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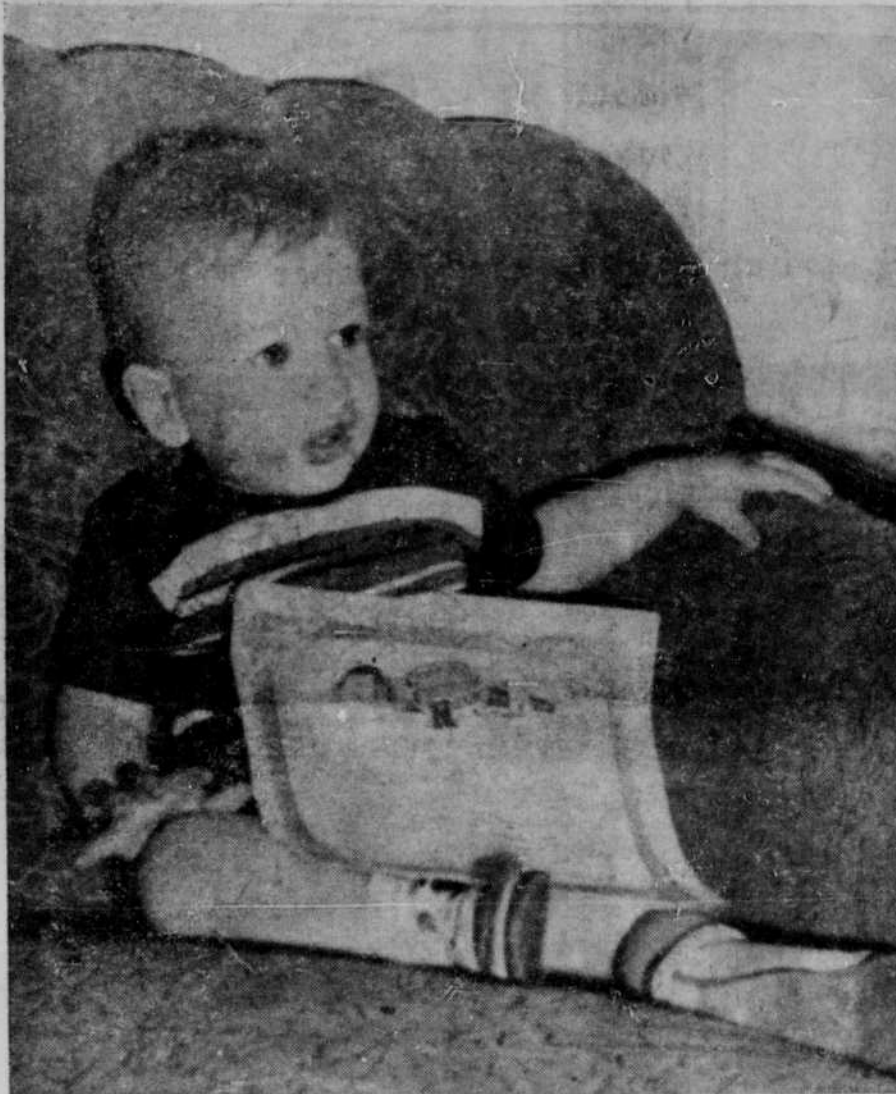
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100TH BIRTHDAY COMING . . . Mrs. Joseph Axtell was busy gathering wood and doing kitchen chores when The Frontier's photographer called at her home in Stuart. Her activity belied her 100th birthday anniversary coming up Saturday, November 24. Her parents brought this native New Yorker to the midwest in 1868 for the benefit of her health, living about 15 years in Iowa before coming to Holt county. She married in 1887, they became the parents of a daughter, Pearl. Mr. Axtell died in 1911. The elderly Mrs. Axtell and her daughter reside together in Stuart, a block northeast of the public school. She is probably Holt county's oldest resident.



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OKLAHOMA KID . . . A year ago the Nebraska University Cornhuskers were geared to upset the national collegiate grid champs, the Oklahoma Sooners, at Norman. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schaffer, of O'Neill, were among the 5,000 Husker fans who migrated south for the big game (which Oklahoma won, incidentally, 49-35). The Schaffers never reached Norman, however. They were shortstopped at Oklahoma City when Mr. Stork began buzzing their auto. They watched the game on TV and afterward a son, Dewey, was born in St. Anthony's hospital there, weighing 5 pounds 2 ounces. This year the Huskers are not given the faintest chance to upset the powerful Sooners at Lincoln, but 1973 promises a different story. Young Dewey (above) has been admitted into the Cornhusker Keneb Klub (note certificate) and will be a contender for a backfield spot. Dewey's mother is the former Lois Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet; the father is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Schaffer, of O'Neill.

YOUTH 'OFFICER' DATE DECEMBER 10

Legion - Sponsored Event Will Draw Juniors to City

Date for the 1951 student government participation program has been set for Monday, December 10.

