

# C&NW Says Hardship Reason for Stand



Soldier's Farewell

M/Sgt. Edward F. Schmuckler and his wife embrace in a farewell kiss moments before O'Neill's national guard company departed by special troop train for Camp Ripley, Minn., for two weeks of field training. The unit, including 65 enlisted men and five officers, shared the train with units from Chadron, Norfolk, Wayne, Fremont, Omaha and other points. Schmuckler is from Atkinson.—The Frontier photo.

## Al Wood New Manager of KVHC

Sun Broadcasters, Inc., new owners of radio station KVHC, have announced the appointment of Al Wood as manager of the station.

The station, owned and operated for 19 months by the Holt County Broadcasting Corp., was sold recently to a Holdrege group which organized the Sun company. Purchase price was \$25,000.

Mr. Wood comes to O'Neill from the heart of West Texas ranch country. He has a background of 11 years in commercial radio. Until six months ago, he worked with radio stations in San Angelo, Tex. Initially he was commercial manager of 5,000-watt KGKL there; later served as salesman and chief engineer at KWFR, also in San Angelo.

For the past six months Wood has served as program director and chief engineer at KNEL at Brady, Tex.

Mr. Wood will also serve as chief engineer at KVHC.

The Wood family includes Mrs. Wood and two children—Linda and Larry. They will make their home at 502 North First st., in the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaRue and family. Mr. LaRue, who has returned to Colorado, put KVHC on the air November 30, 1955, and was station manager until the station was sold.

## Water Safety Films to Be Shown

Free showing of films and demonstrations on water safety and swimming and boating safety will be held at the Municipal swimming pool Thursday evening, starting at 7 o'clock. Swimming classes, boating clubs and the general public are invited.



Louis Bartos, farmer north and east of O'Neill, and his son, Marvin, peek between seven-foot cornstalks. Mr. Bartos has installed an irrigation system, but Mother Nature has raised these specimens.—The Frontier Photo.

VALENTINE—After nearly three days of listening to financial hardship stories from high Chicago & North Western officials, the Nebraska railway commissioners late Wednesday heard seven representatives of the general public and the Save-the-Trains association.

The commission is conducting a hearing on C&NW's application to remove the last two passenger-mail-express trains serving north-Nebraska on the 450-mile Omaha-Chadron line.

Monday testimony of Stephen A. Litus, C&NW staff officer, was not admitted to the record when S-T-A counsel Einar Viren of Omaha moved that Litus was not a competent authority.

J. R. Brennan, C&NW general passenger agent, said flexibility in automobile and train schedules is no longer necessary. A voluminous 50-page book contained C&NW's presentation, including population studies, auto registrations, maps of bus, truck and other rail lines. Brennan said trains 13 and 14 are among the "best-known today in the country."

The exhibit showed that C&NW's 10 passenger trains in and out of Omaha's Union station handled 49,000 passengers in 1956. In excess of 30,000 of these were on trains 13 and 14.

Other eight trains include Omaha-Minneapolis and Omaha-Chadron runs.

Shannon Responsible  
C. C. Shannon, assistant to C&NW's president, admitted the road had been inefficiently operated in the past. He admitted, too, under cross-examination that when he was in charge of all Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming operations, headquarters in Omaha, trains 13 and 14 were under his jurisdiction, and he had encouraged removal of the trains since 1950.

Litus said his testimony had been accepted by Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and other utility commissions.

When challenged, however, he stepped down and a hurry up phone call was sent to Larry Provo, vice-president and comptroller of the line. Provo was on the scene the next morning.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Provo pleaded hardship in behalf of the railroad but did not fully explain why C&NW's stock had nearly doubled in value in 18 months. Viren asked Provo how he reconciled the hardship story with the stock value. Viren probed as to why C&NW's stock is considerably higher on the market than other railroads which have been paying dividends to stockholders annually. C&NW hasn't paid on common stock in seven years.

'Pick-and-Shovel'  
Viren's cross-examination of Provo served to neutralize in the minds of many of the listeners, the three days of "pick-and-shovel" financial condition," stressed by Litus, Shannon, Brennan and Provo.

Strongly-worded letters and petitions from north-Nebraskans were entered into the record over the protest of the road's counsel.

There is speculation the hearing may end tonight (Thursday). State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill will testify today (Thursday). He introduced the law that eliminated the flagman and saved C&NW 25- to 30-thousand-dollars annually.

O'Neill has been represented each day at the hearings.

