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## No Trace Found of Larry Strong; Family Keeps Vigil on Lake Shore

**By Betty Burney**  
A lonely watch is being kept on the shores of Fort Randall reservoir.

Doing the watching is Bill Strong who has spent every daylight hour and far into the night at Fort Randall since his son, Larry, disappeared after a collision of two power boats on the reservoir June 27.

No trace of his body has been found since the accident although South Dakota game wardens, O'Neill friends, members of the Strong family, four divers and two planes have searched the waters whenever the wind has quieted enough to allow the boats and planes to be in action.

The searchers are handicapped however, by the conflict of stories in regard to the accident. I talked to Mr. and Mrs. Strong at the O'Neill Boat club Tuesday afternoon and the grieving parents expressed their bewilderment at the lack of information concerning the tragedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong have also stated that their son could not swim as was reported by other sources. Other false rumors included the story that the boat in which Larry was riding had been sighted and that his body was seen at three different times Tuesday.

The divers who are assisting in the search have had no success. Two Spencer men, Don Angel and Dean Classen, have reached the bottom of the area believed to be below the location of the collision. However, the water is 51 degrees at the bottom and is too cold and dark to allow a thorough survey. Trees also hamper the divers.

Bill and his relatives and friends have toiled, long back-breaking and heart-breaking hours dragging seines and grappling hooks through the water. One glance at the immense expanse of water makes one realize the hopelessness of their tragic task without more particulars in regard to the exact location.

Anyone having such information should contact Mr. Strong immediately.

In the meantime the search continues with very little hope in the hearts of Larry's wife and his parents. They have accepted the words of the South Dakota game wardens who tell them that perhaps in two weeks from the time of the accident the body will surface and then final services can be conducted.

## Grasshoppers Threaten Knox County Crops

Knox county is threatened with a heavy infestation of grasshoppers, according to the Knox County Extension office, which also has reports from the Verdugo area of a similar problem.

Farmers in these areas are checking for small hoppers and are urged by the Knox Extension office to use insecticide while they are still small and in bunches.

## Fireworks Cause Two Holiday Accidents

Two reports have been received of injuries caused by fireworks during the July 4 holiday.

Laurence Haynes suffered a painfully cut and bruised hand when a cherry bomb he was lighting exploded in his hand. Particles from the explosion also cut his leg and broke the skin on Bill Artus' shoulder without tearing his shirt.

Rodney Kennedy, Page, received medical treatment at St. Anthony's hospital for removal of metal fragments from his eyes when a tin can shattered from a fire cracker explosion. His injuries were not serious.

## Record Crowd Attends Annual Lynch Banquet

LYNCH — A total of 378 persons attended the 10th annual Alumni banquet June 24 which was held in the Lynch high school, the largest attendance present for this event.

Classes honored were those of 1911, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951 and 1961. A three-generation family attended, Zee Darnell, class of 1918, Jack Darnell, class of 1941 and Dennis Darnell, class of 1961. This is the first three-generation group since Lynch held 12-year high school.

Rhea Heuermann of Buffalo, Wyo., was mistress of ceremonies for the evening. Following dinner, the evening was spent dancing.

Among those honored at the banquet were: Bessie Higgins France, 55th anniversary of graduation; Ada Mulhair Moffett, 50th anniversary of graduation; Leota Hull Kayl, from the furthest distance, Philippine Islands; Janice Schindler Fisher, latest Alumni bride; Rosaline Thomsen Hudd, newest Alumni mother; Jim Soulek, first known graduate to receive a service academy appointment, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carsons, whose three children and two daughters-in-law are alumni of Lynch high school.

The next Alumni business meeting will be July 8 at the schoolhouse at 8 p.m.

