

# Honorary Degree to Church Leader Here

## Stuart Pioneer Dies in Sleep

### William A. Friend Lived Alone

STUART—William A. Friend, 88, a pioneer of the Stuart community, was found dead in bed at his home. Neighbors theorized he died in his sleep late Tuesday or early Wednesday. He was best-known in western Holt county as "Billy" Friend. He never married.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, May 25, at the Community church in Stuart. Rev. D. D. Su will officiate. Coats of funeral home will be in charge of burial in Wood Lawn cemetery in Atkinson near the graves of the deceased's parents.

Pallbearers will be Russell Hipke, James Deming, Mahlon Shearer, Fred Zink, C. E. McClurg and Charles Mulford.

The late Mr. Friend was born November 7, 1867, at Latorien, Ind., a son of Jesse and Susan Friend. He came to Holt county in the fall of 1890. He was regarded as one of the early settlers in the community south of Dustin.

He was the last remaining member of the Friend family. Two brothers are buried in the Cleveland cemetery here. His mother's name was Susan Triene and his parents were homesteaders.

Mr. Friend farmed until about 20 years ago when he moved into Stuart. He spent last winter at the rest home and had some sickness. But he had not been ill recently, neighbors said.

Survivors include: Sister-in-law—Mrs. Harrison (Anna) Friend of Butte; niece—Mrs. Lyle Eppenbach of O'Neill.

## John Wunner, 72, Dies at Norfolk

EWING—John Wunner, 72, died Wednesday, May 23, in a Norfolk hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 25, at the Methodist church in Ewing at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Wunner had lived in Ewing since 1913.

Burial will be at Stanton.

Survivors include Widow; sons—Roger of Dodge Grove, Ill., and Russell of Minneapolis, Minn.

## Spencer Again in State Tournament

SPENCER—Coach Gene Phillips' Spencer High Pirates, who ran wild against eight-man competition last fall, captured three basketball titles and gained the semifinals of the state class C game tournament, departed Wednesday for Lincoln. This time they will be competing in class B of the state basketball tournament.

Until Wednesday noon Coach Phillips did not know what team would furnish the opposition.

During this spring's diamond play, the Pirates lost the opener to Center 9-3, following a 3-1 victory over Wausa, 17-5 win over Orchard and other wins over Napier, Butte and Lynch.

In the Center fray, three regulars were out of the lineup.

Frank Soukup will do the hurling in the Spencer game today (Thursday) and Gary Schmidt will be backstop.

By coincidence the Pirates knocked off the Wausa Vikings in the class C basketball playoff game at O'Neill and upended the Swedes in district baseball competition.

## May 30 Opening for Swimming Pool

The Municipal swimming pool will open for the season on Wednesday, May 30 (memorial day), according to an announcement issued this week by the park board comprised of A. P. Jaszak, John C. Watson and Raymond Eby.

Pool manager again will be Don Templemeyer.

An irrigation system is being installed in Ford's park to improve recreation facilities.

Free swimming lessons will be made available again this season and prospective students will have an opportunity to register for these lessons on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17.

## Former Resident Making Visit

Mrs. Florence Felts of Providence, R.I., who was born and reared at O'Neill and graduated from O'Neill high school in 1929, is spending the week visiting relatives and friends at O'Neill, Atkinson and vicinity. Her maiden name was Florence Roseler. She was met in Omaha by her sister, Mrs. Harold Shaw of the JO Bar ranch.

The visit is Mrs. Felts' first return trip in 17 years. She will depart for her home on Sunday.

Mrs. Felts avidly reads The Frontier each week and maintains a file on matters of historical interest with a view toward writing a pioneer story of the Roseler and Mohr families.

**80 ENROLLED**  
EWING—Eighty boys and girls are enrolled in the daily vacation Bible school at United Presbyterian church. Dr. William H. Ross conducts the morning devotion; Rev. Lee Bridgen, afternoon.

Rev. J. LaVerne Jay, 60, superintendent of the northeast Nebraska district of the Methodist church with headquarters at O'Neill, on Tuesday, June 5, will receive an honorary degree from Nebraska Wesleyan university at Lincoln. The university will confer honorary degrees to four others as a highlight of the 67th annual commencement.



Reverend Jay . . . to receive honorary doctor's degree.