Public witnesses heard late Wednesday were Judge Quigley of Valentine; Gene Kemper, Alliance publisher; Doyle Free, secretary of Nebraska Poultry Improvement association (eastern Nebraska hatcheries send chicks to western Nebraska by express); C. M. Terry, fieldman for the Lakeville (Minn.) Creamery, who introduced messages from scores of patrons who objected to having the express service lost; Mrs. Sattzman and Mrs. Thorley, both of Ainsworth, who use the trains frequently.

## Youth, 16, Dies Result of Wreck

### Ronald Dean Mitchell Thrown out Moving Vehicle Near Lynch

BUTTE—A 16-year-old farm youth, Ronald Dean Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Mitchell of Butte, was fatally injured between 2 and 3 a. m., Sunday, July 28, on a country road 6 1/2 miles north of Lynch.

He and a friend, Gary Ellwanger, had attended a Saturday night dance in Lynch. The car, driven by Mitchell, went out of control on a curve and overturned. Mitchell was thrown from the vehicle.

Ellwanger was dismissed that afternoon from the Lynch hospital having suffered only from shock. Funeral services for the Mitchell youth were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, July 30, at the



Mitchell . . . funeral services held Tuesday.

Community church in Butte. Rev. George Muzzy officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts furnished music with Mrs. Ver Tomcik at the organ.

Pallbearers were Gary Arp, LaVern Krieger, Douglas Dix, Stanley Liewer, Charles Doty and Gary Ellwanger.

"Ronnie" as he was best-known, was born August 6, 1940. He spent his entire life with his parents on their farm south of Butte. He attended Butte high school and would have been a senior this fall.

He served as student manager of the football team the past two seasons.

He was baptized in the Methodist church in Atkinson when he was a small child.

Survivors include: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Mitchell; brother—Larry of Arlington, Va.; sister—Sharon, at home; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell of Atkinson and Mrs. George Syfie of O'Neill.

## 480-Acre Trussell Unit to Be Sold

Vern Whitaker of Chambers Friday purchased at executor's sale the near-new residence in northwest Chambers owned by the estate of the late Walter Trussell. Purchase price was \$2,300, according to John R. Gallagher of O'Neill, executor for the estate.

Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill was auctioneer.

Gallagher and O'Connell will be selling the 480-acre improved livestock and hay unit, belonging to the Trussell estate, on Wednesday, August 14, starting at 1 p. m., on the premises.

The land is located three miles south of the junction of U. S. highway 281 and state highway 95 (east of Chambers) and 3 1/2 miles east. Legal description: E 1/2 and E 1/2 of W 1/2 of section 3, township 29, range 11. In the advertisement on page 19 and in the two-colored hand bills there is an error in the description. Ed C. Smith of Chambers will show the premises to interested persons in advance of the sale.

## 8 Lovelies Compete for Hay Royalty

ATKINSON—Hay queen nominees for the 1957 edition of hay days are Jean Allyn, Audrey Coxhill, Sandra Davis, Delores Engler, Shirley Fundus, Sharon Kokes, Artha Pacha and Bernadine Rossman. The one chosen queen will be crowned with ceremony.

Hay days will be a one day affair this year—Monday, August 5. There will be all types of entertainment, a late afternoon barbecue, baseball and U. S. Sen. Carl Curtis is scheduled to speak. A feature of the celebration will be a trade fair in which there will be scores of booths and exhibits.

B. H. Wilson is general chairman for the celebration.

Hey kids! You can obtain tickets for the kiddie rides at the Holt county fair for only a dime. If you wait until the fair, the tickets will cost you 20 cents.

The 10-cent advance tickets are on sale at these firms: All business places in Chambers; Gibson store, Ewing; Lindberg Firestone store, O'Neill; Smith Clothing, Atkinson; Jensen's Red & White, Stuart; Peterson's store, Amelia.



# THE FRONTIER



Allan Reynoldson (left) and Tim Gilligan (right) model samples of proposed new Municipal band uniforms. Holding the clarinet is Bill Eby, wearing a 10-year-old uniform. The Band Mothers organization is planning to raise funds with which to purchase between 80 and 100 new uniforms.

## Child Drowns in Stock Tank

### Arehart Infant Dies at Sands Farm

EWING—Michael Dean, 17-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arehart of Ewing, was drowned in a stock tank Thursday afternoon, July 25, about 5:30 o'clock at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sands, near Ewing. His mother and the other Arehart children had gone their to visit.

