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Emmet Robbers

No Baby Derby Entries Todate

Stork on Holiday C. P. SIDERS, 78, During First Days of 1951

The \$64 question still stands: Who will be number one in '51? In the December 28 issue of The Frontier all sorts of promises were made by 14 O'Neill firms in cooperation with this newspaper to shower the firstcomer in the new year with gifts.

each preceding year.

But the stork decided to take about two weeks. He has been threatening to

decend on a number of Holt county home where he's been expecied for several days, but until The Frontier went to press with this issue late Wednesday there were no reports of a first baby for '51.

fellow was born outside the boundaries of Holt county and thus is ineligible for the shower of gifts. (He was born in a Lynch dren were born. nospital and Lynch is in Boyd

ing grandparent brought in the farms in the Minneola Flats vibirth announcement. But George cinity where he was well-known.

As a lad 6-years-old he moved with his parents to a farm near Frontier" announcer, clarified the point on the Wednesday morning program (WJAG, 780 k.

Thus, the editor of the First Baby Contest patiently awaits each phone and mail call much like an expentant father.

contest winner is not to be made with his son, Ray, and family. until the January 11 issue any-

Want a refresher on what the lucky little guy or gal will receive for being the champ? Here's the rundown:

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What's This-Rain?

like Nebraska's weather, wait five minutes and it'll change.
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any of the categories worth men- graten, Holland. tioning.

At noon Friday sidewalks and streets were wet from a light hower. Late Friday evening the ground was covered with a thin ayer of snow. Late Tuesday nere was a bit of sleet in the air (some sections of the state had snow). Intermittently during the past seven days there has been lots of sunshine and early Monday-New Year's day-the mercury dipped to 15 degrees, the low mark for the week. Then, about 2 p. m. Wednesday more snow began to fall - but not

Government Weather Observer Elmer Bowen scoffed at the rain and snow, labelling them as worth only a "trace" of precipi-

Weather summary during the past week based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p. m. daily fol-

		Hi	Lo	Prec.
December	28	 45	21	
December	29	 39	18	
December	30	 40	25	
December	31	 36	32	
January 1		32	15	T
January 2	***	 35	21	

DIES AT LYNCH

Northeast Holt Man **Buried Saturday in** Prospect Hill

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, December The fifth annual derby was to get under way immediately after midnight on Sunday, Decemter midnight on ber 31.

The rules were clear and concise—just like they have been in who died about 8:25 p. m. on Wednesday, December 27, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. He had been seriously ill for

> Charles Perry Siders, son of James and Ellen Siders, was born at Camargo, Ill., on November 29, 1872.

As a child he moved with his parents from Illinois to Harper county, Kansas, where the family An O'Neill couple, Mr. and roll county, Missouri, where the son with Rev. E. C. Hughes offi-Mrs. Oswald Drucke, nearly saw late Mr. Siders spent his early ciating. Burial will be in Wood

In 1905 he moved with his family to Holt county where he The Frontier's telephones were jangling with the word about the four years spent in Colorado. The Drueke infant and even a dot- late Mr. Siders lived on several

oming; daughters - Mrs. Erma

Three daughters-Goldie, Rebecca and Ethel-died in infancy. Livingston. For the past 20 years the late Official announcement of the Mr. Siders had been residing

No Complaints, Please sie Burge, was to have docked member of the Odd Fellows Tuesday in New York City after lodge and a charter member of a six-weeks tour of Europe, in- the Atkinson Lions club. There's an old saw that runs cluding a visit to the grave of In April, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. something like this: If you don't his brother, Floyd, who was kill- Chace celebrated their golden

nessed rain, snow, sleet, sunshine and cold—but hardly enough in any of the categories worth menany of the categories worth

Harold left O'Neill on November 19, debarked from New York City and arrived at Southampton, England. He accompanied Peter Kistemacher, Dutch farmer who had been on a speaking tour of the U.S. and had visited O'Neill in Oc-

From London, Harold went to Kistemacher's farm, arriving there December 7. He visited other points in the Low Counbrother's grave and has carefully tended it through the years. Harold paid respects to his

brother's grave on December 13 in company with his hosts.

France, sailing homeward from this week" Southampton, England, on December 27. His mother last heard from years in the post.

him when he wrote from London enroute to Southampton.

He expected to be back to Holt friends in O'Neill Wednesday. He county today (Thursday) or Fri- is being transferred to Ft. Riley,

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RALPH E. CHACE **BURIAL TODAY**

Dies Following 2-Year Illness

ATKINSON-Ralph E. Chace, 72, a retired Atkinson meat and grocery merchant, died early Tuesday, January 2, at his home in Atkinson. He had been in failing health for the past two

Funeral services will be held resided for four years. From today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at there the family moved to Car- the Methodist church in Atkin-

On June 27, 1895, he was united in marriage to Maggie Gilliland. To this union seven children were born.

