

# 1.60 Inches of Rain Helps Revive Pastures

At O'Neill precipitation during the past ten days has totaled 1.60 inches of moisture, including .45 on Sunday, July 27; .35 on Sunday, August 2, and .33 on Monday, August 3, 41 late Wednesday afternoon, August 6.

The O'Neill region late Saturday night and Sunday morning welcomed more rainfall to help overcome the costly June and July precipitation deficit. The midsummer drought, however, had already accomplished its damage and scattered showers one week apart—Sunday, July 27 and Sunday, August 3—succeeded only in refreshing pastures and some late corn.

It was a slow, gradual rain that fell during the early hours Sunday, netting .36 of an inch at O'Neill officially.

Other sections of the O'Neill region fared better. Orville Metschke of Chambers reported 1.40 for that locality. On Saturday morning—the day before—showers near Chambers interrupted some of the hay that had been cut Sunday. The showers only settled the dust at Chambers.

Elmer Oetter of Amelia reported two inches of precipitation there during the early Sunday morning hours. He said the water standing in the ditches along the roadside was reminiscent of the water of last spring.

Arnold Zuelke, who lives three miles south of Chambers, measured little more than an inch of rainfall early Sunday.

At Emmet more than a half-inch of rain fell over the weekend. At the junction of U.S. highways 20 and 275 southeast of Inman, the precipitation amounted to 1.50. However, Clifford Sobotta, who lives northwest of Inman, reported less than a half-inch of rain.

Mrs. Carl Wittfeldt, who lives 12 miles northeast of O'Neill, reported that the rain gauge showed .30 of an inch following the early Sunday morning shower.

Stuart reported one-half inch of rain for that region. John Buhlman, who lives near the junction of U.S. highway 275 and the Elgin road, declared the rain in that vicinity was worth a million dollars.

The Amelia community received 2.13 inches of rain early Sunday. It was described by Miss Florence Lindsey, The Frontier's Amelia correspondent, as "much-needed."

Summary for the week follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
August 1	99	63	
August 2	88	68	.05
August 3	84	64	.36
August 4	79	54	
August 5	81	58	.33
August 6	85	59	.41
Total			1.15

## Miner's Body in Full-Length Cast

Russell Miner, 16, who was seriously injured when he was jounced from the truck his father was driving while fighting grass fires in northeast Holt county on Sunday, July 27, has returned from Clarkson Memorial hospital, Omaha. He is resting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everet Miner, southeast of O'Neill, after a trip home by ambulance one week following the accident.

He is in a cast that encases his body from head to foot. He suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries. No surgery was necessary.

The youth was hurt when he was bounced from the fender of a truck which hit a deep hole. The front and rear wheels ran over him.

A group of good neighbors under the leadership of Harry Resder gathered Tuesday and Wednesday to cut and put up hay for Russell's father. Seventy acres of hay was cut Tuesday. Other crews working under James M. Corke, Virgil Laursen and Claire McVay will gather later this week.

An appeal for help in the project on the Monday morning "Voice of the Frontier" program produced more than enough volunteer workers.

## 'Voice' to Present Parade Broadcast

The "Voice of the Frontier" special events unit will do a special one-hour broadcast from Atkinson on Monday, August 11, starting at 2:30 p.m. The parade itself, however, is scheduled to move out at 2 o'clock.

George Hammon will be at the microphone and will give WIAG (780 k.c.) listeners a graphic word-picture description of the famous hay days parade. The broadcast will be carried from Atkinson to the Norfolk transmitter by special service, and through the "Voice of the Frontier's" facilities.

Sponsors for the one hour special events program are Meadow Gold (Beatrice Foods, Inc.), Jessee Baking Company, O'Neill Photo Co., Gonderinger Motor Co., and Central Finance Corp.

## Ewing Presbyterian Youth to Conference

EWING—The United Presbyterian church is holding a youth conference on the college campus at Tarkio, Mo., from Monday, August 4, to Saturday, August 9. Those in attendance from the Ewing Presbyterian church are Paul Gunter, Tom Christon, Vanda Biddlecome, Lloyd and Lavonne Shrader. They were accompanied by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Bomer, who will direct the recreation at the conference, and Mrs. Duane Jensen and Miss Sally Christon, who will be counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long received a telephone call Tuesday evening from their son, Pfc. Oran W. Long, who had just arrived from Germany. He is on his way home from Camp Kilmer, N.J., for a month's furlough and will be discharged after having completed two years in the army.



**STRUCK BY CAR**  
Little Nancy Hoerle, 3 (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Hoerle of Chambers, escaped serious injury Friday, July 25, when she dashed in front of a car driven by Lyle David. The little girl was knocked unconscious but was not seriously hurt.

