

\$64 Question Raised: Who'll Be No. 1 in '57?



Mr. White... doesn't know how he'll react to leisure.—The Frontier Photo.

Harry White Will 'Break Away' After 72 Years on Ranch

AMELIA—Harry S. White, 86, has been residing continuously here for 72 years. Christmas day he was preparing to take his first extended leave.

He will go to Denver, Colo., where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Jack (Clarice) Milton, and her husband, probably until April 1. The Miltons live at 2563 South Winona. Mr. Milton is a surveyor with the city and Mrs. Milton is employed by the telephone company.

The Miltons arrived for the holidays by train and will be driving back to Denver with Mr. White. Mr. White has another daughter, Mrs. Frank Adamson, who is stationed with her husband at a missionary outpost in the Belgian Congo, Africa. A son, Glenn, lives at Amelia.

Chairmen for Polio Drive Announced

STUART—Arthur Givens of Stuart, chairman of the fund-raising drive for the Holt county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has appointed the following community chairmen in connection with the forthcoming drive:

- O'NEILL—Woodrow Melena and Alan VanVleck
ATKINSON—Chamber of Commerce, Dean Fleming, president.
STUART—W. A. Nickless.
EWING—Mrs. Loyd West.
CHAMBERS—Mrs. A. B. Hubbard.
PAGE—Mrs. Verna Walker.
INMAN—Mrs. James McMahan.
EMMETT—Miss Fourn Martens.
AMELIA—Mrs. L. C. Barnett.
RURAL—James W. Rooney of O'Neill, Lyle Dierks of Ewing and Stanley Lambert of Ewing.

Child, 1 1/2, Dies Eating Aspirins

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Medcalf of Chambers, received Friday of the tragic death of their 1 1/2-year-old granddaughter, Sherry White, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Frank Clyde, Wife Plan Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clyde of O'Neill will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 30. They will be honored at a reception to be held between 2 and 5 o'clock in the Methodist church parlors.

Here During Holidays—Jack Carney came Saturday to spend the holidays with his father, Leo Carney. He returned to Omaha Wednesday.

When Father Time clicks off that final second of the old year the ringing of church bells and wailing of sirens not only will signal the beginning of the new year but will be the starting point for Holt county's 1957 baby derby, sponsored by The Frontier.

It will be the 10th annual contest and leading O'Neill firms are going "all-out" to shower the lucky first-comer with gifts.

The baby must be born within the confines of Holt county, and to be eligible, the parents must fill out the entry blank and forward the First Baby Editor, The Frontier, O'Neill.

The official entry blank, contest rules and a complete description of the shower gifts appear on pages 8 and 9.

Dankert's will offer a \$25 discount on any major appliance for the parents of the lucky one.

Harding Cream will present five pounds of their famous sandhills butter.

Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling company has set aside a case of pop, any flavor, for none other than the dad of the prizewinner.

Beatrice Foods contend babies thrive on Meadow Gold; hence, one case of Meadow Gold famous vitamin D milk will be provided.

McIntosh Jewelry once again will offer a \$3.95 nursery training chair—a good hardwood number that will please his (or her) majesty.

Once again the O'Neill Photo Co. will come through with one dozen 3 x 5 photographic prints of the lucky one.

Coyne's hardware will provide a porcelain enamel diaper pail handy gadgets anytime there's a small fry in the house.

McCarville's traditionally present a pair of Red Goose shoes to the derby winner, and this year will be no exception.

Every new baby needs to keep warm. The Moore-Noble Lumber & Coal company will provide 500 pounds of coal (dad's choice) or \$5 worth of merchandise of his choice.

Gilligan's Rexall Drug, headquarters for infants' needs, has set aside a stork nurser plus a family thermometer.

Patton's Ben Franklin store wants to formally welcome the derby winner this year and the folks there have set aside (you guessed it)—a dozen Curly diapers.

The home welcoming the first baby of '57 will receive a \$19.95 value floor lamp from Biglin's—the home of fine furniture.

The M & M Cafe will roll out a red carpet for the champ's father and mother and set up a chicken fried dinner—on the house.

Shelhamer's Jack and Jill will present a case of Heinz baby food to the winner of the 1957 baby derby.

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Mrs. Starlin Dies At 85; Rites Today



Mrs. Helen Starlin... teacher turned to homesteading. (Story at left).

Homesteaded in Tripp County in Dakota; To O'Neill in 1925

Mrs. S. Helen Starlin, 85, who had been ill about a year, died at 9:45 a.m., Monday, December 24, at her home here.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., (Thursday) at First Presbyterian church. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Rev. J. Olen Kennell, church pastor, will officiate at the rites. Miss Patricia DeBolt will be vocal soloist with Miss Nancy Kennell as accompanist.