Cleary, Lloyd McDowell, Dell F. Scott, Earl Houts and C. W. Kirkland, all of Atkinson, and Joseph Contois, of Clearwater.

The late Mr. Chace was born at East Claridon, O., on September 14, 1878, a son of Emory and Ella Jones Chace.

Hammond, the "Voice of The Rev. Ralph G. Gerber, pastor Ewing, where he grew to man-

F., 9:45 a, m.)

He explained that the baby could not qualify because of an out-of-county birth. Mrs. Drueke is the former Madelynne Hynes and this is the couple's third of O'Noill and the couple's third o'n the couple's third of O'Noill and the couple's third of O'Noill and the couple's third of O'Noill and the couple's third o'n the couple's the couple's the couple's the couple's the couple's the couple' oren Sorensen.
Survivors include: Sons—Ray, grocery busines at Wray, Colo.,

Mr. Chace brought his family Devereaux, of White Pine, Colo., to Atkinson in 1920 where for and Mrs. Beulah Bartos, of O'- several years he operated a meat market and grocery store in partnership with the late Ira L.

> Later, Mr. Chace took his eldest son, Elvon H., into the firm as a partner and it became known as Chace's Market. In 1946 the store was sold to Cleary Bros.

Grave in Holland The late Mr. Chace joined the Methodist church in youth and for many years he served as a member of the official board of Harold Burge, son of Mrs. Bes- the Atkinson church. He was a

Survivors include: Widow Mildred; sons - Elvon H. and George, of Ellensburg, Wash.; sister—Mrs. A. C. Wiig, of Omaha; six grandchildren.

One son, Raymond, died in

Sullivan Sworn - In Acting Postmaster

recently-appointed acting post- Reds were mustering a big push tries and also visited the Dutch family which "adopted" his brother's grave and has carefully G. C. Schoep, of Norfolk, postal ington were giving 50-50 chances inspector. Witnessing the cere- for a full-scale war with Russia mony were Mrs. Agnes E. Sulliv- to break out during the new an, retiring postmaster, and As- year. sistant Postmaster Harold Weier. Mrs. Sullivan will not be offic-

He stayed at Kistemacher's unially relieved of her duties until til December 15, then went to all quarterly and year-end re-Brussels, Belgium, and Paris, ports are completed "sometime Mrs. Sullivan's retir'ement was

announced last week after 15

M/Sgt. John C. Watson visited Kans., from Washington state.

State Patrolman Robert Nichols, of Lincoln, of the patrol's criminal investigation bureau (left), and Homer F. Mullen, cashier of the Emmet State Bank, are inspecting a steel bar used by the robbers that broke into the bank early Thursday and escaped with a \$75 loot and contents of four safety deposit boxes. Photo was taken inside the walk-in vault.



Postmaster John Conard (left) and Postal Inspector G. Schoep, of Norfolk, examine the safe in the Emmet postoffice after robbers had cracked the safe for \$250 in cash and stamps. Robbery of the bank, postoffice and Conard store (in which postoffice is housed) occured about 3 a. m.

GUN ROAR DROWNS REVELERS' SONG

World Trouble Casts Dark Shadow on New Year

O'Neill ushed in the new year —1951—in the customary way. But the strains of "Auld Lange Syne' failed to drown out the roar of guns in Korea.

While the old year ticked itself out most persons were un-Thomas J. Sullivan, O'Neill's happily aware that the Chinese

> Most of the churches provided special rites and the attendance at these suggested that Holt countyans were praying earnestly for world peace.

A watch night service began at 10 p. m. at Wesleyan Methodist church with singing and closing with a communion rite at midnight.

a holy hour was observed from 11 p. m. until midnight. O'Neill night spots were busy. The American Legion club, which boasted it would have "the biggest and best party ever held in O'Neill" was filled to capacity.

There was dancing and noisemaking until the early hours of the morning. County Surveyor

Thomazin, Republican, of Chambers, last week filed a written resignation with the Holt county said no orders to furnish men for board of supervisors.

was moving to St. Edward and would be ineligible to hold the elective post.

nection with the surveyor's duties. The surveyor works on an sion Tuesday night as scheduled hourly basis when there is work for lack of a quorum. Several to be done. Thomazin was unopposed in the primary and general election last year. Civic club scheduled the same

O'Neill volunteer firemen were called at noon Wednesday to ex- intersection, Fourth and Douglas Christmas recess. tinguish a small fire in a truck owned by the New Outlaw grocery. Damage was slight.