Other recipients are: Clarence A. Davis of Washington, D.C., acting secretary of the department of the interior in the Eisenhower cabinet, Guy E. Reed, distinguished Nebraskan who is now a civic leader in Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Laurence R. Davis, Lincoln district superintendent for the Methodist church, and Rev. Mangal Singh of Delhi, India, a visiting scholar in the United States.

Reverend Jay is a native of Hayes Center and a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan, class of 1922. He has held pastorates at Wood River, Sargent, Tekamah and Auburn. He will be awarded the doctor of divinity degree.

Reverend Jay came to O'Neill in 1951 to establish a new headquarters in a revamp of the state's districts. The O'Neill office administers 12 counties, extending from Dakota county (on the Missouri river) west to Cherry county and including the top two tiers of counties in the state.

During his administration the membership has increased 25 percent, world service and benevolent contributions have been doubled and pastoral salaries have been upped 40 percent.

Currently the district counts nine thousand Methodists in 55 churches. There are 35 pastors under Reverend Jay's supervision.

He is a member of the American Legion, having served in the navy during World War I in a radio detachment.

He and his wife, Sylvia, live in the Methodist - owned residence formerly known as the P. J. McManus residence, corner of Fifth and Everett streets.

**A new combination dwelling-administration headquarters for the district is under construction on North Seventh street.**

Estimated cost of the new building is 20-thousand-dollars. After he is conferred the divinity degree, Reverend Jay's title will become Doctor Jay.

## The Frontier Will Publish Day Early

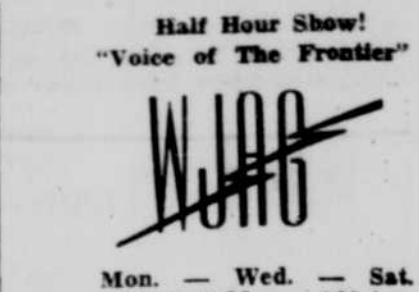
The publishers of The Frontier request advertisers, correspondents and news contributors to step up their copy schedule by at least one day in order that next week's issue can be printed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

The Frontier staffers ask the public's cooperation in order that they might observe memorial day next Wednesday.



"Miss O'Neill of '56"

Miss Janice Holclaw (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holclaw, has been selected as "Miss O'Neill of 1956" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and she will compete for "Miss Nebraska" honors in statewide competition. Miss Holclaw, a 1955 graduate of O'Neill high school who until recently was employed by The Frontier, presently is employed by Consumers Public Power district. Miss Frances LaVonne Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, is among 11 competing for the "Miss Omaha" title. Miss Miller previously had won "Miss O'Neill" honors.



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## First Mass Monday for New Priest

### Jerald Joseph Judge Will Be Ordained Saturday in Missouri

ATKINSON—Jerald Joseph Judge, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Judge, who reside between Emmet and Atkinson, will be ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood Saturday, May 26, at Conception, Mo.

Father Judge will say his first mass at 10 a.m., Monday, May 28, in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson.

He was born at Walthill on January 12, 1930, and attended grade school at Winnebago, and moved with his parents to the Atkinson community in 1940.

He attended school for a time in district 76—the "home school"—and took his high school training at St. Joseph's hall, where he played basketball four years.



Jerald Joseph Judge . . . to become priest.

One summer he managed the American Legion junior baseball team here.

Upon graduation from high school in 1947, he entered the seminary at Conception and spent one year at St. Paul, Minn., in a Benedictine order.

The parents, his brothers and sisters will leave Friday morning for Conception for the ordination.

Mrs. H. L. James is Father Judge's grandmother.

Brothers and sisters coming from a distance for the ordination and first mass are: M/Sgt. and Mrs. John R. Judge and family of Offutt air base, Omaha; Miss Janet Judge of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Blohm and family of Ponca City, Okla.; A/Zc. P. J. Judge of Warren air force base, Wyoming; Sr. M. Gerald of Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans.

## 1,726 Votes Talled in Primary Election

A canvassing board late Wednesday finished the official count of votes in connection with the May 15 primary election. County Clerk Kenneth Waring said the official tally was 1,726 votes cast in the lightest voter turnout in many years.

The canvass did not alter any of the outcomes in the county races.

