

HARTIGAN HITS . . . This dramatic action shot shows Inman's great center, Pat Hartigan, in action against the Atkinson Balers in the Holt county prep basketball tourney. Hartigan connected with this try on his favorite shot - a whirling two-hander. Attempting to block it is Siebert. Wilbern (31), also of Atkinson, looks on while Stevens, of Inman, is in background. Atkinson won, 47-45, to capture third place laurels, but Hartigan was an individual tournament standout. He tallied 25 points against the Balers.—The Frontier Photo.

(See SPORTS on pages 8-9)

## Chambers Fire Threatens Block

CHECK FORGING

**Authorities Hunt** 

Vandals

Tomjack said that Olson

forged a check on "Andy

Clark" at Stannard's store here

on January 22 in the amount

of \$35. Later he forged a check

on "Charley Petersen" at the

IGA store in Stuart. Amount

Dankert service station at Cham-

bers and escaped with "about

\$30" - including money taken

from the cash register and

Tomjack and Sgt. Jack Knud-

investigation, said following

their investigation that had the

robbers taken another try they

probably would have penetrated

the Dankert safe. The lock on the

The authorities have numer-

ous clues but until late Wed-

nesday had made no arrests.

Entrance was gained by re-

moving a pane of glass in a

Late Monday Tomjack and

a violation of the Dyer act.

WASTEBASKET FIRE

the New Deal Oil company cor-

partment, turned in the alarm.

work today (Thursday) as cus-

todian at the Holt county court-

O'Neill firemen were summon-

stolen car.

safe was damaged.

change from gum machines.

his deputy, Albert Sipes.

check forgery charges.

being arrested.

county jail.

#### Firemen Overcome OLSON ADMITS Handicaps to Save Buildings

in the Smith grocery store about Arrested at Valentine; CHAMBERS-Fire broke out 3:15 a. m. Tuesday, January 30, causing a "great amount" of damage. The alarm was turned in by Herman Mediin, who las month moved into a previously unoccupied apartment above the store.

The origin of the fire is not certain, but firemen believe it was caused by an overheated Friday at Valentine and brought furnace in the basement.

The O'Neill fire department was called, but the blaze was under control by the time O'Neill help arrived.

There was considerable concern for the other buildings in the block. The postoffice joins the store on the west. However, none of the other buildings was damaged.

Robert Miles drove the O'Neill open truck to Chambers in the subzero temperatures. Three other firemen traveled by car. The O'-Neill firemen were summoned about 5 a. m. Making the trip were Fire Chief G. E. Miles, Arlyn Miles and Norbert Uhl.

> The store building is owned by Mrs. Charles Spann and the merchandise and fixtures are owned by George C. Smith.

Damage was extensive on the mainfloor and in the basement. Much of the merchandise was ruined.

Chambers firemen battled the flames with water from a 900gallon capacity tank on the truck. The village does not have

a municipal water supply. Some observers said that insistence of the firemen to keep the windows and doors intact and thereby prevent draughts was partly responsible for being able to contain the fire in the one

building. Scorched labels on canned goods indicated the amount of heat in the building.

The Smith store is the second door west of the alley on the west side of the Chambers main street. All buildings west of the Chambers State bank (which is east of the alley) are frame.

One fireman stated that merchandise in the basement appeared to be "totally destroyed."

#### Sergeant Turner at Korean Front

CHAMBERS — Sgt. Robert ("Bob") Turner, who was recallreached the Korean war front.

A veteran of 21 months overseas fighting during World War II, Turner recently completed five years of university training ed at 10:45 p. m. Friday to the when the army beckoned. He Jack Everitt apartment, north of

was a reservist. He sailed from Seattle, Wash. Relatives who received a letwastebasket near the kitchen ter Friday said that Bob had complained about the cold in Darling, occupying a nearby a-Korea and said members of his group were being moved up for replacements.

