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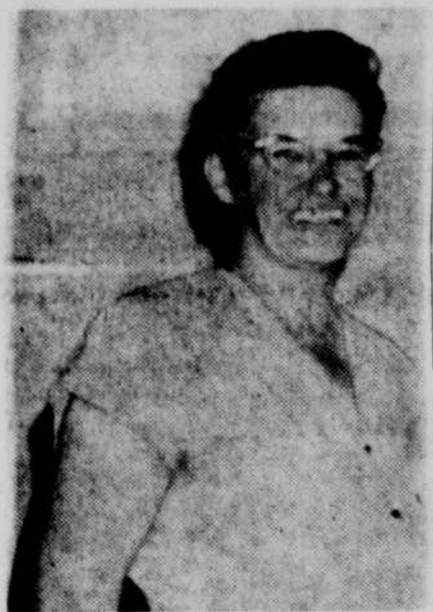
Tucson Boys' Chorus and authentic Southwestern stage settings... varied program designed to please everybody. (Details in column 1.)

Compulsory School Redistricting Rapped

Mildred L. Foreman, Ill 3 Years, Dies

Funeral Monday for Emmet Woman

EMMET — Mrs. Mildred L. Foreman, 53, Emmet housewife, died at 2 a.m., Thursday, January 10, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been ill three years.



Mrs. Foreman... dies following three-year illness.—The Frontier Photo.

HARRY Werner, Leon Beckwith and Oliver Marling, all of the Emmet community. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery at O'Neill under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mrs. Foreman was born March 18, 1903, a daughter of James Bailey and Jeanie Bill Bailey, at Plattsmouth.

She came to Holt county in 1919 from Centerville, Ia., with her parents.

On June 12, 1923, at O'Neill she married Frank E. Foreman. She spent all her married life in the Emmet locality.

Survivors include: Widower—Frank; sons—James E. of Battle Creek and Merle L. of Emmet; daughters—Mrs. Norma L. Harington of Omaha and Miss Jeanie K. of Emmet; two grandchildren; brothers—Charles Bailey of Dutch Mills, Ark.; John Bailey of O'Neill and Claude Bailey of Amarillo, Tex.; sisters—Mrs. Grace Sparks, Miss Louise Bailey and Mrs. Ruth Slopech, all of Amarillo, Tex.

Famed Boys' Chorus to Present Concert in City Tonight

The internationally-famous Tucson (Ariz.) Boys' Chorus will present a concert in authentic Southwestern settings tonight (Thursday) at the O'Neill public school auditorium.

The concert will be the second in the 1956-57 series under the sponsorship of the O'Neill Community Concert association.

Program will be offered in four groupings: Religious, songs of the masters, cowboy songs and famous American show tunes.

Eduardo Caso is the director of the 30-voice unit, which is noted for its varied program designed to please everybody. Concert starts at 8:15 o'clock and admission is by membership card only.

U of N Team Places Third at Denver

ATKINSON—A University of Nebraska livestock judging team placed third at the 55th National Western stock show at Denver, Colo., and an Atkinson man, Lawrence Engler, is a member of that team.

An Oklahoma team placed first. Try Frontier want ads!

Debt Paid, Spencer Celebrates

Town School Heads Burn Mortgage in Monday Ceremony

By a Staff Writer
SPENCER—The whole town turned out Monday evening—rural patrons, too—to witness the burning of the mortgage as members of the Spencer town school board of education paid off all indebtedness on the school plant.

"It's been a long, hard pull," declared Clyde Fisher, who has been a member of the board since 1930.

"I remember we owed 66-thousand-dollars at that time. We had dry years in those thirties plus a depression.

"Teachers were plentiful. We paid the grade teachers \$40 a month and the high school teachers \$50.

"I remember one chap who begged for a job to teach in our high school. The board was meeting with him in the bank building.

"We hired him. We still keep in touch with the man, who is now doing well in another profession. He was a cracking good teacher, too."

Open-house was held in conjunction with the ceremonies. Patrons were escorted to the various rooms. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Supt. Leo Marx reviewed the curriculum changes during the past eight years and music was provided by the school band and by vocalists.

The ceremony with fire took place in the basement as board members and Mr. Marx surrounded an oversized metal wastebasket.

The town of Spencer had been bankrupt at one time, getting deep into debt on paving, water and electric projects.

The sad financial status of the municipality made the job of the school administrators even tougher. In 1934 the countryside was burned up by drought. Corn in the thirties got down to 12 cents per bushel.

