

Sentences for Trio Increased

Roberts Bros. & Hines Appear in District Court Here

The burglarizing trio of the Roberts Bros. & Hines appeared before Judge D. R. Mounts in Holt county district court Wednesday afternoon, March 28, and drew additional punishment.

The famous threesome already had begun serving sentences in the state penitentiary and men's reformatory for burglaries in Antelope county.

Sentences were pronounced as follows:

Gene W. ("Red") Roberts, 25, of O'Neill, 5 years in the state penitentiary, charged only in connection with the Emmet State bank burglary.

Richard D. ("Slim") Roberts, 22, of O'Neill, 3 years in the men's reformatory, charged in connection with the Emmet State bank, Dankert service station (Chambers) and Marcellus Implement company (O'Neill) burglaries.

Dale L. Hines, 20, of Inman, 3 years in the men's reformatory, charged same as Richard.

Sentences in the case of the younger Roberts and Hines will run concurrently and for all three will run concurrently with the Antelope county sentences.

At Neligh the elder Roberts drew 3 years, the others 2 years each.

"Red" Roberts was not charged with the Dankert and Marcellus jobs because he had his leg in a cast as the result of a roller-skating accident.

The three were captured at Clearwater early February 24 and later confessed a series of burglaries in north-central and northeast Nebraska.

The courtroom was filled to near-capacity for the trial. County Sheriff Leo Tomjack escorted each prisoner into the courtroom to be tried alone.

A guard from the penitentiary and a guard from the reformatory brought the prisoners to O'Neill. They were lodged in the county jail until 2 o'clock—time for the hearing—and were to have been kept overnight, returning to Lincoln early today (Thursday).

Meanwhile, the Frontier learned that "Red" Roberts and Hines appear to be in for further trouble.

They submitted to a lie-detector test in Lincoln last weekend and during the test confessed they had also broken into and robbed the Kuehn tavern in Stanton on November 5.

This may have been their first wrongdoing.

Total loot in merchandise, checks and cash was about two thousand dollars. The Frontier learned, none of which was recovered.

Stanton county officers indicate they are interested in the elder Roberts and Hines and may bring charges.

Neither implicated Richard D. ("Slim") Roberts. Hines attended high school at Stanton in 1947.

O'Neill Men Get Reserve Orders

Several reservists this week have received orders to report for active duty with the armed forces.

Lt. C. R. ("Bob") Hill, Holt county soil conservationist, has been ordered to report at Ft. Warren, Wyo., on April 2. Lieutenant Hill, who has been at O'Neill nearly three years, was an air force navigator with heavy bombers during World War II, having been stationed in England. He is married and has three children.

Robert ("Bob") Eby has received notice to report to the naval station in San Francisco, Calif., on April 9. He has been in the active reserves, served during World War II.

Dr. Jack Vincent, who has a practice in Ft. Dodge, Ia., and his brother, Dr. Keith Vincent, who is interning at City hospital in St. Louis, Mo., have received their orders to report for active duty.

Doctor Jack is to report the first of April and Doctor Keith is to report after his internship has been completed, which will be about July.

They are the sons of Mrs. Amelia Vincent and the late J. E. Vincent.

Runover by Machine, Man Is Uninjured

Ray Fernholz, about 35, escaped without serious injury early Wednesday in an unusual accident on the Frank Peters place, 17 miles southwest of O'Neill.

Fernholz, who was pitching hay off the rear of the underslung, slipped and fell. Two of the wheels ran over his legs.

The soft ground was credited with preventing a serious injury. Fernholz was taken to O'Neill for medical attention in Biglin Bros. ambulance.

U OF N AWARD TO THE FRONTIER

Wins Recognition for 'Pioneering Radio' in Weekly Field

The Frontier was recipient of one of two journalism awards issued during the past year by University of Nebraska school of journalism.

The Frontier's award was based on "pioneering radio as a supplement to a weekly newspaper's news and advertising services".