## Corn Prospects Gone with Wind

The 1952 corn crop looks very poor in most of northeast Holt county, normally the corn-producing area of the county. The wind is doing fine work in the corn doing quite well.

This spotted condition is due in the main to scattered thunder showers during a critical eight-day period.

Generally the northeast section fared poorly in two rounds of showers one week apart. Hot intense winds during July dissipated all the moisture in the corn and most of the surface moisture.

James Conway, who lives northwest of O'Neill, says his corn is "pretty well shot." Mr. Conway added: "I've got 190 acres in and if I get that many bushels I'll be lucky."

Bill Murphy said, "My corn is done. Not enough rain at the right time. My corn is doing fine, though." Murphy lives south of Opportunity.

"My 65 acres of corn is just holding its own," said Walter O'Malley, whose farm is nine miles northwest of O'Neill. "I look for a 50 percent yield."

Levi Yantzie, who also lives northwest of O'Neill, reported most of his corn had dried up. "But 15 acres of open-pollinated corn is doing good," he said.

L. A. Whaley reported that his corn was nearly all burned. The Whaley farm is northeast of O'Neill.

Walter Young, who resides in the same locality, said the early Monday and early Tuesday showers came too late to do any good for his corn. One five-acre patch of late corn, he said, would do "very well." He plans to cut some of his corn for feed and cut-down on his livestock.

George Rowse, who lives three miles north of Chambers, said that the rain of early Sunday morning, August 3, was a blessing. "It will mean a lot for my corn which was sorely in need of rain."

Most of the hay crop is up, showing a better than average tonnage. Much of what remains to be put up is very dry and hard. Some ranchers intend waiting until September before cutting it, with the hope that much needed rain will freshen it.

Elsewhere in the nation severe droughts are creating an economic tragedy. Among states affected are North Dakota, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Massachusetts and Maine.

## 4-H'ers Await '52 Achievement Day

There are 872 projects being carried by 4-H boys and girls in Holt county this year. On Friday, August 15, they will converge on O'Neill to exhibit their projects. Some compete in judging contests, and give demonstrations showing their "know-how." From this day's activities, exhibits to go to the state fair will be chosen, also judging and demonstration teams.

## Butte Legion Post Rectors Hanssen

BUTTE—James Hansen was reelected commander of the American Legion post 51 here in elections held Monday evening.

Other officers named for the coming year were Willis Luth, vice-commander; Herman Nicolaus, adjutant; Robert Herman, finance officer; James Viles, sergeant-at-arms; William Wills, post service officer; William Brennan, chaplain; and Ray Rieselman, publicity.

## 3 Mild Polio Cases Reported

Mrs. Bennett Sanders, who was stricken with polio more than a week ago, has returned to her home here. Mrs. Sullivan frequently has been a patient at the Lynch hospital. She suffered no serious effects from the disease.

DeWayne Tasler was taken to a hospital in Bassett Friday, July 22. He was also a polio victim. No paralysis developed and his case was considered light. He is an Atkinson resident.

Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, wife of O'Neill's postmaster, has been suffering from a mild polio attack at her home here. Mrs. Sullivan frequently has been a patient at the Red Cross fund-raising drive in Holt county.

These are Holt county's first cases of polio for 1952. Meanwhile a severe polio epidemic has filled the Sioux City and Omaha hospitals with sufferers.

The Holt county picnic will be held Sunday, August 24 in Griffith park, in Los Angeles, Calif. Many former Holt county people expect to attend.

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## Hospital at Stuart Is Now Closed

**Board Blames MD's Departure for Move; Ramsay to Atkinson**

STUART—The Stuart community hospital, an outstanding example of community cooperation for a common cause, today is closed.

The hospital board declares the health center has been shut down because the chief physician, Dr. James E. Ramsay, is leaving town.

Doctor Ramsay told The Frontier Wednesday he would be leaving Stuart "in about two weeks" because the Stuart hospital is closed. However, the Stuart hospital board issued a public statement outlining the reasons for the closing.

J. G. Brewster, Stuart banker and spokesman for the board, said that Doctor Ramsay, a 1946 University of Nebraska college of medicine graduate, was induced to Stuart in March, 1951, because of a need for a qualified young surgeon to complement a fine, well-equipped county hospital.

The board went further, Brewster explained, by adding additional equipment, providing the 34-year-old Doctor Ramsay office space, and staffing the hospital before he would be normally expected in a community the size of Stuart.

About 20-thousand-dollars was tied up in the hospital investment and informal assessments had to be made on families in the community to keep the institution going.

However, Doctor Ramsay enjoyed a fine practice and patients were coming to Stuart from near and far. Patients invariably had fine words for Doctor Ramsay, the staff and the hospital.