NEW OFFICERS

Two newly-elected Holt county officers will take over the reins of their offices today (Thursday)—January 4.

William E. ("Bill") Wefso, Republican, of Atkinson, succeeding L. G. Gillespie, Republican, of O'Neill, as county assessor. Wefso eliminated Gillespie in the primaries and subsequently won the general election.

Leo S. Tomjack, Democrat, of O'Neill, replacing A. B. Hubbard, Republican, of O'Neill, as Holt county sheriff.

Hubbard has purchased a filling station at the five-mile corner, east of Chambers, which he owned and operated prior to entering politics. Gillespie will continue in his private insurance business. Miss Alice French, newly-ap-

pointed Holt county superintendent of public instruction, spent the holidays getting oriented in her new job, but will not be re-leased at O'Neill public school The burg until January 15. She succeeds Miss Elja Mc-

Cullough who will attend school The board of supervisors will boxes were strewn about the hold a hearing today (Thursday) yard in the rear of the bank.

to fix the county's census for op-grational purposes. This is a the walk-in vault was knocked-

population drop the office of vault. register of deeds is being eliminated. Esther Cole Harris, regiswill continue to operate the reg- years. ister of deeds office under Miss Ruth Hoffman, county clerk. William J. Schwinck, 23,

Neligh, has been signed by the O'Neill public school board of education to succeed Miss French. He is a graduate of Neligh high school and the University of Nebraska, where he majored in mathematics while earning a bachelor's degree in science and education.

Married, Schwinck has taught at Potter and Sargent. He will arrive January 10.

GEORGE SPENCE, ATKINSON, DIES

Methodist Rites for Longtime Holt Resident

74, died about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, December 31, at his home here. Funeral services were held at

2 p. m. Tuesday at the Methodist church with Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiating. Survivors include: Widow:

sons-William, of Ewing; Richard, of Long Pine; Clarence and Elmer, both of Atkinson; halfsister-Mrs. Albert Timmerman, of Missouri; half-brothers-Mike Five more Holt county selec- Kramer, of Glendo, Wyo., and tive service draftees boarded an John Kramer, of Genoa.

Omaha-bound bus here at 8:30 George E. Spence, son of George and Ada Spence, was born November 9, 1876, at Avon, Ill. He came to Atkinson with his parents when he was 9-years-old. The family home was taken as a Quits, Leaves Holt Harold Krugman, of O'Neill; homestead in the Green Valley Frank Burival, jr., of O'Neill, and Eugene Lewis Sobotka, of community.

He was united in marriage to Playful Jets Create Miss Florence Norris, of Sloan, Ia., on November 30, 1898. Four Mrs. W. H. Harty, chief clerk, sons were born to them and all preinduction physical examina- survive

Mr. and Mrs. Spence celebrated their golden wedding anniversary two years ago. He was one of Atkinson's best-known citizens for many years and laughingly used to say he had mixed half the cement in the town. He was a mason by trade.

councilmen were obliged to at- O'Neill Public School tend the meeting of the O'Neill Resumes Classes-

O'Neill public school resumed evening. Pending is action on classes Tuesday morning, Janutraffic signals. O'Neill's main ary 2, following the annual

St. Mary's academy pupils will street, has been without an automatic traffic signal for several trek back to the school room on Monday, January 8.

Tear Gas Thwarts Thieves in Bank Vault

Law enforcement and postal authorities are still pressing their search for burglars who forced their way into the Emmet State Bank and Emmet postoffice during the early hours Thursday morning. The thieves escaped with the contents from four safety deposit boxes and a small amount of cash from the bank and some cash and stamps from the postoffice.

Investigating authorities said Wednesday they were working on "several good clues."

The burglars entered the bank by removing bars from a rear window and forcing their way in. They punched the lock to the vault but a tear gas cartridge was detonated in the pro-

The gas, authorities said, was a distinct deterrent to the thieves who found the vault almost un-

They went to the John Conard store (next door) and returned with several cans of cream which had been purchased at Conard's cream buying department. The cream was spread on the floor of the bank and tended to neutral-The burglars made away with

about \$75 in silver change used at the teller's counter and broke into four safety deposit boxes. Some of the contents of the

statuatory procedure and could off but the intruders failed to affect certain salaries and bud- penetrate the huge safe. The tear gas was credited with preventing Meanwhile, because of Holt's a prolonged try at the inner

The tear gas cartridge was installed on the vault about two ter for the past 20 years, will become deputy county clerk and operated the bank for many

> About \$129 in cash and \$96 in stamps was taken from the postof office safe. The burglars punched the small safe without too much difficulty by first knocking-off the dial.