Since this newspaper inaugurated its thrice-weekly scheduled radio program in December, 1948, 18 Nebraska weekly newspapers have adopted a similar practice in cooperation with various radio stations.

The "Voice of The Frontier" went on the air with scheduled broadcasts on December 5, 1948, by means of direct wire with radio station WJAG at Norfolk (780 kc., 9:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays.)

Dr. William Swindler, head of the Nebraska university journalism department, made the presentation to Carroll W. ("Cal") Stewart, editor and publisher of The Frontier, at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association Friday at Lincoln.

Ten other Nebraska newspapers and two out-of-state newspapers have received Nebraska university awards in previous years.

Receiving the other Nebraska "U" award at Friday's convention was the Nebraska City News-Press, a daily paper, for "pre-eminence in editorial writing".

R. F. Kennedy, publisher of the Columbus Daily Telegram, is the new president of the Nebraska Press association, succeeding Fred R. Zimmer, of Hartington, publisher of the Cedar County News.

New members of the board of directors are: Reed O'Hanlon, jr., editor-publisher of the Blair Pilot-Tribune; W. E. Buechler, of Ogallala, publisher of Keith County News; and J. E. Haug, editor-publisher of the Meadow Grove News.

Stewart was reelected to the board.

The Atkinson Graphic was given an Ak-Sar-Ben award for "community service". Ralph J. Kelly, editor-publisher, received the plaque.

Among weekly newspapers in Nebraska now using the radio supplement are: Neligh News, Dakota County Star (South Sioux City), Blair Pilot - Tribune, Central City Nonpareil, Stanton Reg.

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1951 ARC Drive Begins with Gusto

Holt county's 1951 American Red Cross membership and fund-raising campaign got underway in earnest Monday morning—slightly behind the national schedule but with full enthusiasm and gusto.

Holt countyans traditionally go over the top with their response to the ARC's needs.

Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan, of O'Neill, drive chairman, said that early contributions were "especially gratifying" and that she is confident the 1951 campaign will be a success.

Holt's quota this year is \$2,035—slightly higher than a year ago.

Mrs. Sullivan explains that some of the enormous tasks facing the ARC this year are: Providing for instant use tremendous amounts of blood plasma; training some 20 million persons in first aid; instructing 100 thousand women and girls to serve as nurse's aides; teaching many more thousands home nursing skills; recruiting more than a half-million additional volunteers to aid local defense units and to serve in expanding military installations.

"Only your support can make these vital activities possible," Mrs. Sullivan said.

Each community in Holt county has a community chairman and every citizen is urgently asked to give to the Red Cross this year.

EXPECTS SEPARATION

M/Sgt. John C. Watson, who reached Japan a fortnight ago after having been recalled to active military duty as a reservist, expects to return to the United States immediately and be separated. Sergeant Watson is a veteran of World War II fighting in Europe.

Family Dinner at Hugh Rays—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray entertained their children and their families at a dinner Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Rhodes and Vivian, of Cody, and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray and Mary.

Mrs. A. R. Wyant and grandson, Larry Wayne Bourne, went to Columbus Monday afternoon.

DELEGATION SEES 108 IMPROVEMENT

9-Mile Link Might Be Finished This Fall, Governor Says

Grading, graveling and construction of a 60-foot bridge on a 9-mile stretch of State Highway 108 was tentatively promised a delegation of Holt and Wheeler county representatives in conference Friday with Gov. Val Peterson and State Highway Engineer Fred Kleitsch at the statehouse in Lincoln.

Five miles of the proposed improvement would be done in Holt county.

The Holt - Wheeler delegation made the junket in behalf of the north-south road that would link 108 with State Highway 53.

Holt and Wheeler will have to help finance the improvement in order to get the state to let the contracts.

Holt county's board of supervisors in session Tuesday approved the idea and Wheeler county officials have yet to act. Wheeler's share may be raised by subscription instead of drawing on the county's road funds.

