

# O'Neill Rancher Fined on Indian Land Deal

## Mary Ann Wehrstein Dies of Heart Attack

### Native of O'Neill; Rites Monday

Mrs. Mary Ann Wehrstein, 69, died at 6:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, at the home of her brothers, Dennis H. and Bartholomew Murphy, located one mile east and one mile north of the city.

A rosary was offered Sunday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Monday, June 25, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Karl Kuera officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Survivors include: Son—Donald R. of Dayton, O.; daughter—Mrs. Walter (Pauline) Brieschke of Villa Park, Ill.; brothers—Dennis H. and Bartholomew, both of O'Neill; sisters—Abbie, O'Neill and Mrs. Hugh (Anna) Gallagher of Rapid City, S.D.

## Mrs. Amanda Pace Expires in Florida

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Pace, a former O'Neill resident, will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, June 29th, from First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Pace, who was in her nineties, died Sunday, June 24, at Miami, Fla., where she was residing with her son, George.

Rev. J. Olen Kennell will officiate. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Burial will be near the grave of her husband, James, who died a number of years ago. The family lived on a farm 12 miles southwest of here for many years.

The remains will arrive in O'Neill early today (Thursday). Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Lulu Quig of O'Neill; son—George of Miami.

Mrs. Quig will arrive here accompanying the remains.

TO PUBLISH EARLY  
The Frontier will go to press 24 hours ahead of schedule next week in order that staff members may enjoy July 4, a legal holiday, with their respective families. The publishers earnestly ask the cooperation of advertisers, correspondents and news contributors in handing in their material a day ahead of schedule.

Dudley J. Hovey of San Diego, Calif., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kazda and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hovey.

An O'Neill rancher, who has extensive land holdings in South Dakota and a Martin, S.D., real estate dealer have been found guilty of inducing an Indian to convey deed to land held in trust by the government.

A federal court jury deliberating at Deadwood, S.D., returned a verdict in favor of the government against L. D. Putnam of O'Neill and Edson Ward of Martin on two counts.

In addition to obtaining the deed without appraisal and sale by bidding through the Indian agency the two men were found guilty of recording the deed, knowing it to have been secured in violation of federal law.

Evidence offered in the trial showed that in 1953 Putnam had undertaken to secure an outside deed, but he was notified it was against the law and complied with the government demand to redeem the property to its former owner.

Putnam approached the same party a year later and secured a deed to other lands and it was on this action the government brought charges.

Putnam admitted before the court he is holder of 8,000 acres of deed land in South Dakota and controls another 16,000 acres of leased and permit land.

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Claussen . . . victim of heart attack. (Story at right.)

# Claussen Rites Held in Atkinson

## Well-Known Farmer Dies Unexpectedly; Vet of World War I

ATKINSON—Edward B. Claussen, 64, a lifelong resident of the Atkinson-Emmet communities except for the time spent in the army during World War I, died unexpectedly about 7:30 a.m., Friday, June 22, in the Veterans hospital at Grand Island. He was stricken with a heart attack.

Mr. Claussen had entered the hospital for ulcer treatment, but his illness was not regarded as serious. He was to have been dismissed from the hospital the morning that he died.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, June 25, from the Presbyterian church here. An overflow crowd attended the services conducted by Rev. Curtis Barnett, church pastor.

Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under the direction of Seger's. Pallbearers were E. V. Hickok, Ed Etherton, Claude Humphrey, Lee Gilman, Edward Winkler and John Conrad.

Members of the American Legion post served as honorary pallbearers and conducted graveside military rites.

The late Mr. Claussen was born April 17, 1892, 3 miles north of Emmet, a son of Peter and Wilhelmina Claussen, who were immigrants from Germany. He was reared and educated in that community and spent 16 months in France during World War I as

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# Leonard Lorenz Fund Reaches \$1,233.50

At noon Wednesday the O'Neill bank reported receipts totaling \$1,233.50 for the Leonard Lorenz Fund. But the push for funds in behalf of the armless Holt county farmer, maimed in a haybaler accident June 8, will not end until several times that amount has been collected.

The benefit fund is being sponsored by The Frontier and the Holt County Independent in cooperation with the O'Neill National bank and the First National bank of O'Neill.

Mr. Lorenz, 35, has an adopted 9-year-old son, Larry, who visited his dad Sunday at the Veterans hospital, Omaha. They went for a ride with Leonard's brothers, Melvin of Inman and Vernon of O'Neill.

Despite the loss of the right arm at the shoulder and the left arm between the elbow and the shoulder, this former navy B-24 aircraft pilot can still smile. He comes up with his characteristic grin even though he will be virtually helpless from now on out. Skin grafting has been completed and, after a mending period, Leonard hopes to return to Holt for a few days' visit.

Things aren't too bright on the farm near Middlebranch. There's been very little moisture. He's concerned about the crops. Showers have been spotted this season. Fate has dealt a tough blow to a fellow whose friends are legion. They remember him as the Inman youngster with a broad smile; the navy flying officer; the farmer and neighbor.