Palbearers will be Melvin Ruzicka, Robert E. Moore, Edward Quinn, Bennett Herford, Leonard Miller, John Conard, D. DeBolt, and Floyd Wilson.

The remains will lie in state at the church between 11 o'clock and the funeral hour.

The late Mrs. Starlin, whose maiden name was S. Helen Eaton, was born May 19, 1871, at Barnard, Mo., the daughter of Charles Herbert and Nancy Turner Eaton.

She was graduated from Chillicothe (Mo.) Teachers college and taught school in Missouri for 13 years.

In 1905 she came to O'Neill to participate in the land lottery which opened Dakota territory to settlers. She was accompanied to the Tripp county homestead, near Whitten, by her brother, Charles.

Actual filing for the Dakota homestead was made here at the U. S. land office in what is known as the Nebraska State bank building.

She married Harry Starlin at Dallas, S. D., in 1909. The family came to Holt county in 1925 from Winner, S. D. Mr. Starlin died June 18, 1939.

Mr. Starlin had purchased the Chevrolet garage from Matthew Hayden and operated it for a number of years before selling to Arbuthnot & Reka.

After leaving the automobile field, the Starlins operated a rooming house for 15 years.

In late years Mrs. Starlin made her home with her daughter.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Winifred Barger of O'Neill; sister—Mrs. Emma Goff, of Kansas City, Mo., who arrived Wednesday to attend the funeral.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers and two sisters.

Arriving Wednesday for the funeral were Mrs. Starlin's sister-in-law, Mrs. Laura Eaton of Lincoln, and Mrs. Barger's sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Stewart of Denver, Colo.

Longtime Bristow Resident Succumbs

BRISTOW—Joseph Sommerfeld, 76, who spent six years as a boy living at O'Neill and who lived for many years south of Bristow, died early Christmas day in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

He was born in Germany, immigrated to the United States with his parents while he was a small child. His parents homesteaded south of Bristow. The later Mr. Sommerfeld never married.

Survivors include: Brothers—Gustav of Gregory, S. D.; Albert of Sterling, Colo.; James of Bristow and Herman of Hartington; sisters—Mrs. Amelia Mineburg of Bristow; Mrs. Arthur Park of Valentine and Mrs. Bridget Fern of Valentine.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) at the Methodist church in Bristow under the direction of Jones funeral home. Burial will be in the Bristow cemetery.

Interstate Stock Movement Topic—A meeting to discuss the new federal regulation relative to the interstate movement of cattle will be held in North Platte Friday, December 28.

Dr. D. F. Waring, federal veterinarian in charge, will explain the new regulation to members of the Nebraska Stock Growers associations' livestock health and sanitation committee headed by Dr. S. B. Stafford of North Platte. Any interested cattleman is invited to attend the meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m., at the Pawnee hotel.

Glee Wade and Guy Parsons returned last week from a trip to Mexico where they purchased six young burros.

Effie A. Vrooman Dies in Hospital

ATKINSON—Mrs. Effie A. Vrooman, 56, who had been ill since August 3, died early Christmas day, December 25, in the Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been hospitalized 10 days.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. R. J. Parr, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Palbearers chosen are: Leo Monahan, Joseph Kramer, W. P. Morgan, sr., Edward Jensen, sr., John Schorn and L. W. Ulrich.

The late Mrs. Vrooman was born October 15, 1900, at Atkinson, a daughter of John F. Jones and Pauline Pacha Jones.

On January 12, 1926, at Atkinson she married William C. Vrooman. They became the parents of one son.

The Vroomans resided on a ranch 27 miles southwest of Atkinson from 1929 until Mr. Vrooman's death September 20, 1954. Thereafter she made her home in Atkinson.

Survivors include: Son—Harold of Atkinson; four grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Rudolph Poessnecker of Atkinson.

A rosary rite was held Wednesday evening at Seger's funeral chapel.

Hold Open House—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mohr of Butte held openhouse Sunday at the American Legion hall in Butte, marking their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A dance was held in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kyster and family are spending Christmas in Council Bluffs, Ia. with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kyster, sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stemple.

Blanche A. Edwards Expires in Hospital

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Blanche A. Edwards, 74 died Tuesday morning—Christmas day—in Atkinson Memorial hospital, where she had been a patient only two days.