When the Atkinson Memorial hospital opened last spring, Doctor Ramsay began doing surgery there. The trend increased until Atkinson received virtually all the patients at Stuart was wanting for patients.

The hospital board watched the deficit mount to about \$700 per month. Finally, a public meeting was held with Doctor Ramsay at which time the doctor was informed the hospital couldn't go on operating so deep in the red; that the hospital would have to close unless it got some business.

Meanwhile, Doctor Ramsay's patients were going to Atkinson and Doctor Ramsay was performing surgery there with Stuart-owned instruments—by permission.

Doctor Ramsay says he will set up a temporary office in Atkinson which will serve until he can complete permanent offices. The Stuart hospital staff has been relieved and today the large frame building, a few weeks ago the pride and joy of a closely knit community, stands forlorn and idle.

Mr. Ramsay is heading a committee that twice before has located medical skill when it was needed.

The hospital board says that if it is impossible to reopen the hospital, for want of a qualified physician and surgeon, the public will be duly consulted before any disposition of the equipment is made.

Doctor Ramsay spent 2½ years in the post-World War II army. He spent one year in Korea and 18 months in Tokyo general hospital.

The Ramsay incident has created quite a stir in western Holt county and observers are asking: Will Doctor Ramsay's Stuart patients follow him to Atkinson? Will the Stuart hospital one day reopen its doors?

What effect will the opening of the new half-million dollar St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill have on all smaller hospitals in the area?

## PASTORS ASSIGNED

Assignment of pastors was made at the 63d session of the Nebraska Conference of the Free Methodist church of North America which was held recently at Ansley. Assignment in the Elk-horn district included: Bethany (Chambers), Albert Luginland; Bethel (Colome, S.D.), I. L. Dixon, and Riverside, F. A. Hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schenzel returned last week from Washington state where they visited Mr. Schenzel's brother and sister.



**O'NEILL COLONY GATHERS AT SCOTTSBLUFF**  
The former O'Neillites residing in the Scottsbluff area gathered last Thursday evening for a picnic. Seventy-five persons attended. The affair was organized by John McCarthy and James Harty. A number attended who were not present when this picture was taken. Front row (left-to-right): Nancy Rhodes, Larry Howard, two Johnson children, Barbara and Mary Jo Jacob, Mary C. McCarthy, Helen, Mary Ann and Donna Connelly, Mike McCarthy, Bobby Rummell, four of Dick Tomlinson's children. Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webber and daughter, Dorothy Downey, Howard girl, her father and mother, Joe Jacob, Johnny Jacob sitting on lap of Mrs. Tom Connelly's sister, Mrs. M. J. (Ann) Con-

nelly, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rummell, Doctor Riddell, daughter of Charley Clyde, Mrs. Clyde and Charley Clyde. Seated next to back row: Mr. and Mrs. Sid Rhodes, Maurice Boler, Dot, Marge Bost, DeMaris and Sandra Riddell, Mrs. Neil Brennan and Miriam Gilligan Riddell. Back row: Larry Johnson, Charles Downey's mother, Mrs. Larry Johnson, Mrs. William Stafford, Mary Jo Stafford, Harry Prineker, Dick and Doris Tomlinson (visiting McNallys), Mrs. Maurice Boler (daughter-in-law of Jim Boler), J. F. McCarthy, Marian and Jim Harty, M. J. ("Dardy") Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNally, Mrs. George Cronkleton (relative of Mrs. Farnell Golden), Ruth Roberts (Tessman girl) Neil Brennan and Charles Downey.

## Mrs. Martha Urban, Ill a Year, Dies

**Funeral Rites Today at Bethany**

Mrs. Martha Urban, 74, died about 2 p.m., Monday, August 4, at Chambers she married Frank Urban, now deceased.

They became the parents of seven children. One son, Hugh, also is deceased. Survivors include: Sons—Bert of O'Neill, Buster and Wilbur, both of Ewing; daughters—Mrs. Clarence (Frances) Whaley of Center, Mrs. Frank (Ida) Lee of California, Miss Maude of Ewing.

In recent years Mrs. Urban had been making her home with her sons, Wilbur and Buster.

The late Mrs. Urban, whose maiden name was Martha Porter, was born January 1, 1878, a daughter of William S. and Joanna McCullough Porter, at Rebeck, Clinton county, Ia. She came to Holt county in 1885 from Iowa.

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## Mrs. John Shipman Expires in Minnesota

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## 503 Gallons Per Minute from City's New Well

The new well to supplement O'Neill's inadequate municipal water supply has been completed. All that remains to be done now is cutting into the water mains and installation.

It may take from two to three weeks since the material for the job has not yet arrived in Omaha.

The pump which will be used at the new well site is now located at one of the old sites. The transfer will be made as soon as the materials are received. The pump which is now at the city hall will be transferred to the vacant old site.