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Mr. Lorenz, armless from a haybaler accident, purchases a pair of socks from Susan Hershaw of Omaha at the Veterans hospital canteen.—Photo for The Frontier by John Savage of the Omaha World-Herald.

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Grattan township library visitors during Monday's open-house included: Debra and Lauree Sevek (seated at table in left foreground); Charles Sevek, Sue Gonderinger, Billy McIntosh and Jolene Stutz (seated at large table); Mrs. Norman Gonderinger, Mrs. Edwin Sevek, Mrs. William McIntosh and Mary Gonderinger (standing). Mrs. McIntosh helped with a recent food sale arranged by the Woman's club. (Story at right; another picture on page 12.)—The Frontier Photo.



Amelia folks examine colorless material of deflated meteorological balloon which descended Saturday at the George Fullerton place. Left to right: Mrs. Emma Lindsey, Miss Florence Lindsey, Phyllis Fullerton, Miss Donna Rae Peterson, Oscar Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton, Mrs. Vern Sageser.—The Frontier Photo.

# AMELIA RESIDENTS GUESS Balloon May Have Circled Globe

By a Staff Writer  
AMELIA—A giant navy meteorological balloon descended on the George Fullerton ranch late Saturday while a handful of Amelia residents looked on. A huge instrument box, about the size of a small refrigerator and weighing over 300 pounds, was parachuted to the ground and landed at the Elwyn Robertson farm about two miles away.

A tag on the aerial camera and radio instruments advised the finders to advise the naval research laboratory in Washington, D.C. But there was no indication where the apparatus had been launched.

The laboratory spokesman told the Fullertons to forward the camera to Washington, and said navy personnel would arrive in a few days to claim the radio and weather recording data.

An electric clock indicated the balloon had been aloft 45 days. There was suspicion the balloon may have been launched from Japan.

There was also speculation the balloon may have traveled around the world. It is believed the radio equipment, battery-powered, was struck by lightning because the fuses were blown and other evidence suggested the contraption had been through an electrical storm.

The deflated balloon stretched out over one hundred feet. Among

those who witnessed the balloon's rapid descent were Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton and daughter, Phyllis; Mrs. Vern Sageser, Mrs. Emma Lindsey and daughter, Florence; Oscar Peterson and daughter, Donna Rae, and Mrs. Stella Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson saw the big box descend at their place, let down by two parachutes attached to the side of the box. The electric clock was still working, they said. Kenneth Werner of Chambers and Stanley Brimus of Sidney, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, helped disconnect the mechanism—as Washington instructed.

A registered Hereford bull at the C. V. Robertson place, west of Chambers, was struck by lightning about the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson said the parachutes would make up nicely into dresses. "I could put the material to other use, too," she smiled. The box is now being stored in a garage.

Mrs. Fullerton is entertaining the idea of making tablecloths and aprons out of the balloon material—provided, of course, the navy says okay.

# Board Rescinds Early Action

BUTTE—An overflow hearing room Wednesday, June 20, tuned in while the Boyd county supervisors rescinded action taken June 11. At the earlier meeting the board changed Highway 18, north from Spencer, from secondary to primary status and the state highway department promptly acted to make that route the new "on paper" location for U.S. highway 281.

The rescinding action, observers said, was not expected to have any relocation bearing at this late date.

Voting against the rescind action were Supervisors C. H. Fisher, John F. Ludemann and Herman Windmeyer. Voting for the rescind were Clarence A. Moody, Reuben Johnson and R. W. Dickerson with Chairman J. W. Rihaneck breaking the tie.

# Strain on Library Budget Is Noted

Open-house was observed Monday at the Grattan township library in an affair arranged by the O'Neill Woman's club. The librarian, Miss Bernadette Brennan, reported 36 women, two men and a number of children attended. Coffee and cookies were served.

The open-house was intended to focus more adult interest in the library. Books purchased from funds derived from a recent benefit food sale were exhibited. Organizations that participated in the sale included the Woman's club, St. Patrick's Altar society, American Legion auxiliary, and Parent-Teachers' association.

Other books on special display included those on loan for summer use from the Nebraska public library commission.

Visitors were briefed on library problems and finances. The O'Neill library is functioning on a cost of 52 cents per capita (Atkinson library is 78 cents). The library received \$2,805 from a Grattan township 4 of a mill levy last year. This amount was strained to pay the librarian's salary, heat, cleaning book repair and purchase of new books.

Three thousand dollars is to be raised this year but there will be less for books because the library board will be spending five hundred dollars toward the purchase of a new \$2,000 heating plant (the township board will pay the balance over a period of several years).

Visitors noted building repair is needed.

The library was built by Carnegie funds. One mother of four children, a newcomer in the city, said she was amazed that the library could carry on with such meager resources.

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He was a member of IOOF lodge 357 and a member of Garfield lodge A&F&M (O'Neill).

He was preceded in death by his first wife, four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: Widow—Addie; son—W. E. of Elkhorn; daughters—Mrs. Frank (Eva) Roper of Indianopolis, Ind. Mrs. Robert (Lois) Taylor of Beatrice; granddaughters—Mrs. E. L. Peterson of Clatsop; great-grandchildren—Alan and Lisa Peterson.