Making up the delegation were seven Holt countyans: Holt Supervisor Chairman Frank Cronk, of Page; Lyle Dierks, R. G. Rockey, John D. Walker, Joseph Kniewel, Gail Boyes and M. B. Huffman, all of Ewing.

Peterson and Kleitsch told the delegation, following a 90-minute conference, that if Holt and Wheeler fulfilled their part of the bargain, contracts would be let this fall.

Improvement would begin at a point 7 miles south of Ewing and extend for 9 miles previously not regarded as a highway. Except for a correction line, the road is straight.

The improvement will serve the Deloit community. Five miles of the stretch is in Holt county.

Peterson promised the improvement would be made during his term of office.

Three of the Wheeler delegation included county commissioners—W. A. Summers, F. C. Kruntorad and E. H. Hoefener—and the county attorney, Arthur O. Auserod, who arranged the conference.

Children Choked by Smoke—O'Neill firemen were called early Saturday to a fire in the Bud Schneider apartment near the corner of Fifth and Adams streets. The Schneiders, who were not home at the time, suffered a complete loss of their furniture and the inside of the apartment was gutted by the flames.

The Charles Yarnall family, living in the other part of the duplex, was smoked out by the fire. Their four children discovered the fire by waking up choking from the smoke.

The Yarnalls removed all of the children, preventing what could have been a real catastrophe.

It is not known whether insurance covered the loss or not.

The Schneiders were preparing to move to Ewing.

The house is one of O'Neill's oldest dwellings. It is owned by Mrs. J. J. Frenking, of Omaha, and Mrs. John Melvin.

Orders Rescinded for 6 Selectees

Six Holt county selective service registrants were notified Wednesday that their names have been removed from the list of those scheduled to report for induction on Wednesday, April 4.

Originally 11 men were on the order, but a reduction in the Nebraska quota enabled the Holt officials to rescind orders on six.

The five who will report as scheduled are: Jerome Gallagher, of O'Neill; Elwin E. Haynes, of Page; Kenneth Ziska, of Stuart; William R. Vanderbeek, of Stuart; Paul Johnson, of Amelia.

Those whose names have been withdrawn but probably will be included in the next draft quota are: Norman E. Wayman, of O'Neill; Gerald Thompson, of Atkinson; Raymond E. Hamik, of Stuart; Edwin W. Wabs, of Spencer; Frank J. Murphy, of Stuart, and William J. Murphy, of O'Neill.

By April 4 Holt county will have furnished 55 men to the selective service since last fall.

LIFELONG HOLT WOMAN EXPIRES

Mrs. Margaret Dobrovoly Buried Wednesday in Atkinson

ATKINSON—A lifelong Holt county woman, Mrs. Margaret Dobrovoly, 69, was buried Wednesday, March 28, in St. Joseph's cemetery here following funeral rites in St. Joseph's Catholic church.

Mrs. Dobrovoly died Monday, March 26, at the Stuart Community hospital following a week's illness.

Rev. A. A. Lehman officiated. Pallbearers at the 10 a.m. rite were H. E. Miller, John Vinzenz, J. J. Carroll, William Morgan, C. M. Gonderinger and Alex Cleary.

The late Margaret Hoffman, daughter of John and Mary Fisher Hoffman, was born at Stuart on May 10, 1881. In 1899 she married Henry Shald. They became the parents of 11 children.

Following Mr. Shald's death she married Thomas Dobrovoly, who also preceded her in death.