Mr. Arehart operates a moving van and was enroute to Florida at the time of the accident. He could not be reached for several hours after the accident. Upon receiving word, he left immediately by plane and reached his home Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 28, at the Methodist church here.

Mrs. Gene Ruby of Ewing and Miss Alvera Schilowsky of Lincoln sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "When He Cometh", with Mrs. Wilbur Spangler the accompanist.

Mrs. Archie Tuttle, assisted by

## Mothers Hope for New Band Uniforms

### Movement Is Getting Underway

The O'Neill Band Mothers organization, founded in 1946, is sponsoring a move to purchase new uniforms for the Municipal band.

First president of the group was Mrs. Harry Petersen.

Survivors include: Parents—Mrs. Helen Sisson, had charge of the flowers.

Pallbearers were LaVance Munamert of Clearwater, Richard Faust of Lincoln, James and Terry Knievel, both of Norfolk. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery.

Michael Dean was born March 5, 1956, at the Antelope Memorial hospital.

"Mikie" as he was called by children of the neighborhood, was a favorite of the youngsters.

Survivors include: Parents; brothers—Tom and Joe; sisters—Bonnie and Debbie; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. George Wright of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Arehart of Elgin; great-grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hausler of Elgin.

Officers of the Band Mothers organization are: Mrs. Roy Shelhamer, president; Mrs. Robert Kurtz, vice-president; Mrs. Leo Gokie, secretary; Mrs. Joe Tennis, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. Virgil Laursen, Mrs. Bennett Gillespie, Mrs. Melvin Marcullus, Mrs. Richard Nelson, Mrs. Jack Arbutnot, Mrs. Leona Shoemaker and Mrs. L. D. Putnam.

Volunteer donations from individuals, business firms or civic groups will be appreciated, Mrs. Shelhamer said. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Joe Tennis, treasurer.

The officers declared: "Our band director, Duane Miller, is one of the best in the state. Let's all get behind the band and the director. Boost them, help them!"

John Graves, who came to O'Neill two years ago when he purchased a South Fourth street tavern from Claude Hamilton, Jr., has announced the sale of the firm to Dale Potts of Bartlett, formerly of O'Neill and Emmet. The sale is subject to confirmation by the state.

## Kicked by Horse, Stuart Lad, 8, Dies

### David Shald Flown to Omaha

STUART—Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m., Monday, July 29, in St. Boniface Catholic church at Stuart for David Shald, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shald, Stuart ranchers. The boy died Friday, July 26, in Children's Memorial hospital at Omaha after having been flown there. He was kicked in the abdomen by a horse Tuesday, July 23, and showed no immediate ill effects. At first it was thought he was not hurt seriously.

Early Friday at the Atkinson hospital he collapsed and went into deep shock. He was flown by ambulance to Omaha, attended by Dr. James Ramsey, and died after arrival at the Omaha hospital.

Rev. A. J. Paschang, St. Boniface pastor, officiated at the requiem high mass. Twenty members of David's first communion class last May acted as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery. Rosary was recited Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Seger funeral home in Atkinson.

Pallbearers were: Billy Huffman, John Cobb, Randy Jardee.



Mr. Enright . . . lingering illness.

## Thomas H. Enright, Ill 22 Months, Dies

### Services Are Planned Friday Morn

Thomas H. Enright, 85, 630 Benton Street, died Tuesday, July 30, at 6 p. m., after an illness of 22 months.

The late Mr. Enright was born July 11, 1872, at Champaign, Ill., the son of John and Mary Burke Enright. His parents were natives of Ireland. As a small boy, he came to Holt County.

On May 2, 1935, he married Margaret Murphy of O'Neill at St. Patrick's Catholic church. They became the parents of three daughters.

His wife and one daughter, Gertrude, preceded him in death. Gertrude died in February, 1929.

Survivors include: daughters—Miss Loretta, at home and Mrs. T. W. (Eileen) Slemak of Norfolk.

Mr. Enright was a member of Charles Carroll of Carrollton council, Knights of Columbus.

A rosary will be offered tonight (Thursday) at the Enright residence at 8 o'clock.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's church with Rev. Robert Duffy officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglins.

Mr. Enright, who had been retired for a number of years, was known for his keen wit.

## Wranglers Triumph in Judging Clinic

A district range judging clinic was held Monday. Holt county was host to 65 youths and adults from the area. The clinic workshop took place at the Bill Simmons ranch and the H. A. and Robert Van Horn ranch.

Winners: Adults division: E. M. Jarman of Chambers, first; Walter Fick of Inman, second; Elmer Juracek of O'Neill, third.

