

# Dewitt Gunters Note Golden Wedding Day

## John F. Jones, 79, Stricken Suddenly

### Expires At Home in Atkinson

ATKINSON — John Frank Jones, 79, died early Sunday at his home in Atkinson. He was stricken suddenly and had not been ill, having made a trip to O'Neill Saturday afternoon.

The late Mr. Jones, the son of John M. and Mandy Turner Jones, was born in Moline, Ia., November 27, 1876 and came to the Atkinson community about 30 years ago and homesteaded southwest of Atkinson.

On November 15, 1899, he married Pauline Pacha.

The couple moved into Atkinson in December 1919 because of poor health, but Mr. Jones remained active in farming until about 10 years ago. Mrs. Jones died March 2, 1949.

On June 25, 1950 he married Mayme Morey Bristol.

Survivors include: widow, Mayme, daughters, Mrs. William (Effie) Vrooman and Mrs. Rudolph (Louise) Poeschecker, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran church in Atkinson. Rev. E. W. Danitschek officiated. Burial was in Wood lawn cemetery.

## 200 Attend Deanery Meeting at Ewing

EWING—The O'Neill deanery convention was held Tuesday, October 9, at St. Dominic's hall in Ewing. Approximately 200 persons were in attendance.

Rev. Charles Kamber of Lynch was the guest speaker. His theme, "On the Meaning of Communism and its Infiltration—Our Need to Be on Guard."

Deanery officers are: president, Mrs. John Hickey, of O'Neill; vice-president, Mrs. A. A. Kalowski of Lynch; secretary, Mrs. president ngqbf o yd t RR John Thiele, sr., of Clearwater treasurer, Mrs. Robert Cole, of Emmett.

## 800 Served at Turkey Dinner

EWING—The turkey dinner Sunday evening, served by the Christian Mothers of St. Peter's church, was well attended. Approximately 800 were served. Towns well represented at this event were O'Neill, Orchard, Clearwater, Neligh, Norfolk, also St. John's community and the Chambers area. The dance, which followed, was sponsored, by members of St. Peter's parish.

## Neligh Defeats OHS Eagles, 27-6

NELIGH—The Neligh Warriors were hot Wednesday night, October 24, before the homefolks, sinking the O'Neill high Eagles 27-6, on a windswept field.

The Eagles got their only touchdown late in the game.

## Harvest 1,000 Bushels for Benefit

PAGE—The annual benefit cornpicking operations were conducted on Wednesday when 17 men gathered at the farm land rented by members of the young adult Sunday-school class and harvested nearly 1,000 bushel of corn.

Much to their surprise, the corn averaged between 15 and 17 1/2 bushel to the acre which was considered very good, considering the dry weather.

Mesdames Marvin Stauffer, William Hagler and Kenneth Heiss served dinner to the workers at the church basement.

The young adult class has operated a farming project for several years to provide an income with which to serve the community.

## Hobo Party Is Scheduled

The O'Neill Rural Youth entertained about 35 parents and alumni at a regular meeting on Friday, October 12, at the courthouse assembly room. John Orr, assistant State Highway Commissioner, spoke on the organization of the rural youth groups in Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn of Ewing showed colored slides of Germany.

A report was given on the hayride held in the Clearwater community.

A hobo Halloween party will be held Friday, October 26. Also an executive meeting will be held to nominate the officers for the coming year, Friday, November 2nd.

## Auction Calendar

Wednesday, October 31: H. A. and Robert E. Van Horn, annual Herford sale, 45 registered bulls, 15 registered females southeast of O'Neill; auctioneer: Charles Corke of Norfolk, auctioneer; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 9.)

Friday, October 26: Glenn and Dorothy Lorenz, closest, 20 miles south of O'Neill, 1 mile east, 1/2 mile south; Angus and dairy cattle, machinery, household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Carl Lorenz, clerk.

Friday, November 2: Mrs. Rose Ann Weider, 9 1/2 mile north of O'Neill, real estate property in Chambers; also household goods belonging to Mrs. Whidden and Edwin Wink; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; real estate broker. (Details in next issue.)

Wednesday, November 7: Hugh Carr, southwest of Chambers, closest sale, including livestock and personal property; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in next issue.)

Friday, November 9: Joseph Paul Shann, residing 9 1/2 mile north of Page, one mile west, 3/4 mile north, selling improved 80-acre farm, purebred Guernsey dairy herd, farm machinery, feed and grain; Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill and Col. Verne of Page, auctioneers; Col. Verne of Page, and Mrs. H. O. Reynolds of O'Neill, real estate broker; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in subsequent issue.)

EWING—The parlors of the Methodist church were filled to capacity Sunday, October 21, when Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Gunter observed open-house on their golden wedding anniversary.

Both are lifelong residents of the community, with the exception of short periods spent at Custer, S. D., and at Emmet.

