

Gene Doolittle Fatally Injured

Struck by Broken
Chain; 2d Tragedy
in Family

AMELIA—A 24-year-old veteran of World War II, Gene Doolittle, died about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, in the Stuart Community hospital, several hours after having been injured in an unusual accident.

About 3 o'clock Friday afternoon he was working with his brother, Clyde, and his nephew, Marvin Doolittle, loading hay on an underslung with the block and tackle method.

A ring on the end of the cable slipped off a stake, went flying through the air and struck Doolittle.

The injured man was rushed to Dr. N. P. McKee at Atkinson, arriving there about 3:30 p.m. Doctor McKee transferred the unconscious victim to the Stuart hospital where he died.

Doctor McKee said he doubted if young Doolittle ever knew what struck him. He suffered a compound skull fracture and never regained consciousness.

Friday's tragedy is the second fatal accident in six months in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doolittle, prominent Amelia ranch people.

On October 29, 1950, a son, Earl Doolittle, 36, died from gunshot wounds suffered in a hunting accident. Earl was hunting alone near his home and his gun accidentally discharged.

Funeral services for Gene Doolittle, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doolittle, were conducted Monday, March 25, at the Amelia Methodist church. Rev. L. R. Hansberry, of Chambers, was in charge.

Music for the services was furnished by a mixed quartette composed of Mrs. George Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett and Clyde Widman, with Mrs. Widman at the piano.

Pallbearers were Ralph Adair, Bill Sammons, Hennie Frahm, Jack Gilman, Lloyd Waldo and Lyle Fix.

Interment was made in the Chambers cemetery. He was buried near the grave of his brother, Harold.

Survivors include: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Doolittle; sisters—Mrs. Herman Medlin, of Chambers; Mrs. Bernie Kennedy and Mrs. Harold Fullerton, both of Amelia; brothers—Art, Clinton, Thomas and Clyde ("Dick"), all of Amelia.

Two brothers, Harold and Earl, preceded him in death.

Gene was a lifelong resident of Holt county, except for the time he spent in the service. He was with occupation forces in Korea at the close of World War II hostilities.

Postmaster's Wife Heads ARC Drive

Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan has been named chairman of the annual American Red Cross membership and fund-raising drive for 1951. This was announced Tuesday by Glea H. Wade, of O'Neill, Holt county ARC chairman.

Mrs. Sullivan is the wife of O'Neill's acting postmaster. Holt county's quota for 1951 is \$2,035—slightly higher than last year.

Reason for the increase is brought about by the increased burdens placed on the organization brought on by the Korean war.

The ARC has expanded its blood bank facilities to meet the new crisis and already has saved many lives. Blood bank reserves also will be available for civilian use in event of catastrophe or enemy attack on the U.S.

"Fresh in the minds of most of us is the manner in which the ARC came to the aid of Holt county during the winter of 1948-'49 in connection with 'Operation Snowbound,'" Mrs. Sullivan explained. "I'm sure folks will be liberal in their giving in order that we may go over the top—even though our Holt county drive is being started several weeks late."

Libraries Can Improve Service—

Limitation on the amount which Nebraska cities, villages, and townships may levy for the library fund was raised from one to two mills when the unicameral passed LB 189 on February 22. The vote on the bill was 38-0, and since it contained the emergency clause, it became effective when signed by governor Peterson March 2.

By raising the limit on the amount which local authorities levy for library purposes, the way has been opened for Nebraska libraries to give greater service to their communities.

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Gene Doolittle, 24... victim hay cabling accident. (Story at left)

BULL SELLS FOR \$2,500 AT BUTTE

EH Royal Domino Sets a New High For Herefords

BUTTE—The reserve champion bull, EH Royal Domino, established a new all-time high selling price Tuesday at the fifth annual spring sale of the Niobrara Valley Hereford association held at Butte. The bull, calved November 9, 1948, was consigned by A. M. Engelhaupt, of Butte, and purchased by Clyde H. Fisher, of Spencer, for \$2,500.

EH Royal Domino is a son of a \$30,000 bull.