> > They overlooked -- purposely or otherwise—a pad of mon-ey order blanks and some postal bonds.

Entrance was made into the Conard building by forcing the Mr. Conard said there were

local people in the building until about 11:30 p. m. the night be-Robert Nichols, of the state patrol's criminal investigation bureau, and G. C. Schoep, postal inspector, estimated the break-ins

occurred about 3 a. m. Only a small amount of pennies and merchandise was taken from the Conard store itself. Mr. Conard roughly estimated his personal losses "about \$75.90." Items taken included several ATKINSON-George E. Spence, knives, some shells, tobacco, candy, some foodstuffs, 30 pocket combs and some handkerchiefs.

The sequence in which the break-ins occurred was not immediately determined. But it was believed the postoffice was robbed first and when the tear gas posed a problem in the bank they returned to Conard's for the cream.

The combination of tear gas and spilled cream made bank cleanup difficult, according to Homer F. Mullen, the cashier. Tom Perkins, Conard's employee, discovered the postoffice break-in when he opened the store about 8 o'clock. Ronald Wills opened the bank about 8:30 and discovered that the thieves

Few Sore Necks

(Continued on page 4.)

O'Neill folks craned their necks and scanned the skies the other day and played the game, now-you-see-it, now-you-don't. They were watching two playful jet airplanes having fun high over the city.

As several people correctly guessed, one of the pilots was an O'Neill man, Lt. Herbert O. Brennan, stationed at an air base in South Carolina. He was on a cross - country hop, landed at Sioux City and had a telephone visit with his mother, Mrs. F. N. Brennan, Lieutenant Brennan recently returned to the U.S. from Scotland.

Mrs. Terwilliger Gets Note from Behind

Iron Curtain (Editor's note: Mrs. Perry Verwilliger was a domestic worker for a wealthy family in her native Hamburg, Germany, immediately after World War I. While in that home she became acquainted with the governess of the children of the family. This one-time governess, now living in the Soviet "smugzone outside Berlin, gled" a letter to Mrs. Terwilliger. The letter reached the Atkinson farm woman this week. The writer risked trouble by going into the U.S. zone to write and mail it and her name is purposely omitted. Now over 50, her letter - as translated for The Frontier by Mrs. Tervilliger-reveals the fear and spair of those people living enind the Iron Curtain.)

.. We know, West Germany fear because we were glad the cannot possibly conceive what awful bombings stopped. I was life behind the Iron Curtain is completely bombed out, my parlike, and please answer as soon ents, too. I escaped only with the as you receive this letter, as I clothes I wore. shall be very afraid until I am "My stepdaughter took us in.

'Smuggled' Letter Tells About Reds

fall into the wrong hands. "You cannot write to me direct but I will give you the address of a relative in the U. S. sector of Berlin .

"I married in 1928 and owned

a nice home. "The nightmare started in 1933 when Naziism started, and we were very much opposed to it. There were innumerable house searchings and we were always with one foot in those horrible concentration

"Then came 1945. We were gathering potato peelings we glad the war ended and had no

assured that this letter did not Then the Russians came. It is indescribable, but I could write volumes. They ransacked the house, took watches, clothing, bedding, linen, featherbeds, mattresses, rugs, in fact, left every-"We hear the Voice of Am- thing in shambles. Of course, we erica' whenever possible, but we had no work. I washed for some have to be very careful when we folks when I could and received a little dry bread in payment.

"We went begging and had a private kindergarten school. food thrown in our faces. I'd My husband was top-draftsman rather hunger. We trudged into in a large factory and we owned Berlin, living on the outskirts, and begged for food. They gave potato peelings which we ground and added ground nettles and cooked them. We also had a little fruit from our small garden, and so we 'lived.'

"Many times I would look at my husband at night to see if he was breathing. Many times when (Continued on page 8.)

A tear gas cartridge,

on floor to neutralize gas which finally forced them to leave.-The Frontier Photos. (SEE COLUMN 7.) At St. Patrick's Catholic church 5 More Draftees

tions have been assigned to Holt

LACKS QUORUM

The O'Neill city council did

not meet in regular monthly ses-

county for January.

months.

exploded and filled the bank

with gas, deterred the thieves.

Cartridge was attached to rear

of door on walk-in vault (a-

bove). Robbers spread cream

a. m. Wednesday and headed off to the wars. They were: Robert Scott, of Chambers; Andrew Ramold, of Atkinson;

County Surveyor Leonard E.

Thomazin told the board he

No salary is involved in con-

FIREMEN CALLED