A program was presented, arranged by Mrs. Lionel Gunter, with the theme "Album of Memories." Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke played the role of the honored couple.

The Gunters were married at Ewing October 24, 1906, by the late Reverend Eggleston.

Mr. Gunter's occupation was farming until retirement. Both of his legs have been amputated in the past few years because of a circulatory ailment.

The refreshment table was centered with a three tiered white and gold cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Alvin Nelson, a niece.

In attendance were the three children of the Gunters—Melvin Gunter and family of Orchard; Mrs. Howard Plogg and family of Milledgeville, Ill.; and Mrs. Max Graver and family of New Windsor, Ill. Also present were Mr. Gunter's two brothers and sister, Jim Gunter of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gunter of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Mrs. Rose Beckman of Roanoke, Ill. Many other relatives and friends were present from Omaha, Crookston, Chambers, Clearwater, Orchard and Ewing in Nebraska and Platte, S. D.

# High Wind Fans Fires in Region

## Diesel Locomotive Is Blamed for Start of Stubborn Blaze

High winds made difficult the fighting of spectacular prairie fires in the Emmet area Tuesday night and, while the winds continued unabated, firemen were summoned to quench two flare-ups on Wednesday.

Red hot carbon particles from a diesel locomotive on the Chicago & North Western railroad may have been the origin of Tuesday night's fire, which started about two miles east of Emmet. A westbound freight train crew stopped at Emmet and told of an outbreak east of the village on the J. B. Ryan property. Fanned by a strong southeast wind, mounting up to 40- and 50-miles-per-hour, the flames spread northwest, burning several haystacks and hundreds of fence posts, crossing U.S. highway 20, and burning meadow on the Joe Winkler and W. J. Froelich places.

Length of the seared strip measured about three miles. Width varied from three-fourths of a mile to a mile at the widest point.

Smoke and hot particles were so dense traffic was held up for time on highway 20. Scores of volunteer firemen and persons living in the area participated in the fight using tractors and plows to check the spread flame in the tinder dry meadows. More than 10 haystacks were destroyed.

Fire departments from O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart and Chambers battled the conflagration until about 2:30 a. m., on Wednesday. Volunteers kept a vigil through the night.

Fence posts and stacks smoldered through Wednesday.

The glowing posts resembled fluorescent reflectors in the night. The strong wind made the haystack fires nothing short of spectacular.

A field south of the Winkler farmstead had been "one-wayed" a few days before and that was credited with saving the buildings. No buildings were damaged.

Wednesday noon the O'Neill firemen were summoned to the Ernest Zuehke place, 22 miles south of here and one-quarter mile west, to help Chambers firemen put down a fire that had broken out in the feed lots. The fire, however, was confined.

A wash house was burned at the Zuehke place.

Showers late Wednesday night at O'Neill and Atkinson helped alleviate the fears of additional fires.

Representations are being made to C & NW to take necessary steps to prevent starts of fire. Low grade diesel fuel is blamed for the high carbon content.

During the past month the locomotives have been blamed for a half-dozen outbreaks.

A fire was also reported Wednesday in the Clearwater community.

## Omahan Held for No-Fund Checks

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The Gunters... he has both legs amputated. (Story in column 2)—The Frontier Photo.

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## 60 Absentee Ballots Being Forwarded

Holt County Clerk Kenneth Waring said Wednesday absentee and disabled ballots have been forwarded to 60 persons who had requested them. Thirty-five requests came from servicemen, many at farflung corners of the globe.

The Frontier printed the ballots and deliveries were made on Tuesday.

Because of the tremendous job of printing more than 10-thousand ballots in three sizes and because of temporary staff shortage, this issue of the Frontier is curtailed. Numerous news pictures and considerable news necessarily has been omitted.

## P-TA Plans to Entertain Kids

The O'Neill public grade ade party will be held Holt school P-TA sponsored masqueraden at 7 p. m. Kindergarten and first graders will meet in the band room; second, third and fourth graders will convene in the old gym and the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders will meet at the youth center.

Games, cartoons and prizes will be furnished.

Meanwhile high school students will be invited to participate in a dance at the American Legion ballroom.

## Return from Wyoming

Mrs. C. C. Yantzi and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Byers returned Tuesday, October 16, from a ten day vacation in Casper, Wyo., and Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Byers left Monday for Omaha.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Donald Blaine Davidson, 19, of O'Neill and Miss Irene Mary Wagnan, 18, of Atkinson, October 24.

His last service will be Sunday, November 4.

A graduate of St. Francis theological seminary, (Missouri synod) at St. Louis, Mo., he is married and has a daughter, Stephanie.

## 16th Anniversary of WSCS Noted

EWING—The 16th birthday anniversary of the Women's Society of Christian Service was celebrated Friday evening at the parlors of the Methodist church.