The grand champion of the show, judged Tuesday morning by Clare Clements, of Ord, was LH Bozato 34th, consigned by L. J. Lechtenberg, of Spencer. The champ was calved June 20, 1949. He brought \$875, purchased by Frank Lechtenberg, of Anoka.

The grand champion female also was consigned by L. J. Lechtenberg. Calved November 20, 1949, LH Lady Domino 4th was purchased by Louis Juracek, of Niobrara, for \$500.

Best three head award went to L. J. Lechtenberg. The champ bull and female represented two of the trio. The Butte Gazette offered a trophy.

Walter G. ("Walt") Sire, sale manager, said the entire offering of bulls—34 head—averaged \$590. The top 10 bulls averaged \$900. The first 20 bulls to walk through the ring averaged \$700 per head.

Ninety were present at the association's annual banquet, sponsored by the Butte Community club, on the eve of the sale. Among Holt countyans present were Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Robertson, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meusch, of Butte, and Floyd Whitaker, of Chambers, all members of the association. Clyde H. Fisher, of Spencer, is association president.

CONTINUE METER CASE 10 DAYS

Manufacturer May Have Counsel at Next Hearing

Monday was answer day in Holt county district court for the plaintiff, the city of O'Neill, in a temporary injunction suit brought by a group of citizens known as Summer Downey et al.

The city asked for a delay and District Judge D. R. Mounts granted a 10-day continuance.

Meanwhile, one councilman informally explained to The Frontier Wednesday that the parking meter manufacturers would have legal counsel in the courtroom for the next hearing. Until now the meter people have not seen fit to appear in court.

The meters are being held at the fire station. A restraining order prevents the city from having the meters installed, in accordance with an agreement with the manufacturers.

Under terms of the contract, 150 meters "more-or-less" are to be installed on both sides of Douglas street between Third and Fifth streets.

New post-type stop-and-go signals for O'Neill's main intersection, in the heart of town, "within the next few days," a council spokesman said.

Lack of an automatic signal at the Fourth and Douglas intersection are expected to arrive has created a hazard. The overhead signal was taken down when the wind tore the guidewires from their moorings.

Attend Meeting—

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones attended a dinner in Norfolk Friday evening. Mr. Jones attended a Central Finance corporation directors' meeting in the afternoon.

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ALICE ANN MINTON, HOLT PIONEER, DIES

Burial Today for Queen of O'Neill's Diamond Jubilee

Mrs. Alice Ann Minton, 86, widow of the late John Minton, died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jane Judge.

The late Mrs. Minton was honorary queen of O'Neill's diamond jubilee celebration in 1949. She was honored for being one of the longest continuous residents of the community.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Calvary cemetery under direction of Biglin Bros.

A rosary was offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Judge home.

Pallbearers chosen are H. D. Grady, P. C. Donohoe, D. H. McCarthy, John Sullivan, H. J. Birmingham and H. E. Coyne.

Alice Ann Barrett was born April 28, 1864, at Kingston, Canada, a daughter of Patrick Barrett and Mary Convil Barrett.

In 1875 she came to Holt county from Peoria, Ill.



Mrs. Minton... survived trials of pioneer life.

On November 15, 1884, at St. Patrick's church she married John Minton. The Mintons became the parents of seven children, and lived on a farm 9 miles northeast of O'Neill.

Mr. Minton died 57 years ago. Survivors include: Sons—Patrick, of Norfolk; John, of Omaha; Richard, of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Jane Judge, of O'Neill.

One son and two daughters preceded their mother in death: Michael, Kathryn and Mrs. T. F. Matthews.

The late Mrs. Minton came to Holt traveling with her parents by covered wagon from the end of the rail line at Wisner. Her father had been "sold" on Holt county by one of Gen. John O'Neill's stirring speeches.

Mrs. Minton's parents survived pioneer hardships and later she proved her pioneer heritage by carrying on with seven children when she was left a widow at the age of 31. Her eldest was only 12.

She planted corn and performed other manual tasks.

Mrs. Minton was almost a life-long member of St. Patrick's church. She was also a member of the Royal Highlanders.