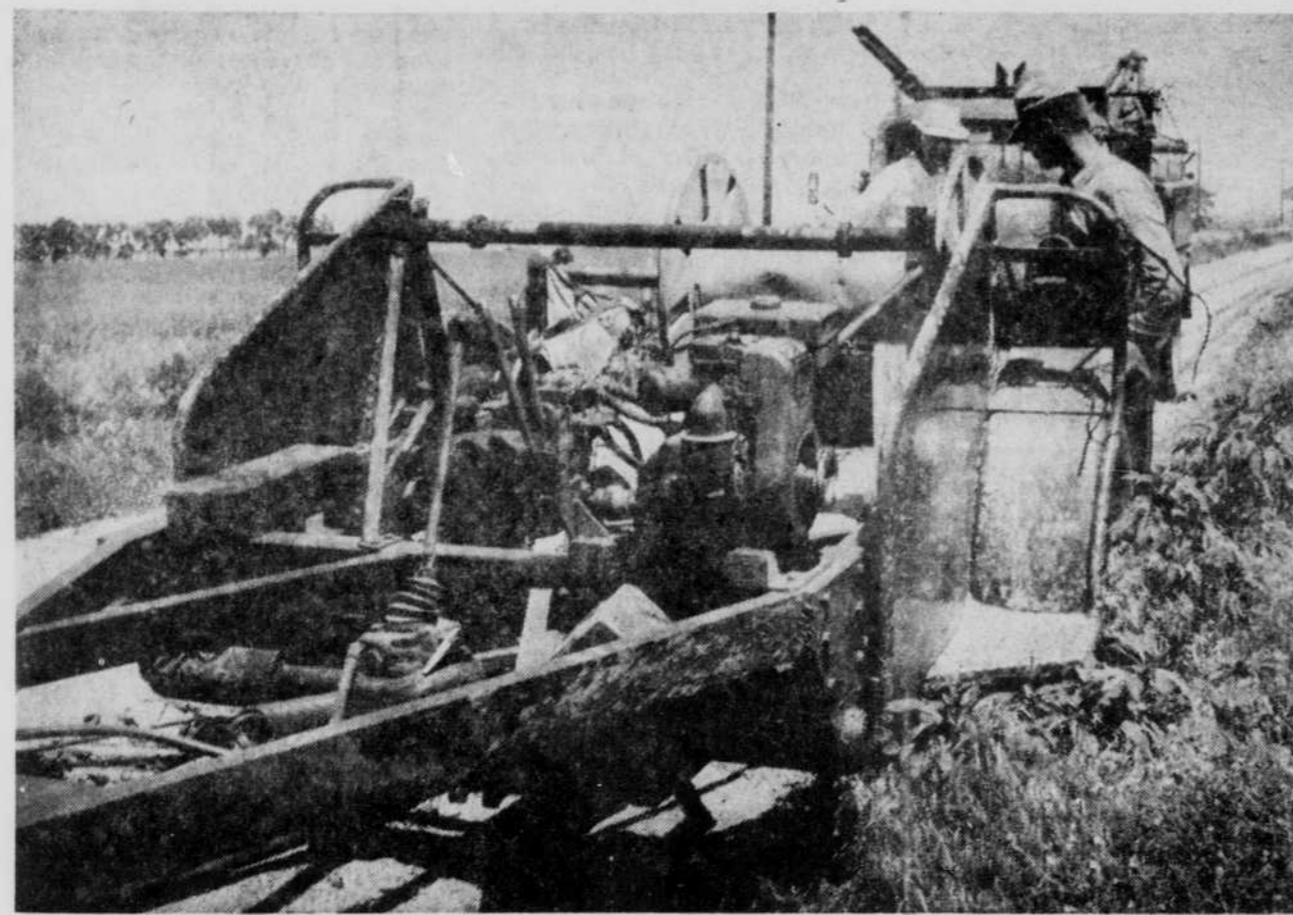
## Kindergarten Tests Slated August 12

Children whose fifth birthdays come after October 15 and before January 1, may take tests August 12 approved by the State Board of Education for entrance into kindergarten next year.

Arrangements must be made now if parents wish their children to receive this test. The requirements will continue to be a mental, physical, emotional and social age of at least five years and six months. A fee of \$7.50 plus a share of examiner's expenses will be charged. The examination will be administered by Dr. Clifford, University of Nebraska, who has been certified by the State Department.

No tests will be given to five year old children to determine eligibility for entrance into the first grade.

All interested parents should contact the county superintendent, Alice French.



FOR THE PAST two weeks North Western Bell Telephone men, assisted by farmers, have been plowing in rural lines northeast and southeast of O'Neill. This picture shows the equipment used to plow the trench, lay the wire and cover it in one operation. Fifty-one customers will be in the group which will presently be converted to metallic service with eight or less per line. This brings the total changed to date to 25. Work on the remaining lines will be started in August and plans are to have all lines converted before winter. Harry Petersen, local manager, reports that the people are pleased with the new service as they can now talk long distance as well as locally.