"Lots of these younger fellows don't know what we went through in those days—going through successive droughts and depression at the same time," Fisher explained.

The board has earmarked money regularly for maintaining and improving the school. One of the latest improvements is a fully-equipped home economics room.

Meanwhile, the town of Spencer is inching its way out of debt. Outstanding bonds recently were refinanced.

"It's been a good town and will always be a good town," mused an oldtimer standing by for the fireworks. "I'm glad the thing is paid off," he muttered as he shuffled outside into the snow and cold.

ONE-THIRD ISSUED

County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock said Wednesday that 2,710 auto-truck licenses plates for 1957 have been issued—approximately one-third of the total to be issued.

Holt Bank Deposits

	Assets	Deposits	Loans
O'Neill Nat'l. Bk., O'Neill	\$3,853,603.18	3,529,120.12	332,958.57
First Nat'l. B'k., O'Neill	3,512,938.11	3,168,863.07	276,731.49
First Nat'l. B'k., Atkinson	3,314,672.08	3,019,413.88	543,727.76
Tri-Couy. Bank, Stuart	1,427,774.99	1,317,438.07	399,013.62
Farmers State B'k., Ewing	1,073,395.24	971,696.89	220,490.96
Chambers St. B'k., Chbrs.	843,357.03	775,121.16	269,798.72
TOTALS	\$14,027,740.63	12,781,653.19	2,042,721.12

PETTY LARCENY

Darrel Farewell of Chambers is in Holt county jail in lieu of paying a \$50 fine. He was charged with petty larceny on complaint of Harry Kestenholtz of Inman.

Kestenholtz said Farewell had sold horse-drawn machinery to a junk dealer in Atkinson. The machinery, which Kestenholtz identified for Sheriff Leo Tomjack, had been removed without Kestenholtz's authorization from a farm. Farewell was found guilty Monday in Holt county court.

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Pallbearers were Ryan and Chris Reimers, Joseph Bittner, Floyd DeLong, Elwin Smith and David Morbach.

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Fireworks Monday night in the Spencer school building signaled the final payoff on the school's indebtedness. Left-to-right: Louis Klana, secretary of the board and member for 16 years; Charles Pecena, six years; Richard (Dick) Jones, three years; Herbert Seiler, president of the board since 1948 (he burned the paper); Clyde Fisher, 27 years and senior member; Al Koenig, elected to the board two years ago; Supt. Leo Marx.—The Frontier Photo.

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He was the youngest son of the late Gilbert and Eva Falconer Noring.

He spent his early life at Inman, later moving to O'Neill where he pursued the carpenter trade. Mr. Noring was single.

For the past seven years he was employed by the Gilg Construction company at O'Neill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mrs. Anna Stewart; also one brother, Samuel G.

Survivors include: sisters—Mrs. Bertha Craig and Mrs. Roy (Edith) Grubbs, both of Page, and Mrs. Theodore (Carrie) Meyer of Orchard; brother—Gilbert Noring of Pocahontas, Ida.

Mrs. Clayton Wood, the Platts' daughter, came a few days early from Los Angeles, Calif. Others from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin and daughter of Lincoln; Mrs. C. C. McElvain, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mansford Cotner, and son, Douglas of Waco and daughter, Mrs. Deak Welch and Marilyn, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutton, jr., and family of Creston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutton, sr., of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain and son, John Lee, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Good, all of Ewing.

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Serving the ice cream were Mrs. Darrel Gillette, Mrs. T. E. Newhouse, Mrs. A. B. Hubbard and Mrs. John Honeywell.

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The Platts... hold open-house

R. K. Platt, Wife Married 50 Years

140 Guests Attend Affair

CHAMBERS — Open-house honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Platt was held from 2 until 5 p.m., Sunday, January 13, at the home of the Platts' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Platt. One hundred and forty guests came to congratulate the couple.

Mrs. Clayton Wood, the Platts' daughter, came a few days early from Los Angeles, Calif. Others from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin and daughter of Lincoln; Mrs. C. C. McElvain, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mansford Cotner, and son, Douglas of Waco and daughter, Mrs. Deak Welch and Marilyn, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutton, jr., and family of Creston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutton, sr., of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain and son, John Lee, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Good, all of Ewing.

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Man Admits Taking Money from Bed; Larceny Charged

Lester Marks, 32, Stuart admitted guilt in connection with grand larceny charges in Holt county court Wednesday morning and was bound over to district court.