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to Be Told to

Stockmen

The beef cattle breeding re-search now being initiated at Ft. Robinson, near Crawford, will be

discussed in detail by Dr. Leslie E. Johnson at a livestock producers' meeting to be held Fri-

day, February 9, in the Atkinson

Johnson is coordinating all

beef breeding research now be-

ing done in the north-central

states by the department of agri-

culture and the state experiment

He is acquainted with the many breeding problems of the area and the research being

done to solve the problems, according to County Agent A.

According to economists, slight-

ly more than 34 percent of Ne-braska farm income came from the sale of beef cattle last year.

In Holt county, the percentage income was higher than the state

average due to the large num-ber of beef animals maintained

here. Thus Holt countyans are

interested in the best beef cattle

possible in terms of efficiency of

production, percentage calf crop

quality of carcass, and other fac-

When the Ft. Robinson sta-tion is fully developed, it will be

the largest beef breeding re-

search station in the north-cent-

ral states. It contains slightly

more than 23,000 acres and will

have 600 breeding cows, bulls,

Neil Dawes.

Livestock market at 8 p. m.

### ANGUS BREEDERS AWAIT BIG SALE

Don Cunningham to Speak at Banquet on Eve of Auction

Don Cunningham, well-known personality from the Sioux City Stockyards company, will be master-of-ceremonies at the banquet sponsored by the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association on Monday, Feb-

Affair will be held at the American Legion auditorium on the eve of the association's annual sale. Banquet time is 6:30

Forty - five males and 24 females are consigned to the registered sale which will be held at Consignors are: Leo T. Adams, of Chambers; Hugh Carr, of Amelia: Blaine Consider Chambers, Hugh Carr, of Amelia: Blaine Chambers, Hugh Chambers, Hu lia; Blaine Garwood, of Amelia; Fora L. Knight & Sons, of O'-Neill; Freeman L. Knight, of O'-Neill; Glenn Lorenz, of O'Neill; Roland Miller & Son, of Middle-branch; E. L. Miner & Son, of O'Neill; Harry E. Ressel, of O'Neill; Ray Siders, of O'Neill; Clyde Van Every, of O'Neill; Arthur Walters, of Chambers; E. Young, of Chambers, and Lois Siders, Lynneck of Orchard.

Siders Lynneck of Orchard. Siders Juracek, of Orchard.

Charles Reece, of Simonsen, will be the judge of the show, which begins at 10 a. m. Laur-ence Buller, of the Nebraska Farmer, is fieldman, and Charles Corkle, of Norfolk, auctioneer. Bandolier breeding will predominate throughout the offering.

Four-H and Future Farmer entries are consigned by Ad-ams, Knight, Miller, Miner and Siders. These are the pick of 1950 calves and only 4-H and FFA members can purchase them. Free first service to any sire owned by a member will be available to young members purchasing these calves.

Business has been brisk the Ray Siders is sale manager; past few days for Holt county's Freeman L. Knight, secretary. E. new sheriff, Leo Tomjack, and L. Miner heads the banquet committee. The film, "Modern Beef Joseph Olson, 58, who gave Cattle," will be a feature of the

his address as Rose, was arrested sales are on The Frontier's sale to O'Neill by Tomjack to await calendar: February 19: Annual spring

sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association will be held 50 bulls, 12 females. For catalog write: James W. Rooney, O'Neill, sale manager. February 24: Annual spring til her death.

sale of the North-Central Nebras-He is believed to have been ka Hereford association will be active at Long Pine, Bassett, held at Bassett. For catalog Ainsworth and Valentine before write: Tug Phillips, Bassett, secretary-manager.

In a preliminary hearing Mon-March 13: Annual spring sale day, he was bound over to Holt of the Niobrara Valley Hereford county district court after ad- Breeders' association will be held mitting guilt. Olson is in the at Butte. For catalog write: Walter G. Sire, secretary. Sometime after midnight Sat-urday vandals broke into the

Lyle Veguist purchased the John and Leona Pinnt 1,520acre ranch at public auction Friday. Purchase price was (Continued on page 8.)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

sen, of the state patrol bureau of Myron Allen Repenning, 20, of Bloomfield, and Miss Adaila Rose Berner, 18, of Amelia, on Janu-

John Thomas Auman and Miss Mary Louise George, both of Orchard, on January 29.