The late Mrs. Dobrovoly had been residing in Atkinson during late years.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Ralph (Dorothy) Leonard, of Grass Creek, Wyo.; Mrs. Lawrence (Agnes) Murphy, of Alliance; Mrs. Leonard (Evelyn) Jungman, of Atkinson; Mrs. John (Mary) Baum, of Rockville; sons—Henry Shald, of Lander, Wyo.; Ferdinand Shald, of Gordon; Ralph Shald, of Stuart; step-sons—Bruce and John Shald, both of Stuart; step-daughters—Mrs. J. Brown, of Bassett, and Mrs. Herman (Lucy) Batenhorst, of Casper, Wyo.; brothers—John Hoffman, of Stuart; James and Thomas Hoffman, of Nebraska City; George Hoffman, of Martin, S. D.

Two daughters, Sister M. (Margaret) Edgar and Mrs. Jerome (Nora) Krueger, and two sons, Gary Shald and Paul Shald, preceded her in death.

All of the sons and daughters were present at the funeral.

Gordon Woman, 75, Dies Following Crash



The eastbound car in which Mrs. Minnie Lefler, 75, of Gordon, was fatally injured Monday night was totally demolished. The driver, Walter Lefler, 59, was critically injured. Another occupant, Miss Ruth Lefler, 49, escaped unhurt. (Story at right.) Staff Photo.

Coroner's Inquest Will Be Held Here Today

A 75-year-old Gordon woman, Mrs. Minnie Lefler, died in an ambulance late Monday following an automobile crash 3½ miles west of Emmet on U.S. Highway 20.

She became the first highway fatality in Holt county in 1951. Last previous fatal highway accident occurred on May 30, 1950.

The aged Lefler woman was a front seat occupant in a 1949 five-passenger car driven by Walter Lefler, 59, also of Gordon, a nephew of the deceased. Another occupant, Miss Ruth Lefler, 49, also of Gordon, a sister of the driver and a niece of the woman who was fatally hurt, escaped from the wreckage with minor cuts and bruises and suffered only from shock.

The eastbound Lefler machine plunged into the rear of a parked truck, according to Patrolman Frank Dineen, of O'Neill, who investigated. The truck, owned by Ross Transfer, of Omaha, was driven by Harry Green, 31, of Valentine.

The truck had stopped, Dineen said, to aid a Buckingham Transfer truck which had developed mechanical trouble.

Details of the accident will be brought out at a coroner's inquest scheduled at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse. An earlier inquest was scheduled late Tuesday but could not be conducted because key witnesses were lacking.

The truck that figured in the accident was a White tractor.

The accident occurred about 9:30 p.m. L. F. Burgess, Emmet farmer, summoned the Seger ambulance from Atkinson and notified the state state patrol. Burgess had been helping the Buckingham trucker repair a damaged fan.

When the ambulance arrived all three occupants had been removed from the wreckage. The injured two were on seat cushions beside the wreckage.

Impact of the passenger car against the parked truck caused the car to bounce back about 20 feet and off the side of the road. The machine was badly demolished.

Mrs. Lefler, who died before the ambulance reached O'Neill, is reported to have suffered a skull fracture, lacerations around the head, a broken arm, a broken leg and a crushed chest.

Walter Lefler suffered a punctured lung. His condition until early Wednesday was listed as "fair" at O'Neill hospital. His breathing was being aided artificially. Wednesday attendants said he had shown "improvement."

The three Leflers were enroute to Omaha where the aged woman had an appointment with an eye specialist for an operation.

The deceased woman's husband died several years ago. She had no children. Survivors include several nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law. The body was taken to Seger mortuary at Atkinson and was to have been forwarded from Atkinson to Gordon early today (Thursday).

John G. Bauer, 75, of Ewing, died in a Norfolk hospital following a Memorial day accident last year—the last fatal accident prior to the Lefler death.

The driver of the truck was not held by Holt authorities.

County Attorney William W. Griffin said there appears to be some controversy over the placement of flares around the truck.

Members of the coroner's jury impeached Tuesday were Henry Schacht, Pete Laursen, Charles Richter, James Mullen, John Grutsch and Frank Froelich. The jury was taken to Atkinson to view the body.

