practice or sense of rhythm. Robert Kurtz (back row, extreme left) was dressed like a mammoth old woman and several ordinary guys blossomed out in women's clothing.—The Frontier Photos by John H. McCarville.



Panel Discussion at P-TA Meeting. A P-TA meeting was held at the school Wednesday night. The school board presented a panel on "The Job of the School Board and the Nebraska School Board Association." There were questions from the floor following each speaker.

## Storm to Give-Away Lush Cave

Most folks who have traveled in the Black Hills of South Dakota have visited the Crystal cave, situated between Rapid City and Sturgis. Others who have never been there have heard a lot about the subterranean wonder which rakes in tourists' dollars by the thousands.

Lou Storm, 77, whose father founded the town of Spencer, acquired ownership of the cave in 1919 shortly after the discoverer had finally "proved up" on his claim.

In recent years Mr. Storm has been offered as much as a quarter-of-a-million dollars for the tourist magnet, yet he has no idea about selling it.

In fact, he plans to give the cave to a religious organization with the hopes the group will use the revenue to build a monastery, school, church or hospital. Mr. Storm is a Catholic.

A gray-haired man of medium-stature, Mr. Storm has been living alone since his wife died about 20 years ago. While here he has been visiting Tom Enright (they married sisters).

Mr. Storm explains that Crystal cave was formed by a glacier, which was created a million years ago by an earthquake, which had cracked the surface rock down to the hot granite. As water seeps through the crevice to the hot granite, steam pressure mounts and causes a spout—thus you have a geyser.

Each time the geyser spouts the erosion creates unusual formations.

"These formations are what intrigue the tourists," declares Mr. Storm.

The Dakotan, who says he still feels at home in Spencer and O'Neill, has made a study of other well-known caves, including Carlsbad caverns in New Mexico and Mammoth cave in Kentucky.

An interview with Mr. Storm was broadcast on the Wednesday morning "Voice of the Frontier" program (WJAG, 780 k.c.)

He said the caves are ranked according to the size of the main "room." Carlsbad ranks first with the largest; Mammoth has a "Broadway" that is four miles long, and his Crystal cave places third.

The Stewarts have seven children: Sons—Glenn and Ed both of Page; daughters—Mrs. W. E. (Rhea) Clyde of Sandpoint, Ida; Mrs. W. E. (Verna) Smith of Walton, Ore.; Mrs. Paul (Elva) Krugman of O'Neill; Mrs. Elmer (Veda) Juracek of Star, and Mrs. Gene (Dorothy) Mucloff of Page.

To Be 94.—Grandma Summers will celebrate her 94th birthday anniversary Saturday. Since her fall last fall she has been up and around most of the time.

Crystal Cave Owner Lou Storm . . . his father founded Spencer.—The Frontier Photo.

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## Rerouting Plan Hits Opposition

### Group Will Confer with Governor and District Engineer

For years the state highway department engineers have been surveying possible relocation routes for the coast-to-coast U.S. highway 20, which presently uses O'Neill's mile-long east-west Douglas street, and nothing much has been done about it.

A traffic count a fortnight ago and additional engineering studies conducted recently spurred a group of O'Neill business and professional men into rigorous action this week.

They overflowed the city council chambers Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of that body, and a second meeting was held Wednesday night in the Knights of Columbus hall. Wednesday's session was attended by more than one hundred persons.

Judging from the interest shown in these two meetings, it is apparent a large segment of the business interests here are up-in-arms over the engineering plan to bypass the city with U.S. highway 20-275 traffic and with a relocation plan for U.S. highway 281, which is an international north-south route.

The city council assured the delegation in Tuesday's session it would do anything reasonable and within its power to retain the highways along the present routes. Partial parking and widening of Douglas street were discussed as inducements to the state-federal road authorities in keeping the present routes. U.S. highway 281 enters O'Neill from the south and follows Fourth street to the intersection with Douglas (U.S. highway 20). Together they go westward six blocks, then northward to the drive-in theater corner (1 1/2 miles). At the drive-in theater corner (formerly known as the Danceland corner), route 20 turns west and 281 continues north.

A meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., today (Thursday) between a special committee and J. M. Crook of Ainsworth, who is district highway engineer. Crook will travel with the group and study the unfavorable factors, from an engineering standpoint, presented by the present routes.

Mr. Crook has said the drive-in theater corner and West O'Neill curve are objectionable to the engineers at present for the amount of traffic flowing through the city. He pointed out that there were (Continued on page 5)

## Rev. Francis Price Assigned to Emmet

Rev. Francis Price, who has been assistant pastor at St. Michael's Catholic church in South Sioux City for about four years, has been named pastor of the Church of the Epiphany at Emmet and the mission church at Amelia. He is a former resident of both communities.

Father Price succeeds the late Rev. A. A. Urbanski, who died two weeks ago. Father Price is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Price of O'Neill and a graduate of St. Mary's academy.

## Page Couple Plans Golden Wedding

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, February 7, at their home in Page. Open-house will be observed from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

The Stewarts have seven children: Sons—Glenn and Ed both of Page; daughters—Mrs. W. E. (Rhea) Clyde of Sandpoint, Ida; Mrs. W. E. (Verna) Smith of Walton, Ore.; Mrs. Paul (Elva) Krugman of O'Neill; Mrs. Elmer (Veda) Juracek of Star, and Mrs. Gene (Dorothy) Mucloff of Page.

## Pair Quietly Marks Golden Wedding

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard quietly observed their 51st wedding anniversary at their home Saturday, January 30.

The Howards continue to own and operate their farm with the help of their son, Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of seven sons and three daughters. They have 38 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A family reunion was held August 8, 1953, at their home.



4-H and FFA youths share in awards at Angus banquet.—The Frontier Photo.