She leaves 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Freddie Kane, 15, Fever Victim

Freddie Kane, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kane, former O'Neill residents, died Wednesday, March 14, in Minnesota, where the Kanes are residing. Death was caused by rheumatic fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartlieb, of Omaha, grandparents of the boy, telephoned the news to O'Neill. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning in Omaha where burial will be made.

The Kanes left O'Neill about 12 years ago. Survivors, besides the parents and grandparents, include one brother and one sister.

The Town House Opens Today—

Val and Joyce Darling announce in this issue the formal opening of The Town House at the corner of Eighth and Douglas streets. The spacious Mellor estate has been transformed into a luxurious dining cafe and will cater to groups and parties.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ressel... unusual celebration for O'Neill couple.—Norfolk Daily News Photo.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT LINCOLN

Mrs. Bert Shoemaker, 61, Dies Sunday After Lingering Illness

Mrs. Bert Shoemaker, 61, former O'Neill resident, died Sunday, March 11, at Lincoln after a lingering illness.

A rosary was offered at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in a Lincoln funeral home and funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Holy Family church in Lincoln. Rt. Rev. L. V. Barnes, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Calvary cemetery at Lincoln.

Mae M. Carlon was born at O'Neill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carlon. Mr. Carlon was an O'Neill attorney and served for many years as county judge. The Carlon family left O'Neill to move to Denver, Colo.

When she married Mr. Shoemaker she returned to O'Neill to make her home, residing here continuously until about three years ago when the Shoemakers moved to Lincoln.

In late years Mrs. Shoemaker sold insurance and did interior decorating.

Survivors include: Widower—Bert; sons—Harold J., of Norfolk; Donald F., of Boise, Ida.; Chester A. and Richard E., both of Lincoln; sisters—Miss Grace Carlon, of Rochester, Minn.; Mrs. Leonard (Josie) Soukup, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. L. P. (Loretta) Duffy, of Sante Fe, N. M.; Mrs. W. J. (Lillian) Hammond, of Los Angeles, Calif.; seven grandchildren.

LIZZIE M'KIM, 72, DIES SATURDAY

Widow of Former Holt Official Is Buried At Clearwater

CLEARWATER—Mrs. Lizzie McKim, 72, widow of the late L. C. McKim, died at 11:50 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at her home in Clearwater. She had become ill shortly before her death and had summoned two neighbors, Mrs. Herbert Soguster and Mrs. Lyle Stevens. They were near her when she died.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in Clearwater.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Annabelle Shoemaker, of Boise, Ida.; and Mrs. Opal Engelhaupt, of Gering; sons—Dr. V. C. McKim, of Fresno, Calif.; George W. McKim, of Albuquerque, N. M.; Clinton McKim, of Rulo; Lyle C. McKim and Orville McKim, both of O'Neill; 27 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; brother—John Anderson, of Clearwater.

The two sons from a distance, Dr. V. C. McKim, of Los Angeles, and George W. McKim, of Albuquerque, were following in getting to Clearwater delayed receipt of news of their mother's death. The plane in which they were traveling was grounded.

Arrive for Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Connors and Mrs. Ed Connors, of Sidney, arrived Friday to spend the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace. Mr. Connors and Mrs. Ed Connors returned to Sidney Monday, but Mrs. Connors remained to visit for two weeks.

Visit at Janzing's—

Mrs. Oliver Ross and daughter visited Mrs. Herman J. Janzing last Thursday.

Spend 60th Wedding Date in Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ressel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 11.

Sixtieth wedding anniversaries are rare, indeed, but the circumstances surrounding this celebration made the affair even more unusual. Because Mrs. Ressel is a patient at Lutheran hospital slowly recovering from—of all things—an appendectomy.

The 60th wedding celebration was originally scheduled for the Harry E. Ressel home at O'Neill. But an emergency appendectomy on February 24 changed all that. The 81-year-old woman was rushed to the hospital suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis.