Mrs. Babl . . . 43 greatgrandchildren.

## DIES AT HUMPHREY

ATKINSON — Mrs. Joe Babl, sr., a 92-year-old Holt county pioneer woman, was buried Mon-day, January 29, following funeral services at Humphrey.

She had been living at Humphrey with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Preister, and died at her daughter's house Friday morning, January 26.

Margaret Decker was born in Germany on October 24. garet, preceded their father in 1859. She was united in mar- death. while they were still living in Germany.

In 1886 the couple immigrated to America, initially settling near entertainment. Public is invited. Plattsmouth and Humphrey. In Three registered Hereford 1899 the Babls came to Holt county and lived near Stuart, later moving north of Emmet.

The couple farmed until 1930 when, due to advanced age, the Babls decided to retire and move at the O'Neill Livestock Market, into Stuart In 1942 they move to Humphrey where Mr. Babl died.

Mrs. Babl continued to make room in O'Neill Monday night. her home with Mrs. Preister un-

s, of Norfolk; Max, of Humnear Emmet; daughters — Mrs. George (Mary) Pongratz, of Emmet; Mrs. Ben (Anna) Preister and Mrs. Jack (Barbara) Preister, both of Humphrey. One daughter died when an in-

She also is survived by 42 grandchildren and 43 great-

grandchildren. Pallbearers were grandsons -Joe Pongratz, Laverne Babl, James Preister, Rolland Preister, John Edwin Babl and Jerry Babl.

Missionary Visits-

visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Grosenbach on Fri- February 13. day, January 26.

to Be Buried Here Friday

John Schmidt, 65-year-old O'-Neill retired farmer, died at 8:35 p. m. Monday, January 29, at his home here. He had suffered a series of apoplectic strokes and an attack late Monday proved fatal.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday, February 2, at the family home and burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, will officiate, and Biglin Bros. will be in charge.

The late Mr. Schmidt was born on May 18, 1885, at Sebringville, Ont., Can. That same year he came to Holt county with his parents, Andrew and Mary Paul Schmidt.

Mr. Schmidt was reared northeast of O'Neill and attended the Coyne country school. On February 13, 1913, he married Miss Kathryn Dohm, of Bel-

The Schmidts lived until February, 1948, on a farm 8 miles northeast of O'Neill. After their sale they moved into O'Neill to retire and lived at 916 Everett

street. The Schmidts became the parents of five sons and five daugh-

ng, January 26.

About two months ago the eldSurvivors include: Widow; sons—Andrew, of O'Neill; Rayerly Mrs. Babl fell and broke mond, of Atkinson; Earnest, of er hip.

Funeral services were held at Fla.; Joseph, of O'Neill; daugh-St. Francis Catholic church with ters-Mrs. Lloyd (Mary) Bausch, Reverend Albert, church pastor, of O'Neill; Miss Ella Rita, of Omaha, and Miss Miriam, of O'-Neill.

Two daughters, Edith and Mar-

Pallbearers will be Dick ton, H. E. Coyne, Lloyd Whaley, Ed Thomas, Herb Jansen, Albert Marsh, P. C. Donohoe and Clyde Streeter—several of them longtime neighbors and schoolmates.

#### District Scout Officers Named

A north-central district meeting of the Boy Scouts of America was held in the district court

The following officers were Survivors include: Sons—Lou- Mounts, of O'Neill, chairman; s, of Norfolk: Max, of Hum- W. Harold Allen, of Bassett, vice-Chambers, vice-chairman; Harry Petersen, of O'Neill, commissioner.

Field Executive Ernie Indsworth, of Stuart, made a report Hassel, of Longmont, Colo. on organization and advancement, and announced that the Boy Scout activities for 1951 would center around civil defense. About 50 percent of the time would be alloted to civil defense studies.

J. E. Davis gave a report on the meeting of the Cornhusker council held in Fremont Janu-

It was voted to hold the northcentral district meetings on the Colo. Rev. Earl Newton, missionary second Monday of each month, recently returned from China, with the exception of the February meeting, which will be held Wednesday, February 7.