ROOFING DAMAGED

ATKINSON—Roofing on Atkinson Memorial hospital was damaged during Wednesday's high wind.

## Page News

The Page Improvement club is sponsoring a card party on Tuesday evening, October 30. Pitch, pinochle and bridge games will be offered and prizes will be given. A door prize will also be offered. Lunch will be served by members of the Improvement club and a freewill offering will be taken.

Mrs. F. G. Albright accompanied Mr. and Mrs. William Buxton and Mrs. Arnott Buxton and daughter, Julie, to Omaha where the Buxtons will make the acquaintance of their new grandson, Richard Jerome and Mrs. Albright will visit a brother Harvey Rutherford and family.

Mrs. Stan Silvers of Kearney and Miss Bonnie Bernholtz of Detroit, Mich., cousins of Mrs. Carl Max were guests Thursday evening when she entertained the Thursday evening bridge club. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg had high score. The low score holders will entertain the high at a payoff party in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg were Friday visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Clemons, at Creighton.

Mesdames Anna and Albert Benson were Friday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelly. Mrs. Hattie Carson, who had spent a week at Redbird, accompanied them here.

Mrs. Stan Silvers and children of Kearney and Miss Bonnie Bernholtz of Detroit, Mich., are spending two weeks in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bernholtz.

Mrs. Evelyn Gray attended band day at Lincoln, where her son, Ralph had a band from Blue Hill in the parade. She also attended the football game and returned to Plainview in the evening with her daughters, Mrs. Keith Weyer and Mrs. Gene Barber. She spent the past 10 days at Plainview and Blue Hill. Kathleen and Eddy Walker also attended the football game with the Plainview aunts.

## Mary Ryan Crowned Homecoming Queen

Miss Mary Ryan, daughter of Neil B. Ryan, Wednesday night, October 24, was crowned homecoming queen at the St. Mary's academy homecoming. Ceremonies took place at halftime, Peggy Lee was senior attendant and Gene O'Neill, was her escort; Rita Hoehne was junior attendant, escorted by James McGinn; Mary Lou Connot was sophomore attendant to the queen, escorted by William Craig; and Marjorie Vitt was chosen freshman escort, attended by Larry Donohoe.

Capt. Thomas Schneider of the Cardinals football team performed the coronation. The queen was presented a bouquet of roses.

The Cards lampooned the Butte eight-manners, 69-6, in a Niotbrara Valley conference game. The Bonesteel (S. D.) Tigers lengthened their undefeated string to 13 consecutive victories here last Thursday, whopping the injury-ridden St. Mary's academy Cardinals, 33-14.

Bonesteel capitalized on a series of SMA bobbles. The Cardinals were without the services of both regular halfbacks.

## Visiting Denver

T. Joseph Biglin left last Thursday for a visit in Sioux City with Miss Genevieve Biglin and Miss Nora McAuliffe. He also visited in Norfolk, Omaha and Hastings. He planned to go to Denver, Colo., to visit his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard ("Dick") Biglin.

## Vern C. Wilbern, 74, Dies Unexpectedly

ATKINSON—Vern C. Wilbern, 74, died at 6 p. m., Monday, October 22, at his home in Atkinson. Death was unexpected. He had not been ill and had been visiting in the business district earlier in the day.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, October 24, at the Presbyterian church in Atkinson. Rev. Curtis Barnett officiated. Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Albert Lemmer, Otto Gloor, Raymer Funk, Fred Jungman and B. H. Wilson.

The late Mr. Wilbern was born at Greenwood September 12, 1882, a son of Thomas J. and Lona Chapin Wilbern.

He was a rancher in the Atkinson community for half a century and was a member of the Masonic lodge here for more than 40 years.

On October 1, 1919, he married Marie Hart. They became the parents of two sons.

Survivors include: Widow—Marie; sons—Robert and Richard ("Dick"), both of Atkinson; five grandchildren; brother—Carlton of Boise, Ida.; sister—Mrs. Dick (Lona) Cole of Brunswick.

## Atkinson Rancher for Half-Century

Merle Lyons, driver for SMS Trucking Co. of Valley overload on Sunday, October 24, fined \$60 and \$4 costs; officer—Donald F. Richardson.

Leonard Erickson of Manhattan, Kans., intoxication, October 24, fined \$10 and \$4 costs; officer—R. L. Guide.

## JUSTICE COURT

Bernard Richard Allen, October 19, fined \$10 and 4 costs and driver's license suspended for 30 days; officer—Charles Johnson.

John Niewiarowski, speeding, October 20, fined \$10 and \$4 costs; officer—Charles Johnson.

Richard D. Hynes, of O'Neill, speeding, October 19, fined \$17.50 and \$4 costs; officer—John N. Schmitl.

