

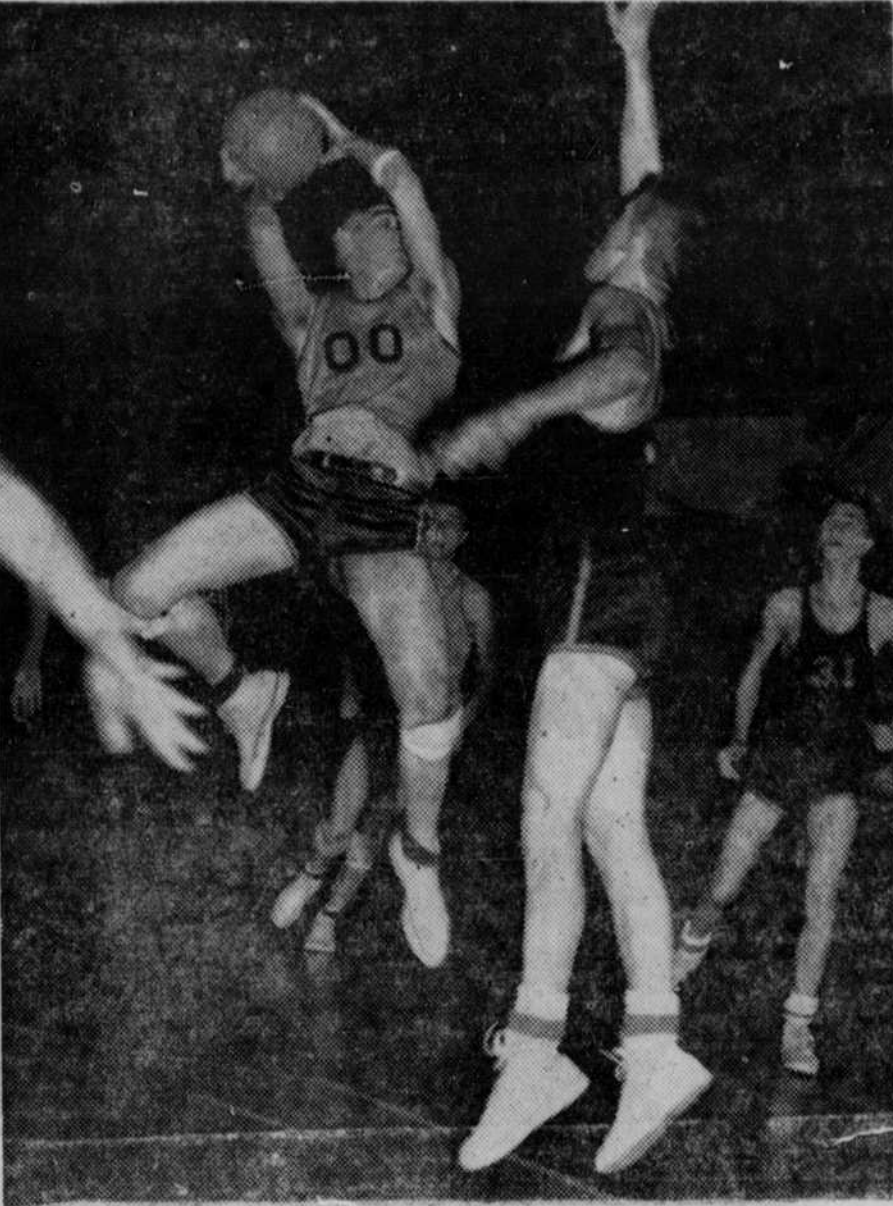
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HARTIGAN HITS... This dramatic action shot shows Inman's great center, Pat Hartigan, in action against the Atkinson Balers in the Holt county prep basketball tourney.

Chambers Fire Threatens Block

Firemen Overcome Handicaps to Save Buildings

CHAMBERS—Fire broke out in the Smith grocery store about 3:15 a. m. Tuesday, January 30, causing a "great amount" of damage.