## Services Planned At Creighton for Bobbie Sanders

Bobbie Jo Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Sanders, died Monday, July 3 at St. Anthony's hospital eight days before her eighth birthday.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Creighton at the Hengstlers Funeral home. Burial will be in the Creighton cemetery. The Rev. Glenn Kennicott, O'Neill, will officiate at the service.



Bobbie Jo was born July 11, 1953 at Lundberg Memorial hospital in Creighton. She lived in the Creighton and O'Neill vicinity, having attended kindergarten and the first grade in the O'Neill public school, where her mother is an instructor. Mr. Sanders is presently located at Ord with the Soil Conservation Service.

She is survived by her parents; two sisters, DeAnn and Jera; one brother, Mark; grand-parents, Mrs. Anna Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Geisler; her great-grandmother, Mrs. Mercedes Hubbard; two aunts, Phyllis and Sharon Geisler; and one uncle, Robert Geisler, all of Creighton.

## Open House Held for Dr. James G. Carlson

VERDIGRE — Dr. and Mrs. James G. Carlson, who moved here from Lincoln recently, held open house at the new medical clinic Sunday.

Dr. Carlson officially began his medical practice Wednesday although he has been busy with house calls and medical treatments at the clinic since his arrival here.

Mrs. Walter Crosley, RN, Center, is office nurse at the clinic.

## Inman Office Hurt In Bike Accident

INMAN — Donna Harte, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harte, has been dismissed from an Omaha hospital where she received medical attention for injuries sustained in an accident Saturday.

The bicycle she was riding turned over while she was traveling alongside a horse ridden by a friend. It is not quite definite whether her injuries were caused by striking the road, a nearby post or by the horse's hooves. She was unconscious when taken to the hospital.

## Country Club Holds Annual Fourth

O'Neill Country Club members and guests spent their Fourth of July holiday competing in O'Neill's Annual Fourth of July Golf Tournament.

Taking winners' honors was Father Bartak of Atkinson. Other winners were: Longest drive — Short Hunt; closest drive to No. 4 pin — Red Dewitt; Most putts — Don Meyer; closest drive to No. 9 pin — Red Dewitt; Most putts — Don Meyer; Least putts — Short Hunt; high score — Harold Connors.

## Shrine Circus Coming To O'Neill Tuesday

The circus is coming to town for one big day, Tuesday. Performing in O'Neill will be the Shrine circus produced by Gil G. Gray. Two performances will be presented, a matinee at 2:30 p.m. and the evening show at 7:30 p.m. on the O'Neill Saddle club grounds.

There will be 43 new and different acts, including a blood-curdling display of animal mastery in the lions cage, a comical routine by bear harlequins, aerial ballet and many others.

## M and M Bakery To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

This week the M & M Bakery is celebrating its 50th anniversary in business, having first opened its doors to the public July 6, 1911.

To Pete Herford this date represents many years of hard labor as he managed the shop when it first was started by Miss Mary Markey and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMillan, who settled in O'Neill where they opened the bakery which Pete later purchased.

Many changes have been seen by Pete during these past 50 years—in the bakery shop, as well as in town. When the business was first started, the baking was done in a kitchen located where the booths are now placed. Soon after, the kitchen was moved to the back and later a fashionable dining room was constructed in the basement, complete with a large open fireplace and smart decorations.

Gradually, through the years, change after change was made until the interior reached its present arrangement with the fountain and bakery goods counter in front, booths and party room in the center, a large baking department to the rear and the kitchen at the west side.

Pete and his wife, Goldie, have turned over the management of the establishment to their son, Bennett, and his wife, Irene. Bennett was raised in the baker's environment and it came natural to him when he took up the business reins.

The hours are long, starting in the early hours to turn out the tasty baked goods that are sold throughout a large trade area. It is a big business, employing about 25 persons in two shifts.

One baker, Elmer Bowen, has been with the Herifords 16 years, and the cook Laura Meyers, 26 years. Another long time employee is Marie Wittmuss, who has been a waitress there for 25 years.

Elaborate, modern and expensive equipment is used in the baking department, including an automatic oven which resembles a large water wheel arrangement inside—with rotating shelves for the huge pans of bread and rolls.

Pete and Goldie are enjoying more restful days now with time for traveling, fishing and Pete's favorite hobby, Shetland ponies. However, he still takes an early morning turn in the baking department.

Bennett and Irene haven't much time to rest but they and their daughter, Mary, enjoy being at home whenever possible. Bennett's hobby is his motorcycle.

