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"The Voice of the Beef Empire"

O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, June 25, 1959

Seven Cents



Trophies and smiling and pensive faces were evident before the final rounds of the O'Neill Dad's Day annual tournament were ended. Fox, of Albion, the champion is shown in the inset. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kersenbrock are shown looking the trophies and score tallies over. The smiling gentleman between the Kersenbrocks is Harold Connors of Greely. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

## Albion Man Wins Golf Tourney

Bill Fox, veteran golfer of Albion, is the new champion of the annual Dad's Day open golf tournament in O'Neill.

He defeated Howard Story of Plainview Monday afternoon. Tournament officials reported an excellent turn-out as 104 golfers registered for the 38-year old event.

Of the seven flight winners, only two were from O'Neill. Don Bunker in the third and Dick Nelson in the fourth. Several second places and consolation trophies, however, stayed home.

In first flight competition, Gale Whitney of Ainsworth defeated Henry Fowler of Enid, Okla. for top honors.

Mike Burney of Neligh defeated Gordon Drayton of Orchard for second flight honors.

Don Bunker of O'Neill defeated Vern Reynolds in the finals of the third flight.

Leon McCoy of Neligh was defeated by Richard Nelson of O'Neill in the fourth flight finals.

In the fifth flight finals, Les Gillespie of Neligh defeated Fred Appleby of O'Neill.

Bert Brennan of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., defeated Gary Gillespie of O'Neill in the sixth flight finals.

The complete results of the tournament are on the inside pages.

## Lynch Methodist Membership Is Up

LYNCH—The Methodist church membership here has shown an outstanding growth during the past year. In January, 1958, the little church had a membership of 56. On June first the records show 90 members, an increase of 34 new members. This is believed to be the highest percentage gain in any Methodist church in the state.

Twenty-eight members were received through confession of faith and six by transfer.

Rev. Lester Spragg of Bassett has been the pastor the past year and has been reappointed recently for the coming year.

## BOY SCOUT PICNIC

Family members of O'Neill Cub Scouts were guests at a family picnic pack meeting at Scout 40 Tuesday evening.

Thanks to the city who mowed, and Fred Heerman who sprayed the Scout acreage, the Safari theme planned by the boys to entertain their families, was successful.

Pot-luck supper was served with wieners and buns provided by the local VFW.

Fourteen boys received Scout awards.

## Record Attendance at 3-Day O'Neill Rodeo; Butte Cowboy Is Tops

A record attendance was established here by rodeo-goers as approximately 6,000 persons came to O'Neill's three-day rodeo.

Jack Reiman, a young cowboy from Butte, is now the proud holder of the silver all-around cowboy award. He also received the silver buckle for the Brahma bull riding competition and won both the first and second go-around for total purse money of \$137.

Other silver buckle winners and their purses included Veldon Morgan of Gordon who won in three sections of the saddle bronc riding and total purse money of \$110.50; Art Noble of Cody bareback bronc riding, \$80.80; Don Mattern of Chambers, calf roping, \$128.80; Bud Johnston of Dunning and Stan Barent of Seneca who split honors for first in bull dogging, \$164 each; Sharon Harms of Valentine, ladies barrel race, \$65.25.

Other purse winners who did not receive buckles were Orville Gallino, \$80.80, Howard Parker, \$34, and Rollie Glouse, Dunning, \$128.80.

## Benze Funeral Held In O'Neill Thursday

Funeral services were conducted today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill for Henry F. (Shorty) Benze, 69, who lived south of O'Neill. Father Kucera will officiate. Rosary will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 at Bielig's Chapel.

He died suddenly of a heart attack Monday evening on his ranch. He was one of the real full-time cowboys left in the country. He was also a veteran of World War I, in the infantry in France-Germany and fought against own countrymen because he did not become a citizen until 1918.

Survivors include his widow, Pauline; 3 daughters, Mary Helen, 17, Carmen Florence, 14, Nancy Jeanne, 8, one son, Patrick Henry, 12, all at home and two half sisters in Germany.

Funeral services were held at Bielig's Chapel, 1215 N. 1st St., O'Neill, Mo., at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday.

AMELIA—Neil D. Stoecker, machinist's mate fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Stoecker of Amelia, took part in Operation "Granite Creek", May 25 to June 1, while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger in the Western Pacific.

## O'Neill Man Charged With Statutory Rape

Ralph Ferris, a 31-year old O'Neill man, was extradited to South Dakota after being charged at Lake Andes with statutory rape according to Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack.

He was returned there Tuesday afternoon by South Dakota officers who appeared with extradition papers signed by Governor Ralph Brooks.

Ferris is married and has a family.