This is the annual American Legion-sponsored program in which high school juniors from throughout the county will convene here and "move in" on the county offices. Each elected from his own school, following a procedure of nominations and elections conducted along conventional lines, the juniors will occupy the various county offices for a day and learn the inside story of county government.

The purpose of the movement is to familiarize youth with government procedure.

In charge of arrangements are District Judge D. R. Mounts, Holt Legion Commander Glea H. Wade, Commander John Staufberger, of Simonson post 93, and John Grutsch, Holt county service officer.

Each year Simonson post is host to the Holt high school students.

Plans will be completed next week. Meanwhile, the juniors in the high schools—O'Neill high, St. Mary's academy, St. Joseph's hall, Atkinson high, Stuart, Inman, Ewing, Page and Chambers—will begin campaigning for the various offices.

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POLIO VICTIM HOME . . . Mrs. C. D. Ankney (above), pictured in a WAVE uniform during World War II, has returned to her home at Chambers following a light attack of polio. She was hospitalized several weeks at Grand Island and will recover. Her husband is pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Chambers. The Ankneys have 2 children.

Union Thanksgiving Services Scheduled

Union Thanksgiving worship services will be conducted Wednesday, November 21, at the Methodist church.

Participating churches, according to annual custom, are Wesleyan a Methodist church, First Presbyterian church and the Methodist church.

Rev. Melvin H. Grosenbach, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver the sermon.

HOLT FARMER, 38, PICKER FATALITY

Chester Carsten Strangled When Coat Catches in Shaft

Chester Carsten, 38-year-old northeast Holt county farmer residing 2 miles south and 1 mile west of Redbird, died about 10 a.m., Thursday, November 15, in a cornpicker accident.

Carsten had stopped the machine to make an adjustment, his heavy coat was caught in a shaft, and he was strangled to death.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 18, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in Lynch. Rev. Mitchell officiated.

Burial was in Scottville rural cemetery in the locality in which he lived.

Mr. Carsten had gone to the field early that morning to operate the mechanical picker, and was to have returned to the house early because the family had planned a trip to O'Neill in the afternoon.

About 1 p.m., Mrs. Carsten became concerned about her husband, went to the field and found him dead.

Survivors include: Widow—Irene; daughter—Mrs. Eldon (Alyce) Mills; sons—Jerry, 16, and Robert, 15; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carsten; 2 grandsons.

Native O'Neillite Dies in Washington

Mrs. Amanda Calkins, 54, died Friday, November 2, in Spokane, Wash., according to word received by a sister, Mrs. Jennie Eppenbach, of O'Neill.

Mrs. Calkins was the former Amanda McAllister, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAllister. She was born March 20, 1897 on a farm north of O'Neill.

Survivors include: 5 sons and daughters, 6 sisters and 5 brothers.

NEW DEALERSHIP OPENS HERE

The opening of a new De Soto-Plymouth dealership, to be known as Smith Motor Co., was announced Tuesday by Harry R. Smith and Paul Shierk, partners. It is located at 316 East Fremont.

"We invite the public to visit what we believe to be the finest, most up-to-date automobile dealership in this area," they said.

"We will have on display the beautiful new 1952 DeSoto and Plymouth cars, both outstanding products of Chrysler Corporation. We have a service department completely equipped with the most modern equipment and tools, staffed with mechanics trained in factory methods and using only parts approved by the factory.

"It is our aim to give our customers the finest service obtainable. We guarantee that our work will be economical, efficient and done without unnecessary delay.

"In fact, we intend to give the kind of service that goes with the kind of quality cars that we sell, the new De Soto and Plymouth."

FRONTIER 24-HOURS EARLY

This issue of The Frontier went to press 24-hours earlier than usual in order that all subscribers in the O'Neill region will receive their paper ahead of the holiday. Because many rural mail routes and all city carrier routes do not operate on holidays, the advance publication is for the benefit of patrons who, because of the Thursday holiday, would not receive their Frontier until Friday.



—The Frontier Photo & Engraving

An army of neighbors equipped with an array of mechanical cornpickers, descended on the Ed Thomas farm northwest of here Tuesday morning and made short work of 80 acres of unpicked

corn. Mr. Thomas, one son and one daughter are hospitalized with tuberculosis. Photo was taken at the "headquarters" for Operation Good Neighbor—the James C. Parker farm.

3 in Family Have TB--Neighbors Rally



Every room in the James C. Parker farm home was filled with hungry cornpickers following the 4-hour session at the Ed Thomas farm. Mrs. Clarence Ernst (left background) and Mrs. Ed Wayman are presiding in this room.

Army Makes Short Work of 80-Acre Corn Field

(By a Staff Writer)

Mrs. Ed Thomas, O'Neill farm woman who is a mother of 10, will not soon forget the Thanksgiving season, 1951.