# JOHN SCHMIDT, 65, DIES AFTER STROKE Retired O'Neill Farmer Retired O'Neill Farmer Retired O'Neill Farmer

### FORMER RESIDENT Ft. Robinson Work CRASH VICTIM

Burial at Orchard for Eldridge McElhaney, Bank Head

Eldridge McElhaney, 57-yearold president of the First National bank of Lake Wilson, Minn., died early Saturday, January 27, following an automobile crash near Minneapolis, Minn.

The body reached O'Neill eary Wednesday, January 31, and Masonic funeral rites were conducted at Biglin Bros. funeral home at 10 a. m. Burial was made in the Orchard cemetery.

The late Mr McElhaney was born at O'Neill on January 24,

1894. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Coral Lovell McEl-

Mr. McElhaney was a graduate of Orchard high school and at-tended the University of Ne-

He married Miss Harriet Robertson, of O'Neill, in May, 1923, and for seven years lived at Page where he was in the banking

He left Page to join the U.S. National bank of Omaha where he worked for 17 years, moving two years ago to Lake Wilson to head the bank there.

Survivors include: Widow; son- John, student at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln); daughters-Mrs. Edward (Jane) Bicek, of LaGrange, Ill., and Miss calves, test stock, sires, and re-Marian McElhaney, of Chicago, placement heifers. Longmont, Colo.; brothers-Ted, of O'Neill, and Howard, of Hope,

ey's immediate family were present for the rites.

Among other relatives and friends here for the funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noiton, all of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sundell and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sundell, all of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Don Clemans, elected: District Judge D. R. of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and Miss Rachel phrey; John, George and Joe, jr., chairman; Victor Harley, of Robertson, all of Alliance; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst, of Miltonvale, Kans.; George Weidman, of Gering; Mrs. R. T. Orth, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. L. V.

No Replacement for

Ward Signed -ATKINSON-No successor for Supt. John Ward, Atkinson public school superintendent who has been recalled to air force duyt, had been signed up until late

Wednesday. Ward, a reserve captain, will work with civilian personnel. He will report for duty at Denver,

Superintendent Ward said he would be leaving Atkinson on

There are 27 grandchildren

mentioned the Medcalfs would

temperatures, however, kept many of their friends from call-

There was a three-tier dia-

mond jubilee cake provided by

admiring descendants in Wash-

ington. Otherwise there was no

A special family dinner will

Mr. Medcalf likes to rely on a

comfortable couch during most

of the day. But he is well enough

to greet friends at the door and

escort them into their cozy little

home. Mrs. Medcalf enjoys better

health. She keeps busy with the

George Hammond, "Voice of

The Frontier" announcer, was on

hand to help them celebrate and

a two-minute transcribed inter-

Monday program (WJAG, 780

view was rebroadcast on the

be held at a later date.

household work.

Frontier for printing!

of Sedro Wooley, Wash.

business. He kept shop until a- gram the day before merely

#### a university student there; sister —Mrs. L. V. (Alice) Hassl, of head of purbred Hereford females on the station now and 25 head of Angus females. This spring these annimals will be All members of Mr. McElhan- started on specific breeding tests.

Among questions Doctor Johnson will answer are: Can we breed cattle that will mean a higher percentage calf crop on our ranges?

Can we wean calves weighing 100 pounds more than our present stock at similar ages and under similar conditions?

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#### Confusion Added to Confusing Plates

Slip ups occur in anybody's newspaper, but an accident while our editorial page was being made up presents a jumbled situation that needs clarification.

The opening paragraph on the article entitled "Satire on the License Plates' was lost in the shuffle and the second and third paragraphs were transposed. The resultant confusion on an already confusing subject prompts us to reproduce the story here in full: Reed O'Hanlon, jr., editor of the Blair Pilot - Tribune, has come up with a clever piece of satire in connection with Nebraska's weird new license-

plate designations. Recently O'Hanlon dwelt at length on the confusion which could reign over the difficulty in reading the markers. He suggested his new plate now reading W1984A could easily include the state in the letterdesignation and read NW19-84A.