She had not been ill and had eaten well at breakfast and was preparing to eat Christmas dinner at the home of one of her children.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, December 28, at Memorial Baptist church in Chambers. Burial will be in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mrs. Edwards, whose maiden name was Blanche Ardele Radke, oldest daughter of Charles A. and Bertha M. Radke, was born near Tilden March 8, 1882.

She was reared at Tilden and joined the Methodist church at the age of 12.

On April 10, 1899, she was united in marriage to Delbert G. Edwards of Thurman. They became the parents of five children.

In 1914 the family moved to Holt county, near Ewing, where they spent 10 years. Then they moved to near Chambers, where they made their home until Mr. Edwards' death February 7, 1943.

Later, she lived in Chambers where she made her home with the exception of 3 1/2 years spent with her son, Charles.

After moving to Chambers, she joined Baptist Memorial church.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Edwin (Edyth) Thurn of O'Neill; sons—Delbert of Amelia; Laurence of Spalding, and Charles of Chambers; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Henry Foss of Tilden; Mrs. Charles Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif.; brother—Charles F. Radke of Atkinson.

One daughter, Mrs. Vanetta Primus, died August 12, 1938, in a fire.

Minnesotans Here—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benson and family of Marshall, Minn., arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sherk. Mr. Benson was to return to Marshall Tuesday and Mrs. Benson and children will stay the week. They will spend Christmas day in Burke, S. D., with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gilbert and family.

Mrs. Margaret Elkins and Bernice are spending Christmas holidays in Sioux City, Ia. with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dowd.

Farmer, 28, Fatally Hurt by Underslung



Mrs. Cassidy... death came unexpectedly.

Burwell Girl, 17, Dies of Injuries

BURWELL—Carol Harris, 17, a high school student here, died Christmas day as a result of injuries suffered in a highway accident 7 1/2 miles east of Burwell. The accident occurred Saturday night.

Miss Harris was injured when the car she was driving went out of control on a country road and overturned several times.

A companion, Herman Lierman, 22, of Burwell, was injured although not seriously.

Mr. Lierman is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lierman. He has been teaching school in the Bolle district.

Witnesses Being Called to Brookings—Ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses from a four-state area are being called to a three-day religious assembly at the Brookings, S.D., armory January 4-6. More than 400 are expected to attend this event sponsored by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Carl F. Anderson, presiding minister of the O'Neill congregation stated that Carl, Dave and Connie Andersen and Dora Elshire will attend from O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Juan spent Christmas day in Bonesteel, S. D. with relatives.

Ft. Randall Pioneer Fatally Stricken

Cassidy Rites Today at Spencer

SPENCER—John J. Cassidy, 82, one of the pioneer residents of the Ft. Randall vicinity, was stricken fatally Monday afternoon, December 24, at his home in Spencer with a heart attack.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Mary's Catholic church in Spencer. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

A rosary service was held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the church, followed by the Knights of Columbus reciting the rosary at the Jones funeral home.

On Sunday, November 30, 1955, the Cassidy's observed their golden wedding anniversary in the Community hall here.

The late Mr. Cassidy was born October 6, 1874, at Scranton, Pa. As a child he came west with his parents, who homesteaded at Ft. Randall which was

Mr. Cassidy... native of Pennsylvania.—The Frontier Photo.

then a military outpost. He was reared there and attended school for a time in what is now the historical Ft. Randall chapel.

The family homestead in Nebraska was located two miles south of Gross, where the original Cassidy family settled 77 years ago.

He married Anna Fredrickson November 30, 1905, at Fairfax, S. D., and they lived for many years in the Ft. Randall vicinity, retiring and moving into Spencer seven years ago.

In his younger years Mr. Cassidy was a violinist and his talent was in demand in several South Dakota and Nebraska counties.

Survivors include: Widow—Anna; sons—John and Edward, both of Bristow; daughters—Mrs. Alice Nemece of Spencer and Mrs. Katherine Graham of Gregory, S. D.

Dorsey, Star Postal Offices to Be Closed

The postoffice department has ordered the offices at Star and Dorsey, both in northeastern Holt county, to be closed, effective February 8.

Charles V. Cole is postmaster at Star.

Mrs. Amanda E. Wiley is postmaster at Dorsey.

In both instances, the postoffice department in Washington announced that expenses for salary, lights, fuel and equipment far exceeded the receipts. The patrons at both the Star and Dorsey offices can be more efficiently served by other postoffices, the department said.

Batenhorst Rushed to Hospital

Skull Is Fractured; Leaves A Widow and Infant Child

James Batenhorst, 28, young St. Paul farmer, was fatally injured Wednesday, December 23, about mid-morning when he was over by an underslung.