Four-H division: Garry Fick of Inman, first; Jerry Holmoka of Chambers, second; Larry Daves and Richard Hill, both of O'Neill, tied for third.

Future farmers: Lowell Oamek of Bassett, first; Harlan Jones of Ainsworth, second; Richard Ernst of O'Neill, third.

FFA teams: Bassett, first; Ainsworth, second. Four-H teams: Prairie Wranglers of Chambers, first; Grattan Hustlers of O'Neill, second.

## Gary Jeffrey Named 'King' at Camp

At Lubog camp for Lutheran children held last week at Fremont, Gary Jeffrey was elected king and Miss Norma Alberts of Hastings, queen. Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, was dean of the camp with eight staff members.

Eighty-seven children attended. Others from O'Neill were Vickie Gedwillo, Billie Nelson and Mike Hand.

## Fair Supplement in This Issue

The annual Holt county fair premium list, a 24-page supplement, is being distributed with this week's issue of The Frontier.

Extra copies are available at the office of the county agent in O'Neill, Newhouse Sundries at Chambers; through James H. Gibson of Chambers, fair secretary, and at The Frontier office upon request.

## PRIEST IN EUROPE

CREIGHTON—Rev. Joseph B. Falke of St. Ludger's Catholic church is vacationing in Europe for his health.



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## Resident 72 Years Dies at 91

### Mrs. Theresa Kramer in Failing Health for Several Years

ATKINSON—Mrs. Theresa Kramer, 91, died Monday night, July 29, at her home here. She had been in failing health for sometime. Mrs. Kramer was an Atkinson resident 72 years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a. m., today (Thursday) at St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. R. J. Parr officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Pallbearers selected are Carl Kramer, Leonard Kramer, Donald Kramer, Lawrence Ziska, Leo Weichman and Louis Verzal.

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

The late Mrs. Kramer was born June 14, 1866, at Dieberschlag, Bohemia, a daughter of Mat Weichman and Anna Bonne Weichman.

She married Conrad Kramer at Atkinson in June, 1886.

The family lived on a farm many years. At the time of her death she was making her home with her son, Conrad, Jr.

Survivors include: Sons—Conrad, Jr., Joseph, Edward and Frederick, all of Atkinson; daughter—Bertha of Atkinson; several grandsons, one granddaughter, three great-grandchildren.

One son, Carl, died in 1915. Her husband died May 3, 1950.

## Former M&M Owner Expires in Florida

Mrs. Margaret McMillan, 79, well-known retired O'Neill business woman, died Sunday, July 28, at her home in Miami, Fla., where she had resided for nine years, following her retirement.

Mrs. McMillan, the former Margaret Markey, was born in Chenoa, Ill., January 18, 1878, the daughter of Owen and Margaret Finnegan Markey. She married Frank D. McMillan on January 4, 1911, at Chicago, Ill. They opened the M & M bakery in June, 1911, and were in business here for 36 years.

Mrs. McMillan carried on after her husband's death in May of 1933. Miss Mary Markey, a sister, joined the firm and a brother, John, assisted in later years.

On June 8, 1947, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. ("Pepe") Herford purchased the M & M.

Mrs. McMillan was preceded in death by her parents; brothers—John of O'Neill; Frank of Stockton, Calif.; Ed of San Pedro, Calif.; sister—Miss Mary, who died in November, 1953.

Survivors include: sister—Mrs. J. L. (Kathryn) Gaudrie of Miami, Fla.; several nieces and nephews, including Rev. Francis L. Markey of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. M. J. Golden of O'Neill. Father Markey is editor of the California Central Register, a Catholic diocesan paper in Fresno.

A rosary was recited Wednesday at 8 p. m., at Biglin's chapel. The funeral will be held today (Thursday) at 9 a. m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Robert Duffy officiating. Pallbearers chosen are P. C. Donohoe, J. D. Cronin, Edward Campbell, Hugh Coyne, P. F. Morgan, and Bennett Hereford.

Mrs. Golden, who had been with her aunt for several months, flew here with her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Butcher and Susie of Smyrna, Tenn., and Mrs. Richard M. Owens of Kansas City, Mo. Her son, James L. Golden of McCook, is also here.

## Chadron Judge, Holt Native, Dies at 76

CHADRON—Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 31, for Daines County Judge Edson D. Harrison, 76, of Chadron.

Judge Harrison, a former farmer and law enforcement officer and judge from 1949 until his death, died here Sunday evening, July 28.

Judge Harrison was reared north of O'Neill.