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

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

Robert Miles drove the O'Neill open truck to Chambers in the subzero temperatures. Three other firemen traveled by car.

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 main floor and in the basement. Much of the merchandise was ruined.

Chambers firemen battled the flames with water from a 900-gallon 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.

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 recalled to active duty with the army infantry October 21, this week reached the Korean war front.

OLSON ADMITS CHECK FORGING

Arrested at Valentine; Authorities Hunt Vandals

Business has been brisk the past few days for Holt county's new sheriff, Leo Tomjack, and his deputy, Albert Sipes.

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 was \$40.

He is believed to have been active at Long Pine, Bassett, Ainsworth and Valentine before being arrested.

In a preliminary hearing Monday, he was bound over to Holt county district court after admitting guilt. Olson is in the county jail.

Some time after midnight Saturday vandals broke into the Dankert service station at Chambers and escaped with "about \$300" — including money taken from the cash register and change from gum machines.

The authorities have numerous clues but until late Wednesday had made no arrests. Entrance was gained by removing a pane of glass in a door.

Late Monday Tomjack and State Patrolman Fay Robeson took into custody Army Pvt. Ralph Ferris, who has been absent without leave from Camp Carson, Colo., for about a month. He had in his possession a Lusk, Wyo., stolen car which had been transported across a state line — a violation of the Dyer act.

Ferris, a 19-year-old O'Neill boy, is being held here until military police arrive from Carson. Early Tuesday Clifford Harding, of Chadron, walked into the sheriff's office here and declared he was wanted by authorities at Chadron.

WASTEBASKET FIRE O'Neill firemen were summoned at 10:45 p. m. Friday to the Jack Everitt apartment, north of the New Deal Oil company corner. A fire had started in a wastebasket near the kitchen range. Damage was slight. Val Darling, occupying a nearby apartment, turned in the alarm.

Charles Richter, jr., begins work today (Thursday) as custodian at the Holt county courthouse.

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, February 5.

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

Forty-five males and 24 females are consigned to the registered sale which will be held at the O'Neill Livestock Market. Consignors are: Leo T. Adams, of Chambers; Hugh Carr, of Amelia; Blaine Garwood, of Amelia; For a L. Knight & Sons, of O'Neill; Glenn Lorenz, of O'Neill; Roland Miller & Son, of Middlebranch; 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. E. Young, of Chambers, and Lois Siders Juracek, of Orchard.

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

Four-H and Future Farmer entries are consigned by Adams, 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.

Ray Siders is sale manager; Freeman L. Knight, secretary. E. L. Miner heads the banquet committee. The film, "Modern Beef Cattle," will be a feature of the entertainment. Public is invited. Three registered Hereford sales are on The Frontier's sale calendar:

February 19: Annual spring sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association will be held at the O'Neill Livestock Market, 50 bulls, 12 females. For catalog write: James W. Rooney, O'Neill, sale manager.

February 24: Annual spring sale of the North-Central Nebraska Hereford association will be held at Bassett. For catalog write: Tug Phillips, Bassett, secretary-manager.

March 13: Annual spring sale of the Niobrara Valley Hereford Breeders' association will be held at Butte. For catalog write: Walt G. Sire, secretary.

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

MARRIAGE LICENSES Myron Allen Repenning, 20, of Bloomfield, and Miss Adaila Rose Berner, 18, of Amelia, on January 27.

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

William L. Medcalfs Wed 60 Years

Chambers Couple in Quiet Observance; Born in Indiana

CHAMBERS—When Mr. and Mrs. William L. Medcalf, 83 and 81 respectively, were asked the secret of spending 60 years together happily their answers were short and pointed:

"Being the boss all that time helps," quipped 83-year-old Mr. Medcalf, a retired farmer and retired proprietor of a harness and shoe repair shop. "Being two years older accounts for my being boss," he added.