O'Neill can well be proud of its Heriford family and the M & M Bakery.

## Rites Held for Harry T. Moore Inman Rancher

INMAN — Funeral services were held Saturday at the Inman Methodist church for Harry T. Moore, 63, who died Thursday at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

The Rev. Glenn Kennicott, O'Neill, officiated at the rites. Burial was in the Inman cemetery.

Harry T. Moore was born January 12, 1898 at Caslingers Mills, Mo. When only a small boy he accompanied his parents, William and Bertha Moore, to Battle Creek. He spent his early childhood on farms in this community



until 1914 when they moved to a ranch near Inman.

On May 28, 1919 he was united in marriage to Amelia Margaret Krueger. Shortly afterwards they moved to a farm near Dixon, S. D., where they lived until 1932 when they returned to Holt county. The remainder of his life was spent in this community as a successful rancher.

In recent months Mr. Moore was hospitalized several times for illness caused by a rheumatic heart. He never recuperated from an attack suffered May 31, and was hospitalized from that date.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Stoatsberry, Ashland, and Mrs. Dotty Sholes, Fullerton; five grandchildren, Janice Thimagan, Phoenix, Ariz., Rose Marie, Patricia and Thomas Stoatsberry, Ashland, and Kirk Leon Sholes, Fullerton; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Anderson, Grand Island, and Mrs. Hattie Hochstrasser, Sacramento, Calif., and one brother, Fred Moore, Inman.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Hauf, Lewis Kopecky, Chester Young, Francis Cronin, Joe Gallagher and Don Schneider.

## Ewing High School Fully Accredited

EWING — The board of education of School District 29 has been notified by the State Department of Education that the Ewing public school has been fully accredited for the coming school term.

Supt. G. D. Ryan announced that word was received here of the accreditation last week.

## Larry Lamberts to Hold Open House

EWING — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lambert sr., will be guests of honor at open house Sunday in the Ewing Legion club from 2 to 5 p.m., in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary.

They take this means of inviting their friends and relatives to attend.

## Slate Special Election On Consolidation Plan

A special election will be held Friday July 14 at Inman at which time residents of school districts 30, 41, 174 and 215 will vote on whether or not to consolidate and reorganize.

Under the proposed plan the four districts would consolidate into one school district. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Two Injured In Accident Near Stuart

Two persons suffered minor injuries in a two car mishap near Stuart Tuesday afternoon. Edward Coolidge, Amelia, was treated for a cut arm and Carolyn L. Ullrich suffered an injured knee.

According to officer E. M. Hestriter, who investigated the accident, the Coolidge vehicle was eastbound when it collided with a car driven by Delores M. Ullrich, Stuart. Shirley A. Schauf and Carolyn L. Ullrich were passengers in the Ullrich vehicle.

Coolidge was charged with reckless driving. He appeared in county court Wednesday morning and was fined \$50 and costs.

## Neighbors Help Cultivate Corn for Reno Boelter

LYNCH — The "good neighbor" policy was put into effect June 24 when several men cultivated nearly 100 acres of corn for Reno Boelter, who was injured in a tractor accident June 19.

Assisting were Frank Hammon, Jack Farr, Delbert Wade, Chester Hammon, Russell Moffett, Vernon Dahlberg, Clarence Kolund, Elmo Barnes and Chester Miller. Mrs. Boelter served dinner to the men.

Mr. Boelter has been transferred to Sacred Heart hospital here following surgery in a Sioux City hospital.

## Two O'Neill Boys To Compete In Soap Box Derby

There are two young boys in O'Neill who are spending every spare moment they can find on the construction of racing cars for entrance in the 1961 All-American Soap Box Derby to be held at Norfolk, July 23.

The boys are Jim, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Beha, and Pat, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mahoney. If their cars pass inspection, it is believed they are the first O'Neill entrants to ever take part in the soap box derby.

Last week Jim and Pat went to Norfolk to get further details in regard to the construction of their cars. They have already been working about three weeks on them, but special, official equipment was needed, such as the steering wheel, cable and wheels, furnished by the Northrup Chevrolet company and Optimist club in Norfolk.

The specifications for racing cars are very exacting and must include safe, sturdy steering systems, properly attached axles and axletrees, safe, simple brakes and of course, the official wheels. The entrant designs the style of his own car and is not permitted to have any assistance in the building of his auto.