Her husband and a daughter, Vonda, 16, are tuberculosis patients in the Kearney TB hospital, and a son, Robert, is a TB patient in the Veterans hospital at Minneapolis, Minn. As Thanksgiving day, 1951, approaches, Mrs. Thomas is thankful she and 8 of her children enjoy good health and she's grateful the family's corn crop has been picked.

The neighbors who gathered at 8:30 Tuesday morning at the Thomas place, located 6 miles northwest of town, came with an elaborate layout of picking and hauling machinery and an abundance of sheer manpower. The ladies appeared laden with enough prepared food to feed an army twice as large.

By shortly after noon, 80 acres had been picked, representing several thousand bushels of corn.

"The corn isn't too good," explained Mrs. Thomas, "but, my, how grateful we are it's done. I visited Ed at the hospital last week and he was worried about the corn."

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Parker live across the road from the Thomases. In a neighborly way they set out Saturday to organize the husking bee. Mrs. Parker doing her share of the engineering with a pair of crutches she has been obliged to use for several months.

"Everybody we asked showed up and helped," explained Mrs. Parker.

It was an impressive array of farm machinery that lined up near the Thomas home after the job was done and bright yellow corn was piled high in the yard. In 4 hours from the starting time the job was finished.

Mr. Parker explained that the corn was "not too good"—like everybody else's this year.

The men abandoned the machinery and went to the Parker home across the road for a big dinner. Men were eating in every room in the spacious Parker home and women busily waited tables.

The buffet, for example, was lined with 75 pies. Every conceivable kind of pie was represented, not to mention all the dishes of meat, salads and vegetables.

After the men had finished the women sat down. Working with them was Mrs. Thomas, who was

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Elvin H. Coker Burial in Iowa

Funeral services for Elvin H. Coker, 56, were held Saturday, November 17, at the Methodist church here. The late Mr. Coker died late Wednesday, November 14, at his home here following a 6-month illness.

Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiated. B. Glin Bros. were in charge and the body was forwarded to Afton, Ia. Burial rites were held Sunday at Afton.

Elvin Howard Coker, son of the late James Benjamin and Mimi Beck Coker, was born August 27, 1895, at Shelby, Ia.

When he was 11 years old, his family moved to Afton, Ia. He became a member of the Christian church there at the age of 19.

In 1916 he was united in marriage to Abbie Deborah White. They lived on a farm near Afton until 1918, when they moved to Holt county. They were engaged in ranching, farming and meat cutting at Stuart. In 1946 they opened Coker's Lockers in O'Neill.

The late Mr. Coker was known to most people as "Shorty" Coker. Survivors include: Widow; sons—Lewis F. and James H., both of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Robert (Jean) Reitz, of Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. B. W. (Patricia) Hand, of Rickford, Ill.; Mrs. Robert (Doris) Greenfield, of Stuart, and Mrs. Robert (Eva) Mathews, of O'Neill; sister—Mrs. C. B. Shade, of St. Paul; brothers—James Calvin, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Earl F., of Creston, Ia.; 7 grandchildren.

Three children preceded him in death—Theora Onita, Lola Mae and Robert White. The family burial plot is at Afton.

Pallbearers at the funeral here were: R. B. Carlisle, Hubert Khole, Fred Stracke, all of Stuart; Fred McCart and Ed Etherton, of O'Neill; and Herbert Nielsen, of Inman.

Pvt. James Coker was injured in a car accident enroute to the funeral and was unable to attend the services. He is at the home of his uncle, Willis White, of Creston, Ia. Mrs. Coker remained there after the funeral to be with him.

There was a 35-minute interruption in electric service in the northeast Nebraska Consumers EPD network Friday evening, due to personnel error at Oakland.

Gamble Manager Plans 'Get-Acquainted' Sale

Burl Munsell, new Gamble store manager, has scheduled a get-acquainted sale Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24.

Gambles will be open Friday and Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock, Mr. Munsell said. There will be free musical entertainment by the Coronado Kids, free coffee and doughnuts and free prizes hourly.

(See 2-page advertisement on pages 2 and 3.)

MERCURY DIPS

Lowest temperature of the past 7 days was 19 above zero recorded early Saturday.



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PUBLIC DEMANDS REPEAT . . . The response to the Lions club-sponsored home-talent minstrel show on Wednesday, November 14, was so gratifying that a repeat performance was held Monday, November 19. Photographer John H. McCarville snapped this photo after Endman John C. Watson (right) finished "The Chicken Song",

which had rocked the house. Robed choristers in the photo are: Clayton Baumierster, Jerry Fox, DeWayne Booth and Mike London; blacks are Matthew G. ("Rastus") Beha, "the poor man's Joe Louis," Roy ("Mose") Johnson and "Bones" Watson.