Came the wedding day and the husband, 86, accompanied his son, Harry, and wife, through drifting snow to be on hand for the celebration. They took with them a three-tier cake (see photo).

The Ressels were married March 11, 1891, at the Methodist parsonage at Ithaca. Her maiden name was Fannie Boyden.

The couple resided on a farm near Ceresco until March 1, 1919, when they moved onto a farm near Plainview, where they lived until 1928 when they moved into Plainview. On December 3, 1948, the aged couple moved to O'Neill.

They became the parents of three sons—Harry E., of O'Neill; Curtis, of Plainview, and Burtis, who died in infancy, and two daughters—Mrs. John Senseney, of Plainview, and Mrs. Frank Senseney, of Manson, Wash. The two daughters married brothers. There are 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Miss Ruth Harris Starts Home from China—

Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of Mrs. Esther C. Harris, has started on a journey home from China, where she served as a Methodist missionary for four years. Miss Harris arrived in Hongkong February 22 and departed for Rangoon, India, March 7.

She and several lady missionaries from Pennsylvania expect to visit places of interest in Europe before arriving in the U.S. about the beginning of June. They expect to visit the Holy Land, Rome, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland.

Seek to Provide Ladies' Restroom

The Chamber of Commerce, in session Tuesday noon at Slat's cafe, unanimously went on record backing a move to provide a public ladies' restroom in the city.

A specific suggestion which drew enthusiastic favor was a proposal to transform the basement of Grattan township library from a living apartment into rest quarters.

The idea, however, will have to be placed before the Grattan township board and the library board for final decision. Chamber President L. M. Diehlman, District Judge D. R. Mounts and L. D. Putnam, who is also Lions club president, were appointed as a committee to confer on the matter.

Eighteen were present at Tuesday's March meeting. Ora Yarges, of Stuart, Holt county extension president, and Charles Crook, of the soil conservation service, were guests.

Secretary James W. Rooney reported that the Sowers, of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, would visit O'Neill in May.

Frontier for printing!

Brunt of Storm Bypasses City

Fifth Annual
Spring Issue

This week's issue of The Frontier is the fifth annual spring edition. Keynote of the bulk of the advertising is the advent of spring, the Easter season and the new fashions.

In previous years The Frontier's spring number has been on a more ambitious scale with extended coverage. But this year the prospects of a serious paper shortage have obliged the management to restrict the size and coverage. Consequently, this issue is only slightly larger than normal issues.

Despite a cold blast during the past week, there are harbingers of spring at every hand. Several persons have reported sighting early robins. Easter Sunday, March 25, will not again fall as early in the year until sometime in the next century. Most of the spring moves have been completed and truly it can be said that spring is almost here!

VETERAN PAGE BANKER DIES

Oscar L. Reed, 62, Fails to Recover from Major Surgery

PAGE—Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Page on Sunday afternoon, March 11, for Oscar L. Reed, 62, who died at his home Wednesday night, March 7, just four months after submitting to a major operation.

Rev. C. E. Wilcox, church pastor, assisted by Rev. George Francis, had charge of the services and burial was in the Page cemetery, under the direction of Biglin Bros.

A male quartet, Ralph Gray, Vernie Hunter, Marvin and Dale Stauffer, sang "Nearer My God," "Going Down the Valley," and "Face to Face," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ralph Gray. Pallbearers were: Alton Bradlock, Robert Gray, Ralph Larson, Frank Cronk and C. E. Walker.

Despite storm conditions and zero temperatures, the church was filled to near-capacity with persons coming to pay final respects.

Oscar Lewis Reed, second son of the late Pulaski and Elizabeth Reed, was born at Page on April 8, 1888.

He grew to manhood in this community. After attending school here he attended school at Nebraska Wesleyan university and later taught school for five years.

On December 24, 1913, he was married to Bertha Clinton. They began housekeeping at Page, where they have since made their home, with the exception of about a year spent on a homestead near Newcastle, Wyo.

During their early years of marriage they operated a cafe at Page. Later Mr. Reed served for four years as postmaster. For the past 15 years he has held the position as secretary of the Page Cooperative Credit association.