There is one big difficulty facing Jim and Pat. So far, they do not have a sponsor. It costs \$30 each for the boys to enter the Derby. Since most contestants are backed by sponsors, this offers an opportunity for O'Neill citizens to promote craftsmanship and sportsmanship in two members of the city's youth.

The next several days will be busy ones for the two boys as they must follow the qualifications to the letter in order to pass the checking which is done before the race.

# Martin Poll Results Say Welfare State Opposed

A report from Congressman Dave Martin today on the results of questionnaire findings based on reports sent in by 3,000 western Nebraskans shows that most of the people are unalterably opposed to a welfare state and legislation which is being proposed and passed in Washington that would control them as individuals.

The public opinion poll was taken in May and included reports returned by readers who answered the questionnaire printed in The Frontier. The questions asked had to do with foreign aid, Communism, farm price supports, overall farm program, public spending, labor unions and education.

According to Congressman Martin strong opposition was registered to Federal aid to education; socialized medical and foreign economic aid programs; and minimum wage legislation. Many felt that an income tax deduction to parents with children attending college would be the proper way to approach this problem, rather than the appropriation of Federal funds for loans and scholarships.

In regard to agriculture, many of our farmers feel that the Government should gradually get out of the agricultural program, and that the great mistake in this field was made when the Government continued the program after the

close of World War II. Most of our farmers indicated that they would like to be free to operate without Government controls.

From comments received in regard to Communism, the people of the Fourth District feel that the administration is not aggressive enough in its stand toward Communism. Quite a number in their comments stated that we should use force if necessary to keep Communism out of the Western Hemisphere, particularly in Cuba. A strong military and defense establishment, it was indicated, should be maintained in the United States.

The only close vote, pro and con, on the questionnaire, was in regard to giving the Secretary of Agriculture the power to sell on the open market Commodity Credit Corporation feed grains at less than the support price; as is provided by the 1961 Feed Grains Program passed during this session of Congress.

Rep. Martin's poll on this complex problem showed 38.1 percent of those who answered voting against giving the Secretary this power, with 30.5 percent being in favor of it. Thirty-one percent voted "not sure."

The two most "top-sided" votes concerning foreign aid (83.4 percent of those answering said they would like to reduce it) and the Federal aid to all types of secondary schools (87.8 percent are against it).

1. Do you favor reducing the amount of money spent for foreign aid? — Yes 83.4%, No 9.2%, Not Sure 7.4%.

2. Should Communist China be admitted to the U. N.? — Yes 10.9%, No 78.8%, Not Sure 9.9%.

3. Do you favor a gradual reduction in farm price supports? — Yes 74.2%, No 12.4%, Not Sure 13.2%.

4. Are you in favor of giving the Secretary of Agriculture the power to sell on the open market Commodity Credit Corporation feed grains at less than the support price — as provided by the 1961 Feed Grains Program? — Yes 30.5%, No 38.1%, Not Sure 31.0%.

5. Do you favor a government program that would work toward eventually eliminating all supports and all controls on agriculture? — Yes 7.4%, No 10.5%, Not Sure 7.7%.

6. Do you favor increasing Social Security taxes to provide free medical care for pensioners — despite the fact that many are not covered by Social Security? — Yes 7.4%, No 81.0%, Not Sure 7.6%.

7. Do you favor more public work spending by the government as an "anti-recession" measure? — Yes 22.5%, No 67.4%, Not Sure 10.0%.

8. Do you favor raising the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour and broadening coverage to include 4 million more employees? — Yes 38.4%, No 54.1%, Not Sure 7.4%.

9. Should workers be forced to belong to unions to hold jobs? — Yes 7.4%, No 87.8%, Not Sure 4.4%.

10. Do you believe anti-trust laws should also apply to labor unions? — Yes 75.5%, No 9.1%, Not Sure 15.2%.

11. Do you favor some sort of income tax allowance for education rather than direct Federal aid to education? — Yes 65.1%, No 25.2%, Not Sure 11.0%.