AMANDA GREEN, 86, Burial in Atkinson

ATKINSON—Mrs. Amanda Green, 86, who had been a resident of the Amelia and Atkinson communities for many years, died at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Chambers, at Meadow Grove.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 26, at the Seger funeral chapel and burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery. Rev. Asa Wood officiated.

Mrs. Green went to Meadow Grove last fall to reside with her daughter.

Withdraws from School Board Race

There were several important developments during the week relating to the Tuesday, April 3, municipal election in O'Neill.

A petition in behalf of Larry Johnson, power company employee, was filed with City Clerk O. D. French at 10 p.m. on Friday, March 23—two hours before the deadline. The petition would have placed Johnson's name on the ballot as a candidate for the O'Neill board of education.

By Tuesday, Johnson in writing had asked to withdraw from the race. Lohaas is the only candidate for filling of a two-year vacancy on the board.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of George Shoemaker, who has moved from the district.

A development was taking shape Wednesday when Lowell Culver was being boosted for the board as a write-in candidate.

F. N. Cronin and Ira H. Moss, incumbent board of education members, are unopposed for reelection for three-year terms.

M. J. ("Max") Golden and A. E. ("Archie") Bowen are first ward candidates for the city council post. The incumbent, A. W. Carroll, declined to be a candidate for reelection.

There is no race in the Second ward where Marvin Johnson is the only candidate. J. L. McCarville, sr., incumbent, is not seeking reelection.

In the Third ward the incumbent, Norbert Uhl, will be opposed by W. B. Gillespie. Gillespie's petition was filed late Wednesday, March 21, after last week's issue of The Frontier had gone to press.



13 CONFIRMED . . . Thirteen young people confirmed Easter Sunday, March 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Chambers. Left-to-right, back row—Larry Lieswald, Kenneth Harley, Edward Pavel, Rev. C. D. Ankney,

Clifford Walter, Ronald Haake, Roger Harley; front row—Lawrence Henderson, Sylvia Loseke, Gloria Jean Pavel, Dorothy Haake, Marilyn Walter, Vivian Harley and Robert Loseke.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Liquor by Drink to Be Tested

EWING—Voters here next Tuesday will have an opportunity to vote "for" or "against" liquor by the drink.

Ewing now has package liquor on sale.

Candidates for the Ewing board of education are: J. L. Pruden, R. G. Rockey, Lionel Gunter and Edgar Jensen.

Pruden is an incumbent and William Spence, another incumbent, is not a candidate for reelection. Two positions on the school board will be filled.

Village board candidates include W. E. Davis, J. D. Walker, Julien Sojka, Richard Shain, R. G. Rockey and Jack Brenneman.

Davis and Walker are incumbents. Davis, Walker, Sojka and Shain will compete for two 2-year terms and Rockey and Brenneman will compete for a 1-year term to fill a vacancy.

Board Chairman Wants to Quit

PAGE—E. J. Bild, 75-year-old chairman of the Page village board, expects this year's municipal election to be a quiet affair, but he sincerely hopes he is defeated and he can quit.

"Let these younger fellows run the town," Mr. Bild says.

Town board candidates are Bild, Gerald Lamason, Antone Nissen, Harry Harper and Otto Terrill.

Two will be elected for 2-year terms. Bild, Lamason and Nissen are incumbents.

Family Leaves for Africa Interior

ATKINSON—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green and their four children, Eldon, David, Roger and Patricia Ruth, sailed from New York City Thursday, March 22, for Leopoldville, Africa.

Mrs. Green is well-known in this community, having graduated from Atkinson high school. She is the former Hallie Houts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Houts, of Atkinson.

The Greens are being sent as missionaries to Africa by the Berean missions. They expect to be gone 5 years.

The place at which they will serve is several days' journey into the interior. They will travel part of the way by car and the remainder by boat.

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit association was held Wednesday at the American Legion auditorium. Robert L. Cheshire, treasurer of the Omaha Production Credit corporation, was principal speaker.