Out of town relatives and friends here for the funeral included Weston Moor and Clifford Bailey of Laurens, Ia.; Harvey Hopkins and daughter, Mrs. Joyce Engle of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Solon Groff of North Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Eis Ebbengaard of Ewing; Mrs. George Heinsohn, Joyce and Kenneth of North Bend; Gene Sire of Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sire of Butte.

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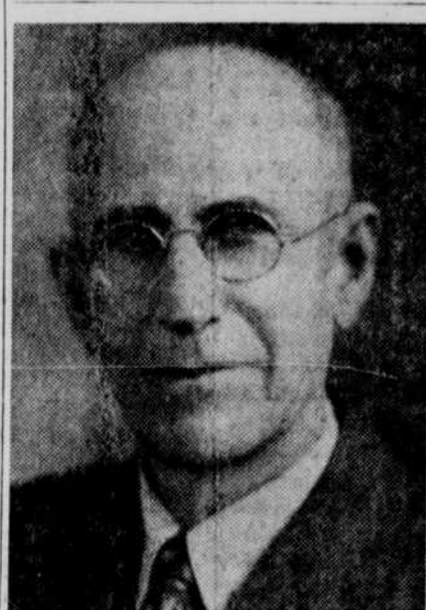
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CHAMBERS—Members and friends of Rev. Howard Claycombe, jr., and family honored the Claycombes Friday evening at a farewell. Slide pictures were shown by Lawrence Tangeman.

A gift was presented to the pastor, who will move his family late this week. He will become pastor of Cedar Crest Lutheran church, 100 Union Lake Road, Oxbow Lake, Route 1, Pontiac, Mich.

On Business Trip—Bill Bowker left Thursday for an extended business trip in South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. He was joined here for the trip by Glenn LeDoyt, vice-president of Byron Reed Co., of Omaha. Mr. Bowker is handling ranch sales for the Omaha firm.

EX-PHONE MAN VISITS  
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G. Ezra Moor . . . to Nebraska in 1855.

# NATIVE HOLT COUNTYANS Back from 3 Years in Thailand

The past three years have been busy—and interesting—ones for Arthur L. Roberts of Albuquerque, N.M., a native of O'Neill. Mr. Roberts and his wife (the former Lera Ott, also reared here) have just returned from Thailand. They went there via the Pacific and the Philippines and returned via the Suez, Mediterranean and Atlantic, landing at Boston, Mass., after a two-months' voyage on a Norwegian freighter.

The couple spent several days with Mrs. Roberts' brother, L. A. (Bert) Ott, and relayed their experiences to relatives, including Mrs. Maude Fuller, who is Mr. Roberts' aunt, Levi Fuller and Mrs. Roy Wayman, who are his cousins. The couple left O'Neill Wednesday.

(A tape-recorded interview with Mr. Roberts was heard on Monday's "Voice of The Frontier" program, WJAG, 780 kc.)

While working with heavy machinery for the New Mexico highway department and a Rio Grande conservation unit, Mr. Roberts was recommended to the government of Thailand for directing and teaching use of heavy machinery. He accepted and was

hired directly by the government of that South Asiatic country. Thailand, he says, has over 200 thousand square miles (bigger than Texas) and has an estimated population of 17 million people.

There is much foliage there, quite a bit of high land and an (Continued on page 5)



Arthur L. Roberts . . . American money and machines have done "quite a bit of good in Thailand."

# Ezra Moor, Pioneer of Holt, Dies

## Spent 64 Years in Inman Community; Rites Held Monday

(Photo below)

INMAN—Funeral services for G. Ezra Moor, 84, were conducted Monday, June 25, at the Methodist church here with Dr. J. LaVerne Jay of O'Neill officiating. Brief funeral services had been held at North Bend at 9 a.m.

Burial was in the Inman cemetery. The late George Ezra Moor was born at Hope, Ind., January 15, 1872, the son of George and Frances Moor. He died in a Lincoln hospital Saturday morning, June 23.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Smith, Donald Keyes, Marvin Rouse, Harvey Tompkins, Walter Fick, all of Inman, and John C. Watson of O'Neill.

Singers were Mrs. Ethel Tompkins, Mrs. Elenor Gaughenbaugh, Mrs. Ruth Watson and Mrs. Clara Peacock of O'Neill, accompanied by Mrs. Lois Tompkins.

Mrs. E. E. Clark and Mrs. H. E. Smith had charge of the flowers. Masonic rites were conducted at the grave side. Masons taking part were Edwin Trennepohl, W. W. Waller, A. E. Bowen, Wm. McInnis, F. E. Keyes, Karl Keyes, C. E. Jones, T. D. Hutton, Paul Shierk, E. E. Clark, Gale Dierberger, Fred Robertson, Eugene Van Every and L. G. Gillespie.

He came to Nebraska in 1855 and lived on the same farm southeast of Inman continuously for 64 years.

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