He was a member of the American Legion, having served in World War I for 16 months. He served with the army of occupation at Coblenz, Germany, for several months following the armistice.

He was a member of both the Masonic lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Reed took an active part in civic affairs.

Survivors include: Widow; stepson—Dr. George Clinton, of Los Angeles, Calif.; step-grandson—Dec Clinton, of Los Angeles; brother—Elmer Reed, of Royal; sisters—Mrs. Allen (Susie) Haynes and Mrs. Harry (Maude) Harper, both of Page, and Mrs. C. F. (Nelle) Storm, of Royal.

Among out-of-town relatives attending the Reed services were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson, Mr. Emma Reed, Miss Betty and Stanley Reed, of Cozad; Dr. George Clinton, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Storm, Mr. and Mrs. E. Blackmore, Mrs. Forrest Storm and Elmer Reed, of Royal; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes, Miss Viola Haynes and Gordon Harper, Sandra and Jeanette, all of O'Neill.

Region in Grip of Coldest Blast of Winter

Weather was the big news this week—and folks in the O'Neill region sat, for once, in the spectators' chair.

The brunt of the storm skirted the eastern fringe of the O'Neill region and choked highways with snow.

Old Man Winter applied a strong grip on this sector for exactly a week. By late Wednesday his back appeared to have been broken and the weatherman was forecasting milder, springlike temperatures.

The seige—the worst of the winter—began late Wednesday, March 7, when shirteeve weather suddenly caught cold. Some snow fell that night and Thursday.

Friday Old Man Winter relinquished a little but Saturday he settled down to a day of intermittent snowfall after starting with mist.

The moisture made highways treacherous with the icy coating. High winds and about four inches of snow characterized Sunday's weather. East of the junction of highways 20 and 275, 5 miles east of Inman, the storm piled up heavy snow and clogged both federal highways.

Mainline trains on the Chicago & North Western railroad maintained uninterrupted service although running late both Sunday and Monday.

Eastbound Sioux City buses Sunday started out but turned back at Osmond. Buses to and from Sioux City and Norfolk were not dispatched early Monday.

Traffic piled up late Sunday near Clearwater on highway 275 and near the Orchard cemetery on highway 20.

Motorists traveling from Omaha to O'Neill required eight hours to make the trip during the Sunday storm. Snow in the hills near Randolph and Laurel tied up highway 20 traffic through Monday and part of Tuesday. Fresh blowing refilled the cuts.

The Burlington maintained service on the O'Neill-Ferry branch but the trains were obliged to follow snowplows.

Motorists Sunday proceeded in the O'Neill area with their headlights on.

Visibility Sunday and early Monday was restricted to a maximum of about one thousand feet. Wind velocity those days ranged from 17 to 25 miles per hour.

The storm was mildly reminiscent of the Recurring Blizzards of 1948-'49. Most observers here were willing to label the storm as a "miniature model."

Lowest temperature in O'Neill during the weekend, unofficially, was 4 degrees below zero.

Ten inches of snow fell at Laurel.

About 20 long distance telephone circuits were knocked out of commission through the Bell system's toll center. At no time, however, were any towns in the O'Neill region isolated. Most of the breaks occurred between O'Neill and Norfolk and between O'Neill and Valentine.

Telephone linemen resorted to snowshoes in the Ewing and Clearwater localities. Occasionally, without the shoes, the workmen would sink in to their hips.

Consumers Public Power district, which administers 13 north-Nebraska counties, reported no serious power difficulty. Their lines withstood the pressure of snow, sleet and wind.

John D. Osenbatgh, resident Nebraska highway engineer, reported that all main roads in Holt, Boyd and Rock counties were open continuously.

Highway 14, north of Neligh, was closed Sunday and part of Monday; highway 13, north and south of Creighton, was closed Monday.

Livestock men say the winter has been especially good for livestock and feeding has been relatively easy.

Many farmers, however, are fretting over the dryness. They point out that spring is just around the corner and there is a serious shortage of topsoil moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes drove Mrs. Mararet Reinhardt to Omaha Tuesday.