The general election will take place in November.

## Jets, Helicopter Feature Air Show

High and low altitude maneuvers by a flight of air national guard jet aircraft a demonstration of a helicopter, recruiting activity, auto races and a visit of Nebraska's flying farmers will feature the air show at the Municipal airport here. Date is Sunday, June 3, and the affair is jointly sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and national guards.

## Purchase of Phone Units to Be Aired

BUTTE—A railway commission hearing will be held on June 12, to decide on the proposal of the Boyd County Telephone corporation of Lynch to buy telephone properties at Napier, Lynch and Verdel.

The Napier and Lynch properties are owned by the Home Telephone company and the Verdel Telephone company owns the Verdel property.

**Chambers Alumni to Hold Banquet**  
CHAMBERS—The Chambers High School Alumni association banquet will be held Tuesday, May 29, at the Chambers high school auditorium. Eugene Baker, toastmaster, will be in charge of the program.

## Weather Balloon from N.Y. Found

REDBIRD—While flying over his pasture Sunday, Floyd Kaasa sighted an object he originally believed to be wreckage of an aircraft. He landed, investigated and found a weather balloon.

A letter of instruction inside a plastic container urged the finder to notify the air force base at Rome, N.Y.

Members of the Art Retzlaff family near Lynch said they had observed the balloon descending earlier that day.

## Bert Parshall, 73, Dies in Washington

ATKINSON—Bert Parshall, 73, died Sunday at his home in Aberdeen, Wash.

He was born in 1883 at Long Pine and was married in 1909 to Miss Anna Garrison at O'Neill. They became the parents of 11 children.

For many years the Parshalls resided in the Phoenix community, later moving to Stuart and then to Atkinson.

They left Atkinson about six years ago and moved to Washington.

Funeral services will be held at Hoquiam, Wash., with burial there.

Survivors include: Widow—Anna; sons—Roy of Peoria, Ill., Paul of Atkinson, Bert of Spokane, Wash., Harvey of Junction City, Wash., and Dell of Spokane; daughters—Della Mae Forrest of Hockessack, Minn., Mrs. George (Marie) Slye of Aberdeen, Wash., Mrs. Jack (Eileen) Tong of Midway Island, Mrs. Richard (Anna) Brown of Spokane and Mrs. Richard (Esther) Gray of Bellingham, Wash.

One son, George, preceded his father in death.

## Fair Board Okays New 4-H Barn

CHAMBERS—At a meeting of the Holt county fair board Friday evening, May 18, members of the board approved a proposal to start construction on a new 4-H club barn. Work on the new barn, which will measure 18 by 80 feet, will begin by June 1.

According to Fair Secretary James Gibson, reports from members of the board indicate there will be a big increase in livestock entries this year. The Holt county fair in past years has been one of the biggest livestock shows in the state, ranking sixth in the number of entries.

Walter Pluegge, rodeo producer, has been contracted to furnish stock for this year's rodeo.

The 15th annual croquet contest, sponsored by National Needlecraft, will be a fair feature. Entries may compete for \$3,000 in prizes. Rules and regulations are obtainable through the fair board.

PAGE—The Page High School Alumni association will hold its annual banquet Tuesday evening, May 29, starting at 6:30 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

## Plastic Tube in Head, Tot Is Okay

Her blue eyes sparkle; she's pert and proud like all the other girls when she's dressed up.

Often enough she gets involved in play and isn't always the spic-and-span specimen she was the day this writer called.

Little Susan Weyrich, 2½, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Weyrich of O'Neill, is about 90 percent recovered from a childhood ordeal that had the experts baffled.

Susan was born December 10, 1953, in St. Anthony's hospital. The doctors said she was afflicted with water on the brain. She was kept in the hospital here and in January, 1954, transferred to Childrens Memorial hospital, Omaha.