Doug C. Amberson, speeding, October 20, fined \$10 and \$4 costs; officer—Charles Johnson.

## Mother Injured in Car Accident

DORSEY—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sholes received word Sunday, October 7, stating that Bob, mother had been in a car accident and had suffered a broken pelvis bone.

She expects to be confined in the hospital for six weeks.

## FINALLY, RAIN!

About a quarter of an inch of rain fell late Wednesday night and early today (Thursday), breaking an extended dry spell. Atkinson also reported showers.

Weather summary:

Hi	Lo
October 18	79 47
October 19	77 46
October 20	66 42
October 21	74 28
October 22	62 48
October 23	63 30
October 24	63 30
October 24	74 51

## Visits Parents

Mrs. Carl Miller of Norfolk, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every over the weekend.

MIDDLEBRANCH NEWS

Richard Heggemeyer is helping with corn picking at the Schwager farm near Orchard.

John Valquardsen died Friday in the Lynch hospital after a stroke Sunday afternoon, at the Reno Boelter place, near Lynch. Mrs. Bolter is a daughter of Mr. Valquardsen.

Many from the neighborhood attended the funeral rites Wednesday, October 17, at Verdigre for A. C. Scheinost of Verdigre who passed away at his home Sunday morning. He had been ill with a heart ailment for about 2 years. He is survived by his wife Anne, daughters Mrs. Robert (Roma) Walton, and Shirley of Sioux City and one grand son.

The Help U club met with Mrs. George Jefferys on Wednesday, October 17 with 15 members and three visitors, Mrs. Clara Gelecke, Mrs. Kelly Thompson and Mrs. L. Rasmussen present. Mrs. Jefferys served dinner at noon.

# A. W. Hibbs Dies After Brief Illness

## Funeral Held Monday for O'Neill Man; Ill for Three Weeks

Arthur W. Hibbs, 73, died early Friday, October 19, at his home north of O'Neill. He had been ill three weeks, having suffered a heart ailment.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m., Monday, October 23, at First Presbyterian church here with Rev. J. Glen Kennell officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers were Hugo Holz, Floyd Sanders, Harry Page, Fred Bredehoeft, Ed Burival and Anson Closson.

The late Mr. Hibbs was born December 6, 1882, at Dunbar.

On February 20, 1907, at Lincoln, he married Bella McKay of Palmyra. They became the parents of four children.

The late Mr. Hibbs lived in the Lynch community before coming to Holt county in 1934.

Survivors include: Wife—Bella; sons—Lowell of Wilder, Ida.; Harold of Blair and Arthur (Bill) of Star; daughter—Miss Lillian of O'Neill; brother—Oran of Lexington; sister—Mrs. Temple Salisbury of Elwood.

## County Court

Florence Schneider, of Lincoln, speeding, Oct. 16, fined \$18 and \$4 costs; officer—Donald J. Fiala.

Dean A. Dwinell of Bartlett, speeding night, October 16, fined \$10 and \$4 costs; officer—E. M. Hastreiter.

Robert H. Scott of Chambers, procuring liquor for minor, October 18, fined \$50 and \$4 costs; officer—E. M. Hastreiter.

Leonard M. Brown of Chambers, possession of alcoholic liquor by minor, October 18, fined \$10 and \$4 costs; officer—E. M. Hastreiter.

Freddie R. Miles, driver for W. G. McVickers of Belle Fourche, S. D., overgross on axle, October 22, fined \$100 and \$4 costs; officer—Donald Jenny.

Joe Ernest of Cuming co., transferred cattle from Holt County without obtaining brand inspection, October 23, fined \$50 and \$4 costs; arresting officer—Ernest E. Bailey.

## Mother of O'Neill Woman Dies

Mrs. Henry Hamdorf, 85, mother of Florence Hamdorf of O'Neill, died Monday in a rest home at Osmond. Early this year she had been hospitalized at O'Neill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 24, at Neligh. Burial was made there under the direction of Biglin's.

Mr. Hamdorf died in July, 1952.

## MOVING TO MISSOURI

Mrs. Esther Asher, widow of the late Homer E. Asher, and daughter, Miss Donna, will move today (Thursday) to St. James, Mo., where they will reside near another daughter, Mrs. Joe Bangs, and Mr. Bangs. The Ashers have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter. Mrs. Asher was a staff member at The Frontier for nine years.

## Inman Defeats Page, 7 to 6

PAGE—Inman high defeated Page high in the last game of the season on the Page diamond Tuesday afternoon, 7 to 6.

Harold Hesse pitched the seventh inning for the losing team, and Neal Kelly for the winners.

## Returns from Hospital

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Glen Taylor returned Wednesday from the Lutheran hospital at Norfolk following minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner of Chambers, called on Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ralph Tooker attended Barbara Flinnigan and Jim Friedel wedding at Stuart last Thursday.