Marks was charged with the theft of one hundred dollars from the late Amos Thurlow at Stuart several days before Mr. Thurlow's death. Marks had stopped in for a visit, he told authorities. Money was taken from a bed.

County Attorney William W. Griffin said the charges would have been petty larceny had the theft been under one hundred dollars.

Library Gets Boost; Road to Be Opened

Room Packed for Grattan Meeting

Members of the Grattan township board were confronted with a full house Tuesday afternoon at the board's annual meeting at the township library.

P. V. Hickey was appointed to preside.

The library board, headed by Mrs. P. B. Harty, asked that the library's funds for 1957 not be reduced from the \$3,000 budget provided a year ago, pointing to expense in installing a new heating plant completed last summer.

The library board, operating on .56 of a mill township levy, stated that any increase in funds during the new year could be used for repair and maintenance on the building itself.

Built in 1914 at the cost of 13-thousand-dollars, the building now needs "pointing" of the bricks and work done on the entrance both inside and out.

Two officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Robert LaRue, president, and John Harrington, secretary, and M. J. Baack, superintendent of the city schools, were principal speakers for a large delegation presiding for a substantial increase in tax money to be used for library purposes.

The Chamber, LaRue said, recommended a two-mill levy for the library. Other groups represented were St. Mary's academy, Simonson post 93, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teachers' association and several churches.

Those present voted 25 - 10 to provide the library \$5,000 for the new year—an increase of \$2,000 over last year. A number of persons present did not vote. This means approximately a one-mill levy (maximum fixed by law is two mills).

A delegation of farmers and ranchers from southwest of O'Neill renewed their efforts to have a north-south road opened and brought to specifications for a rural mail route. The proposed road is located five miles west of U.S. highway 281 and runs parallel with the highway. Presently the families must travel up to five miles to their mail boxes.

The township board agreed to pay for one-half the grading and claying costs if the county would pay for the grading and the other half of the grading and claying.

Harold Burge was spokesman for the ranchers.

Burge and the delegation, also township officers, met Wednesday with the county board, which agreed to bear the grading costs and one-half the grading and claying costs. The road, four miles in length, will be designated as a county road.

Township officers are: Otto Lorenz, clerk; Albert Miller, treasurer; John Dick, justice of the peace. Bernard Pongratz is retiring treasurer.

Township valuation last year (Grattan and city of O'Neill) \$5,452,960.

Budget for the township general fund will be \$5,000—the same as last year.

X-Ray in Operation 'Till 9 Tonight

The state-owned mobile X-ray unit will be in operation from 7 until 9 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at the O'Neill Youth Center. Clothes need not be removed and it requires only one minute for a person to take advantage of the free chest X-ray service, provided by the state department of health in cooperation with the Holt County Tuberculosis association.

Daily hours are 9 a.m., until noon and 1 until 6 p.m. However, the X-ray machine will close down at 5 o'clock on Friday.

By 9 o'clock Wednesday night 837 persons had availed themselves of the use of the machine. Last time the X-ray machine was at O'Neill 1,312 persons were handled.

Volunteers from O'Neill extension clubs, headed by Mrs. Robert Kurtz, are performing clerical duties at the Center during the machine's stay.

The machine will be at Chambers, January 22-23; Inman, January 25; Page, January 29; Ewing, January 31 and February 1.

Rural Phone Group Gets \$477,000 Loan

The Northeast REA Telephone company of Nebraska, with headquarters at Hubbard, has granted a \$477-thousand-dollar government loan, according to Rep. A. L. Miller (R) of Nebraska's Fourth district.

Some of the money will be used to build 159 miles of new rural telephone line in Holt and Wheeler counties. There will also be money spent for constructing a dial system phone center at Bartlett, countyseat of Wheeler county.

Celia Locality Snow Piled in

CELIA—Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg, the Celia correspondent, reports "not much news the past week; weather too cold for any activities that weren't necessary."

The thermometer has hovered near zero and got as low as 16 below Wednesday night, January 9.

Eight inches of snowfall was reported in the community.



Senator Nelson addresses rural school officers who overflowed the district courtroom. Seated—Mrs. Albert Carson, Anson Closson and Mrs. Lloyd Whaley.—The Frontier Photo.

Gerald E. Kaczor, 16, O'Neill high school student, gets free chest X-ray at Youth Center. Technician Bernard Cook of Lincoln assists.—The Frontier Photo.