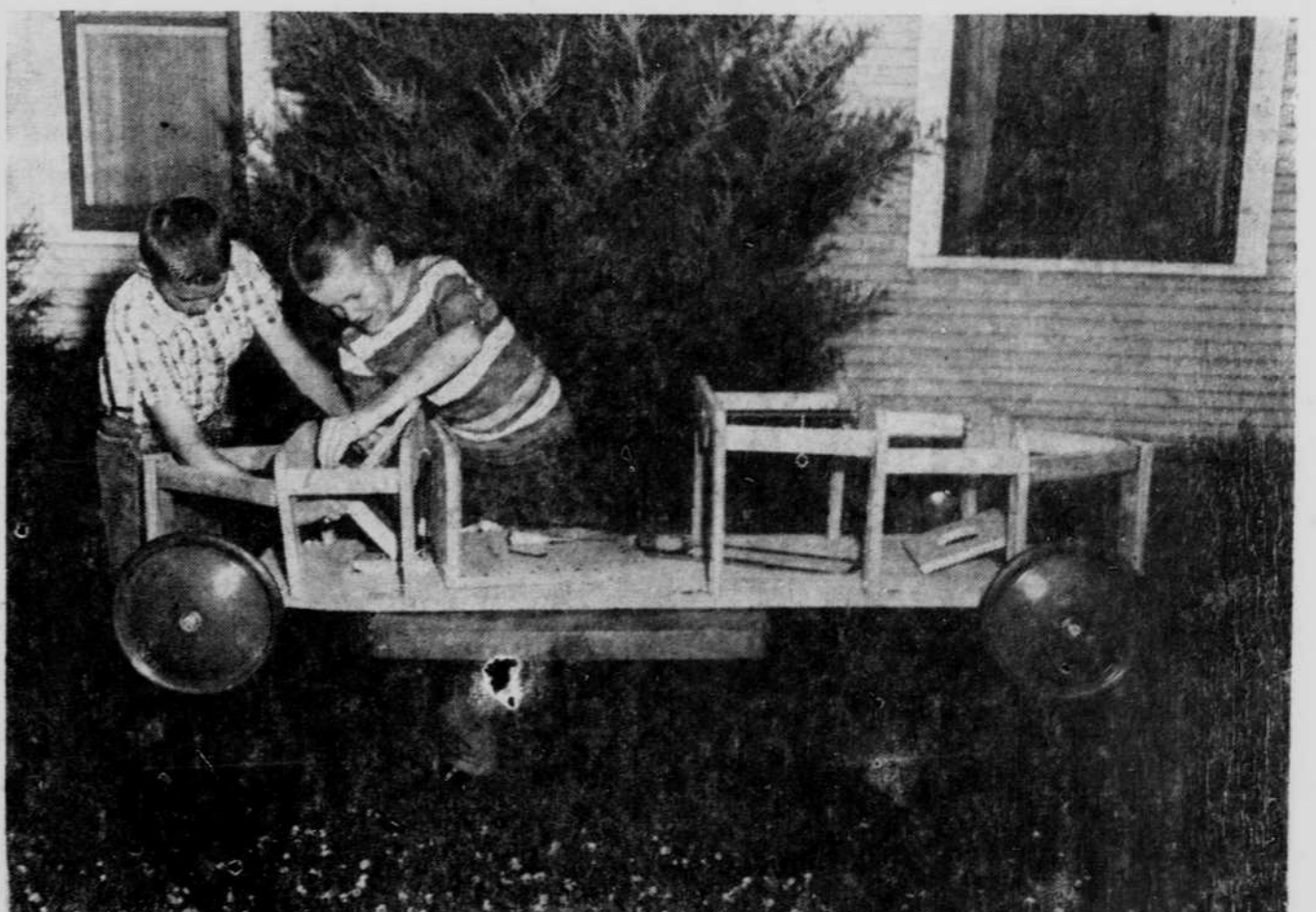
12. Do you favor direct Federal aid to ALL schools — public, private, or parochial? — Yes 7.7%, No 87.8%, Not Sure 4.4%.

13. Do you favor repayable Federal loans to college students, rather than outright grants of money? — Yes 87.1%, No 7.7%, Not Sure 5.1%.

14. Do you feel that Federal aid to education will result in Federal control of education? — Yes 77.4%, No 15.6%, Not Sure 7.0%.



THESE SIX YOUNGSTERS are celebrating their seventh birthday, all having been born on the same day, July 3, 1954 at St. Anthony's hospital. About 37 persons attended a reunion and birthday celebration Sunday at Riverside park in Neligh. The parents plan such a reunion every two years. Celebrating Sunday were (left to right, front row): Warren Wiley, Michael Hibbs and Martha Miller. In the back row are Vicki Holtz, Kathy Childers and Shasha Stauffer.



JIM, LEFT, AND PAT work together on Jim's s to perfect the braking mechanism required for the soap box derby racer. Shown above, they are working on it.