"Getting along and working hard," was Mrs. Medcalf's explanation. "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 William L. Medcalf and Effie J. Anderson on January 28, 1891, at Ireland, Ind. Both members of the same community, where they had been born, Mr. Medcalf courted his lady friend for three years before they took the step.

JOHN SCHMIDT, 65, DIES AFTER STROKE

Retired O'Neill Farmer 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 apopleptic 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 northwest of O'Neill and attended the Coyne country school. On February 13, 1913, he married Miss Kathryn Dohm, of Belton.

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.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Andrew, of O'Neill; Raymond, of Atkinson; Ernest, of Fremont; John, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Joseph, of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Lloyd (Mary) Bausch, of O'Neill; Miss Ella Rita, of Omaha, and Miss Miriam, of O'Neill.

Two daughters, Edith and Margaret, preceded their father in death. Pallbearers will be Dick Minton, H. E. Coyne, Lloyd Whaley, Ed Thomas, Herb Jansen, Albert Marsh, P. C. Donohoe and Clyde Streeter—several of them longtime neighbors and schoolmates.

She also is survived by 42 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons—Joe Pongratz, Laverne Babl, James Preister, Roland Preister, John Edwin Babl and Jerry Babl.

Missionary Visits—Rev. Earl Newton, missionary recently returned from China, visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Grosenbach on Friday, January 26.

They traveled by rail to Gage county and settled on a farm near Adams.

In 1909 the Medcalfs came by rail to Holt county, settling near Chambers. They lived on a farm until 1928 when they moved into town and Mr. Medcalf kept occupied with his harness and shoe business. He kept shop until about two years ago.

The Medcalfs are the parents of three sons and two daughters: Earl, of Chambers; Ray, of Alliance; Emmett, Mrs. Josie Jordan and Mrs. Hazel Greenstreet, all of Sedro Wooley, Wash.

There are 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Medcalfs observed open-house Sunday. There was no ambitious planning and preparation. The "Voice of The Frontier" program the day before merely mentioned the Medcalfs would be happy to receive a few of their friends the following day. And the friends came. Subzero temperatures, however, kept many of their friends from calling.

There was a three-tier diamond jubilee cake provided by admiring descendants in Washington. Otherwise there was no fuss. A special family dinner will be held at a later date.

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 household work.

George Hammond, "Voice of The Frontier" announcer, was on hand to help them celebrate and a two-minute transcribed interview was rebroadcast on the Monday program (WJAG, 780 k. c.)

FORMER RESIDENT CRASH VICTIM

Burial at Orchard for Eldridge McElhaney, Bank Head

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All members of Mr. McElhaney's immediate family were present for the rites.

Among other relatives and friends here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nolton, all of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sundell and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sundell, all of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Don Clemans, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and Miss Rachel 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. Hassel, of Longmont, Colo.

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Ft. Robinson Work to Be Told to Stockmen

The beef cattle breeding research 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 Friday, February 9, in the Atkinson Livestock market at 8 p. m.

Johnson is coordinating all beef breeding research now being done in the north-central states by the department of agriculture and the state experiment stations.

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. Neill Dawes.

According to economists, slightly more than 34 percent of Nebraska 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 number of beef animals maintained here. Thus Holt countyans are interested in terms of efficiency of production, percentage calf crop, quality of carcass, and other factors.

When the Ft. Robinson station is fully developed, it will be the largest beef breeding research station in the north-central states. It contains slightly more than 23,000 acres and will have 600 breeding cows, bulls, calves, test stock, sires, and replacement heifers.

There are approximately 350 head of purebred Hereford females on the station now and 25 head of Angus females. This spring these animals will be 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?

(Continued on page 4.)

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'Hanon, 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'Hanon 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 letter-designation and read NW19-84A.

It could also carry the township—in Reed's case DeSoto—to 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'Hanon, 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 NWDeStwpB1C3W103EGS1984A.

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 6 1/2-size hat, is fond of marshmallows and has two children." This could be deduced by reading the plate NXFrxtwp-OmC25W89004S125S4 5 2 3 C-6 1/2M2C!