He was moving hay with his father-in-law, Clarence Johnson, son of Stuart, who was driving the tractor.

Batenhorst fell under a wheel and he suffered a base skull fracture.

He was treated here at 11:45 a.m. and later submitted to head surgery. The injured man never regained consciousness.

He died about 3:30 p.m. An ex-serviceman, he married Marvel Johnson of Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Batenhorst.

Survivors include: Widow—Marvel; daughter, age nine-months.

'57 Plates Go on Sale January 2

New green numerals on white background motor vehicle license plates will go on sale Wednesday, January 2, 1957 at the Holt county treasurer's office. It is the first time on record this color scheme has been used.

Office hours will be 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., daily. All licenses will be issued the same day. Treasurer J. Ed Hancock explained that the new car plates will be \$5. Persons wanting plates mailed should send certificates and all copies of tax bills that are being mailed by the county assessor's office, also 25c for passenger car owners to cover postage.

Persons coming to the office in person are reminded to bring certificates and tax statements. The statements are not to be signed by the owners; hence, they are to be submitted un-

To obtain truck licenses it will not be necessary to re-weight unless changes have been made on the body or rack of the truck. County Assessor William F. Wefso said 7,500 sets of motor vehicle tax statements will be placed in the mail yet this week, beginning today (Thursday). It is important, Wefso said, that the statements be saved and not be lost or misplaced, and all copies are to be submitted to the treasurer in applying for 1957 plates.

A mountain of new plates awaits vehicle operators. They were manufactured earlier this year at the state penitentiary and have been on hand several weeks.

The amount of the truck plates is based on the rated capacity. The list below shows the rate for a truck for one year:

Table with 2 columns: Weight and Rate. 3/4 ton or less \$ 8.00, 1 ton 10.00, 1 1/2 ton 12.00, 2 1/2 ton 15.00, 3 ton 18.00, 3 1/2 ton 20.00, 4 ton 22.00, 4 1/2 ton 25.00, 5 ton 28.00, 6 ton 32.00, 7 ton 36.00, 8 ton 40.00, 9 ton 44.00

Stork Wins Race with Speeding Auto

A race between the stork and an O'Neill-bound automobile was won late Wednesday, December 19, by the stork.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Langgan, who live 17 miles north of here, packed up after the chores were done—Mrs. Langgan expecting to keep an appointment at St. Anthony's hospital.

They dropped off their two children at the home of neighbors and sped for town. The stork overtook the car about four miles northwest of town. With Mr. Langgan performing midwife chores, Joyce Catherine came into the world, a bouncing girl weighing in at 6 pounds 2 ounces when the mother and daughter were admitted to the hospital. They were dismissed Sunday morning... "doing fine, thank-you!"



The John Kennys... married on Christmas eve in 1900 near Albion.—The Frontier Photo.

John Kenny, Wife Married 56 Years Spend Half-Century in Sandhills

ATKINSON—It was on Christmas eve in 1900 that John Kenny and Miss Lola Woogerd, both natives of Albion, were married at the Woodgard farm home on Plumb creek in Boone county. It was not a white Christmas that year; weather was mild.

On Monday, December 24, 1956 the Kennys quietly observed their 56th wedding anniversary at their residence the first house south of the Skudla building.

The Kennys have spent a half-century in Holt county.

They began housekeeping in Boone county on the Kenny tree claim about three miles west of Albion. Several children were born there.

and timber to keep warm those first few winters.

Then they moved to Custer county in 1904 where they farmed two years. One daughter was born in Custer county.

Coming to Holt county in 1907, the family spent more than 30 years on a ranch in the Amelia community.

In the intervening years, Mr. Kenny lived for a time on the John ranch in Box county, southwest of Atkinson, while Mrs. Kenny maintained a home in town. He spent one year on the Louis Pofahl ranch near Atkinson, and have lived in Atkinson in retirement for four years.

He is now 78; Mrs. Kenny is 79. Both enjoy good health, although Mr. Kenny has become a bit hard of hearing.

Mr. Kenny recalls that the winters of 1936 and the recurring blizzards of 1948-49 were the severest in the sandhills.

Their oldest child, Mabel, died at the age of 1 1/2 years. Their children are: Sons—Raymond, southwest of Amelia; Dwight of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. Gertrude Carr, south of Atkinson, and Mrs. John (Ruby) O'Connell, who lives 2 1/2 miles from Emmett. They have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Three of the great-grandchildren live with their father, M-Sgt. Kenny, in Italy.

Mr. Kenny avers he can still brand a calf and perform stop a hay stack, if necessary. Cattle raising and having have been a lifetime career for him.