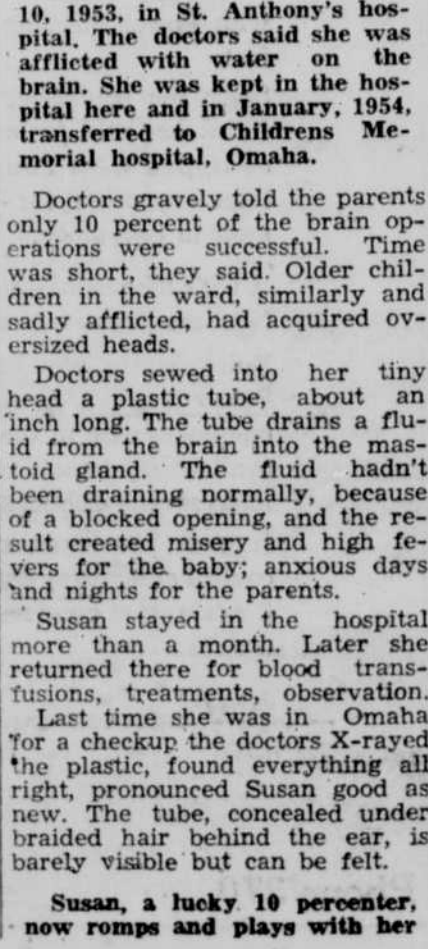
Doctors gravely told the parents only 10 percent of the brain operations were successful. Time was short, they said. Older children in the ward, similarly and sadly afflicted, had acquired oversized heads.

Doctors sewed into her tiny head a plastic tube, about an inch long. The tube drains a fluid from the brain into the mastoid gland. The fluid hadn't been draining normally, because of a blocked opening, and the result created misery and high fevers for the baby; anxious days and nights for the parents.

Susan stayed in the hospital more than a month. Later she returned there for blood transfusions, treatments, observation.

Last time she was in Omaha for a checkup, the doctors X-rayed the plastic, found everything all right, pronounced Susan good as new. The tube, concealed under braided hair behind the ear, is barely visible but can be felt.

Susan, a lucky 10 percenter, now romps and plays with her



Little Susan Weyrich, 2½ . . . dolls, swings, mud pies.

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A May reunion for the Donohoe brothers and sisters had been planned for months. Death this year intervened for two of them—Federal Judge J. A. of Omaha and John B. of O'Neill. Reuniting this week in O'Neill and together for the first time since 1912 were: Front row—Mrs. Elizabeth Grady of Omaha, Mrs. Mary MacLeod of O'Neill and Mrs. Margaret Agnes of Norfolk; standing—Eugene (Owen) of Detroit, Mich., Patrick C. of O'Neill, Hugh of Chehalis, Wash., and Thomas J. of O'Neill.—The Frontier Photo.

## 7 Donohoes Reunite; First Time Since '12

**By a Staff Writer**  
Death has twice visited the pioneer Donohoe family during the past three months.

The remaining four brothers and three sisters have converged here for a full week of reuniting and reminiscing. And, before these from a distance set out for their present homes, they will trample the soil of the original homestead six miles north of O'Neill where their parents, the late John and Mary Biggins Donohoe, settled in 1877.

Federal Judge James A. Donohoe, 78, the fourth in the family of nine children, died February 26 at Omaha. John B., oldest of the sons and daughters, died April 17.

The living brothers and sisters, in the order of their ages, are: Thomas J. of O'Neill, Mrs. Mary MacLeod of O'Neill, Hugh of Chehalis, Wash., Patrick C. of O'Neill, Owen of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Margaret Agnes of Norfolk and Mrs. Elizabeth Grady of Omaha.

There have been lots of affairs in the past in which the Donohoes were nearly reunited. But not since 1912 have these seven been together. The mellow month of May, 1956, had long been designated for this reunion. Ironically, death intervened for two of the brothers.

Prior to the February death, which broke the circle, the Donohoes aggregated 688 years of life—an extraordinary record. Even now, with two deceased, the remaining seven can claim some sort of longevity record for Nebraskans.

The Donohoe clan's history rightfully belongs in a book.

The father, John Thomas Donohoe, was born in County Longford, Ireland, December 28, 1835. His wife, Mary Biggins Donohoe, was born in Ayr, Scotland, of Irish descent.

When Donohoe had fled Ireland when he was seven-years-old, going to Scotland with his parents. He never returned to Ireland.

His wife's people also had fled Ireland because of strife with the English. Mary was born, reared and married in Scotland.

The couple came to America with one child, John, in 1870, settling in Pennsylvania. Two children, Thomas and Mary, were born in Pennsylvania. The family migrated to the forlorn Nebraska prairie in 1877.