It could also carry the township-in Reed's case DeSototo be abbreviated to "DeStwp" and making the plate read NWDeStwp1984A.

Reed also thinks it could have B1C3W for Blair's third ward in which he lives, making the plate read NWDeStwp-B1C3W1984A.

And why not the street address, too, suggests O'Hanlon, with the observation that the plate could be tied around the car and wired to the door handles. He thinks 103 East Grant street could be added and the plate would then be NWDe-StwpB1C3W103EGS1984A.

As a clincher, he suggests . . "an alert minion of the law, would have himself a lot of trouble if he ever caught up with a fugitive auto. He could just scribble down the license information, call headquarters and inform the chief the guy in question lives at 89004 South 125th street in Omaha, wears a 61/2-size hat, is fond of marshmallows and has two children." This could be deduced by reading the plate NXFrxtwp-OmC25W89004S125S4 5 2 3 C-61/2 M2C!

(Editor's note: Please, kind reader, skip the article, ire on the License Plates," when you come to page 2.)

## William L. Medcalfs Wed 60 Years

#### State Patrolman Fay Robeson took into custody Army Pvt. Chambers Couple in Ralph Ferris, who has been ab-Quiet Observance; sent without leave from Camp Carson, Colo., for about a month. Born in Indiana He had in his possession a Lusk, Wyo., stolen car which had been

CHAMBERS- When Mr. and transported across a state line-Mrs. William L. Medcalf, 83 and Ferris, a 19-year-old O'Neill 81 respectively, were asked the boy, is being held here until mili- secret of spending 60 years totary police arrive from Carson. gether happily their answers Early Tuesday Clifford Hard- were short and pointed:

ing, of Chadron, walked into the "Being the boss all that time sheriff's office here and declared helps," quipped 83-year-old Mr. he was wanted by authorities at Medcalf, a retired farmer and Chadron. The sheriff from Chad- retired proprietor of a harness ron arrived late Tuesday and re- and shoe repair shop. "Being two ceived Harding from the Holt years older accounts for my be-officials. The sheriff said that ing boss," he added.

ed to active duty with the army Harding was wanted in connec-infantry October 21, this week tion with two break - ins and a hard," was Mrs. Medcalf's ex-Harding was wanted in connecplanation. "My land," she continued,

'nowadays young folks hardly get home before they're in the divorce courts." No hasty marriage was the ceremony uniting in holy wedlock ner. A fire had started in a William L. Medcalf and Effie J. Anderson on January 28, 1891, at range. Damage was slight. Val Ireland, Ind. Both members of

the same community, where they had been born, Mr. Medcalf courted his lady friend for three Charles Richter, jr., begins years before they took the step. Mr. Medcalf was born on a farm near the typically Hoosier town of Ireland on March 27,

1867. His father and his father's | They traveled by rail to Gage | ance; Emmett, Mrs. Josie Jordan three brothers had fought for the county and settled on a farm and Mrs. Hazel Greenstreet, all Northern armies in the Civil near Adams. war. One of his uncles was a cap- In 1909 the Medcalfs came by tain. Another spent two years in rail to Holt county, settling near and 14 great-grandchildren. Andersonville prison as a prison- Chambers. They lived on a farm The Medcalfs observed open-

the aftermath period following pied with his harness and shoe The "Voice of The Frontier" prothe war between the states. He worked on a farm and two bout two years ago.

years after his marriage to Effie Anderson they decided to head of three sons and two daughters: their friends the following day. westward-to Nebraska.

until 1928 when they moved into house Sunday. There was no am-Young William was reared in town and Mr. Medcalf kept occu- bitious planning and preparation.

> The Medcalfs are the parents be happy to receive a few of Earl, of Chambers; Ray, of Alli- And the friends came. Subzero



The Medcalfs . . . exchanged nuptial vows at Ireland, Ind.,



January 28, 1891.—The Frontier Photo.