## Well Known Musician Dies in Bassett; Plan Memorial Concert

Chester C. "Chet" Stockwell, lifelong resident of Rock County, died early Tuesday morning at the Bassett hospital.

He was stricken Monday evening while conducting rehearsal for the Bassett city band and never regained consciousness. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Bassett funeral home.

Chet was widely known throughout the area for his interest in music and his interest in the youth of the area who made up the bands.

He had directed the Bassett city band for 56 years—starting at the age of 16. He would have been 72 years of age next week.

A memorial concert will be played next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m., at the bandshell. Musicians from the area who have sat under his baton are invited to participate. A rehearsal will be held Monday evening at the grade school in Bassett. The concert will be played without a director, it was announced.

Chet retired this year after having served 40 years as county clerk of Rock County. He was the dean of clerks in Nebraska at his retirement.

He also had taken an active part in road promotion. At the time of his death he was a director of Highway 183 association.

## Naper 18-Year Old In Custody Pending Investigation of Death

BUTTE—Boyd county sheriff Claude Collins is holding an 18-year old Naper youth in the county jail pending an investigation in the death of Frank Vanderlinde, 21, of Naper.

Vanderlinde died, according to informed sources, as a result of injuries suffered when a steel drill bit, which was in a brace, entered Vanderlinde's head above the ear and went through his head.

County attorney W. P. Wells ordered an autopsy and an inquest was started at 4 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday). The inquest was adjourned at 8 p.m. last night and was scheduled to begin again this morning (Thursday).

Wells would not comment further on the case pending completion of the inquest.

## HOLT COUNTY EXHIBIT

Holt County School Exhibit will hold Open House, June 27 and 28, 2 to 5 p.m. You are invited to come and see the art work done by the children of Holt County. This is one of the best exhibits on display for years with 88 more superior ratings and 203 more excellent ratings than last year.

## Telephone Taxes Up 4 Times Since 1941—Manager Petersen

A check for \$5,287.44 is being delivered to the Co. Treasurer for the second half of the 1958 personal property taxes, according to Harry Petersen, manager of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company here. The total 1958 telephone property tax payment in this County is \$10,574.88.

Petersen pointed out that total telephone taxes in Nebraska in 1958 averaged \$3.12 per month per telephone. This is an increase, from taxes alone, of \$2.34 per month per telephone, compared with the total tax of only 78c per month per telephone in 1941. The present total tax of \$3.12 per month per telephone is four times the 78c in 1941.

## Grant Is Announced By McDonald Firm

J. M. McDonald Jr., president of the J. M. McDonald Foundation, Inc., and head of the store chain announced that a grant in the vicinity of \$150,000 has been made to Hastings college toward construction of a classroom administration building.

The foundation was established in 1952 by the late James M. McDonald of Corland, N.Y. The capital funds were gifts principally made by him during his lifetime and the bequest of a portion of his estate. He had for many years been active in charitable work.

# Ex-Stuart School Superintendent Sentenced for 1958 Embezzlement



Russell Person, assistant county agent, measures 16 inch corn north of O'Neill. The irrigated corn is doing well and is about average for this time of year. The non-irrigated corn is below average according to the agent's office. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

## Mounts Declares Judgement From One to Two Years

Keith A. Doss, 33, former superintendent of the Stuart public school was sentenced from one to two years in the state penitentiary in Lincoln by District Judge D. E. Mounts Wednesday afternoon.

Doss entered a guilty plea to charges of embezzling \$570 from the school activities fund and noon lunch fund.

County Attorney William W. Griffin filed the criminal charges in October.

Doss had admitted guilt on the charges in a preliminary hearing in county court and was bound over to district court. He had posted a seven hundred dollar appearance bond.

Doss has served as high school principal at Shelton and was signed by the Stuart board of education to head the school when Superintendent Warren Peterson resigned.

Doss was superintendent of the school from September, 1957 to June, 1958. Several months ago Doss walked into the office of Holt county sheriff Leo Tomjack and volunteered to be confined "for a rest."

A board of education member estimated, at the time Doss confessed, that the superintendent could have handled in excess of ten-thousand dollars in cash during a single school year. When Doss became superintendent, the activity fund had a balance of 900 dollars. When not re-elected to the 1958-1959 school year, Doss left Stuart to be hospitalized for a time at Norfolk. He then went to Hastings.

When full accountings were not being made by Doss of the activities (basketball, football, plays, etc.) receipts and the lunch money, members of the board of education began an investigation.

Doss is married and has two children.

## TO PUBLISH EARLY

The Frontier will go to press early this coming week because of the Fourth of July holidays. All advertisers and correspondents are asked to send their copy in as early as possible.

## Ken Curren Heads O'Neill Lions Club

O'Neill Lions roared their approval of eight local club members in elections held at a noon meeting Wednesday.