James (the judge) was the first white child born in Shields township in Holt county. Hugh, Patrick, Owen, Margaret and Elizabeth (twins) arrived in that order. The twins were the first pair baptized by Father Cassidy (the late Rt.-Rev. M. F. Cassidy), for many years St. Patrick's parish priest.

The Irish immigrant, who had transplanted his family across the ocean, sweated out several years as a "dock boss" in the Pennsylvania coal fields, homesteaded in Nebraska, established a

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## Bard Hanna Dies At 79; Rites Friday

### Holt Pioneer Expires in Hospital After Few Hours' Illness

CHAMBERS—Bard G. Hanna, 79, a Holt county resident since 1884, died at 2:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, in St. Anthony's hospital. He had become ill and entered the hospital only a few hours before his death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, May 25, at the Methodist church here with Rev. J. M. Hodgkin officiating. Burial will be in the Chambers cemetery.

The remains will lie in state at Biglin's chapel between 7 and 9 o'clock this evening (Thursday) and at the church between 12:30 p.m., and the funeral hour on Friday.

Pallbearers will be A. B. Hubbard, Darrell Gillette, Earl Medcalf, Herman Held, Ed Thornin and Ned Alderson.

The late Bard Given Hanna was born July 24, 1876, at Wilber, the son of Andrew G. and Alice Bullis Hanna. He came to Holt county from Wilber with his parents in 1884.

On November 4, 1897, at Chambers he married Mary Gertrude Jeffers. They became the parents of six sons and four daughters.

Mr. Hanna farmed for many years and was a retired drayman. His wife died April 20, 1917. One son, Leo, and one daughter, Mary Gertrude, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include: Sons—Lynn of Roseburg, Ore., Lloyd of Pendleton, Ind., Lyle of Chambers, Lawrence of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leslie of Nevada; daughters—Mrs. Clela Van Leuven of Omaha, Mrs. Art (Ina) Tibbets of O'Neill and Mrs. Vera McDermott of O'Neill; half-sisters—Mrs. Florence Jensen of Omaha and Mrs. Abbie Holden of Jacksonville, Fla.

The late Mr. Hanna was a member of the first band ever organized at Chambers.

## Man Hurt in Fall Continues to Improve

Raymond Barnard, 37, Valley workman who fell 40 feet in a scaffold accident while working at the Holt county courthouse, continues to improve in Clarkson Memorial hospital, Omaha.

One of his coworkers on the project here conferred by telephone on Wednesday with Mrs. Barnard, who said doctors were confident her husband would recover.

"He will be hospitalized for a long time," Mrs. Barnard said.

## 'Lu' Birmingham Enroute to Germany

Miss Mary Louise ("Lu") Birmingham left the United States Monday enroute to Germany where she will serve with the American Red Cross.

## Senior, Cadet Plans to meet Tuesday

Band Director Charles B. Houser has announced the municipal senior band will hold its first practice session at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 29, in the band room at O'Neill high school.

The band will participate in the memorial day parade next Wednesday.

Director Houser said the summer cadet band, composed of musicians from the fifth through the ninth grades, will hold the first practice at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 29.

## Earns Scholastic Honors at U'

Miss Alice Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young of O'Neill, has been awarded a scroll for her outstanding scholastic record during the past year at the University of Nebraska.

The presentation was made by Barb activities board of women, university women's activity board, at the annual awards luncheon honoring outstanding independent coeds.

Miss Young is a freshman in the college of agriculture.

## Arrive from Wyoming

Mrs. Ray Williams of Sheridan, Wyo., arrived Friday and visited until Wednesday with her sisters, Mrs. Dean Streeter and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, and their families. Another sister, Mrs. Bernard Matthews of Lincoln, is also visiting here.

## To St. Louis

Miss Ann Judge is accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Joe Judge of Atkinson to Conception, Mo., Friday to attend the ordination of Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judge, who will be known as Father Emmanuel.

## Equalization Board Hears 35 Complaints

In session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Holt county equalization board heard 35 complaints from real estate owners.

The board expects to convene again on a date to be announced and will make a final review of controversial values.

Mrs. D. H. Clauson entertained the Past Matrons club of the OES at her home Tuesday afternoon.

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