Kenneth Curren, manager of the local Kansas-Nebraska gas company, was named president to succeed Howard Manson. Other officers elected were: Tom Cramer, 1st vice president; Dale Williams, 2nd vice president; Joe Stutz, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Patton, director; Joe Ollendick, director; Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, tail twister; and Robert Pappenhimer, lion tamer.

Stutz resigned following elections stating that he didn't think he would have the time needed to devote to such an office since his election to president of the Chamber of Commerce.

In other business, the club turned the parade held in conjunction with the rodeo a success and thanked all those who helped and participated.

Jim Champion, co-publisher of The Frontier, proposed that the Lions Club and The Frontier sponsor a Kids Fish Day to be held sometime in August. The club approved the proposal, but no definite plans have been made as yet.

Accepted at Northwestern—Dean Towle, a graduate in the June graduating class of the four-year medical school at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, has been accepted in Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill. to complete work toward his Doctor of Medicine degree.

# Special Election Called To Redistrict School

## Valerie Weighs In A 'Hefty' Two Pounds

ATKINSON—Little Valerie Joan Reis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Reis jr., didn't set a record at the hospital here, but she did cause some excitement.

She weighed 2 pounds, 10 ounces when she was born Saturday. She is doing fine according to the Sisters. The record smallest delivery is still held by Mrs. Harold Newbanks of Stuart. Their child weighed one pound, eight ounces.

## Skillet Sisters Win Rodeo Float Contest

Imagination and art were combined last week to produce winning floats for the annual rodeo parade Friday evening. Skillet Sisters club, headed by Mrs. Wally O'Connell, took the first place award of \$100. Happy Helpers 4-H club led by Mrs. Clay Johnson jr. and Antelope Saddle Club of Neligh were awarded 2nd and 3rd prizes of \$75 and \$25 respectively.

Prize money was donated by the O'Neill Lions club. Three judges, members of the Clearwater Lions club, chose five floats for honorable mention including: Eagle Belles Extension Club, Club Scouts, Willing Workers 4-H Club, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol.

Commercial floats were not eligible for prize money but many businesses participated. See photos below.

## Citizenship Papers

Final citizenship papers were received by three Ainsworth persons Tuesday morning by District Judge D. R. Mounts.

Those who were sworn in were Maria Magill, 36, and Olga and John Possyka, the 12-year old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Wassy Possyka, all of Ainsworth.

## HUBBARD FUNERAL

Those from a distance for the A. B. Hubbard funeral at Chambers Thursday were: L. E. Allen Porter of Perrin Air Base, Tex., Mr. E. E. Hubbard of Gillette, Wyo.; Ralph Parker and son of Panama City, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Porter of Columbus.

## 'HAM' CONVENTION

Willard Solfermoser is attending the annual convention of the Amateur Radio Relay League this week in Galveston, Tex. The convention is the annual meeting of owners and operators of "ham" radios.

## Elements Get Tough; Crops in Holt Area Suffer, but Average

Holt and surrounding county crops are being kicked around by the elements according to a crop report by the office of the Holt County agent.

Between heat and lack of rainfall in the immediate area, and severe hail to the south, the prairie took a beating last week.

Russell Person, assistant county agent, said the hay crop looks good in those areas that are irrigated but looked "fair to poor" where not irrigated. He said conditions looked the poorest north of the Elkhorn river.

Greenbug damage is taking a toll of the oats. Serial blight has set in some areas as a result of the insects.

Most corn at this time ranges from four to 16 inches in height and is average for this time of year, Person said.

The agent's office reported a below average stand of bluegrass—a frost in early May took some of it.

Clearwater and Orchard received heavy rain, and high winds early this week and in isolated areas, rye and oats fields were badly damaged. On the St. Berry farm, knee high corn was left with only stumps. Other farms with heavy losses were those of Dwight Morrison, Sylvia Ziegenbein and Crandall Hopkins.

A severe hailstorm battered crops in the Orchard and Royal areas Sunday evening.

Near total losses of corn were reported by several farmers. Hail 12 inches deep was measured at the Hopkins farm. He estimated a loss of 200 acres.

Gardens and trees also suffered heavy damage. An observer said peas in the Orchard area gardens were actually shelled from their pods by the hailstones.

## CHARTER NIGHT AT ELGIN

A newly organized Lions Club at Elgin was honored Monday evening by Lions members from Clearwater, Norfolk, Neligh and O'Neill. A banquet preceded the program at which a state charter was granted the group.

Polka Tots, local instrumental group, furnished music for the program.

Attending from O'Neill were: Mr. and Mrs. K. L. VanVoorhis, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ollendick.

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