A new pump house will be constructed to house the new well, located 48 feet north of the old sites on the U.S. highway 281 right-of-way 1½ miles south of the city.

Meanwhile, new fully automatic equipment of a new type will be installed at the standpipe reservoir. This new equipment will control all three pumps.

Before the new well was completed a test run was made on Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2. In the test the water was pumped continuously from 1 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The water level in the well is being pumped at 503 gallons per minute. During the first three hours of pumping the drawdown from the normal water height was 36 feet 10 inches. After the three hours began to increase capacity and the drawdown was 34 feet 2 inches. This was a gain of one foot eight inches. When the pumping was discontinued after the 24 hours, the normal height was recovered in 18 minutes.

The water level in the well is nine feet from the top of the casing. The temperature is 52 degrees, slightly lower than the other wells.

## Holt Farm Land Values Upped

The state board of equalization Friday ordered an increase of 20 percent in the assessed valuation of farm land in Holt county, Gov. Val Peterson announced.

Eighteen other counties received increases ranging from 10 to 50 percent.

The 19 counties had returned valuations of less than 50 percent of the sale value of land over a 50-year period, while the state average is 68 percent, and the law requires 100 percent. The governor has charts showing that based on sales during the past five years, the 19 counties assessed farm land at only 47 percent of true value.

Holt county's farm land value on the 1952 abstract was \$11,137,450. With the proposed increase of 20 percent, that figure would be increased to \$2,227,490, to a total of \$13,364,940. The assessed value would be \$9.17 in Holt county.

Phelps county, meanwhile, one of the other 18 counties affected by the state board's ruling, would have a land valuation of \$32.02 per acre.

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## Blondie, Dagwood to Hay Days

ATKINSON—The Blondie and Dagwood show, coming from Hollywood to Atkinson, will feature the 1952 hay days celebration. The famous movie duo will travel to Atkinson by special plane along with Daisy and the pups.

The 1952 edition of North-Nebraska's biggest celebration begins Monday, August 11, at 2 p.m. with the world-famous hay days parade.

## Charles Vequist, Long Ill, Dies

**Holt Resident Since Infancy**

Charles E. Vequist, 69, O'Neill rancher, died Monday, August 4, in the O'Neill hospital. He had been in failing health for a number of years, but critically ill only a few days. He had been a patient in the hospital since noon Saturday, August 2.

The late Mr. Vequist was born in Boone, Ia., in 1882. In 1884 as an infant he came to Holt county with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Vequist. He was reared on a homestead in Colman township and attended school in the Eagle Mills district.

He was a longtime resident of Rock Falls township, where he ranched 20 miles northwest of O'Neill. He never married.

Survivors include: Brothers—Louis of Atkinson; Henry of O'Neill; David of St. Joseph, Mo.; sister—Mrs. Anna Brown of O'Neill; nine nephews and 16 grand nieces and nephews.

## 187 Drafted Since Korea War Start

**12 Registrants Will Report Monday**

Twelve men are slated to be inducted into the armed forces from Holt county on Monday, August 11. They are: Benedict Schmit of Atkinson; John A. Ziska of Atkinson, Kenneth J. Krysl of Stuart, Gerald H. Lampert of Orchard.

Lewis T. Nekolite, Ralph H. Lindberg, Johnny C. Boham and Mervyn E. Asher, jr., all of O'Neill.

Marlen G. Luber of Dorsey, Theodore J. Slizoski of Ewing, Lewis G. Latzel of Ewing, Dean H. Prewitt of Amelia.

Since the start of the Korean war on June 25, 1950, there have been 197 draftees and 141 enlistees from Holt county. Of this number none has been killed in action to date. The total number of registrations up to August, 1952, is 1,386.

## Mrs. Jenkinson Undergoes Surgery

Mrs. Don Jenkinson, 21, of Plainview, daughter of H. H. Miles of Dorsey and the late Mrs. Miles, is recovering in the Lutheran hospital, Norfolk, from injuries received in an auto accident near Wisner on July 8 in which her mother was killed.

Mrs. Jenkinson has submitted to leg surgery and has yet to receive facial surgery.

For several weeks after the accident she was given only a 50-50 chance for recovery.

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## Longer Route Less Expensive

**Highway 281 Group Backs Plan**

A group of men from O'Neill, Spencer, Randolph and Plainview held a road meeting Monday evening, August 4, at the M&M cafe in O'Neill. John R. Krotter was elected president of the group.

The men discussed what route should be favored for U.S. highway 281 from the bridge near the Spencer dam to a junction with U.S. highway 18. The route will lead to the new Ft. Randall, S.D., dam.

They decided unanimously in favor of the route running north and west to join highway 18, eight miles east of Fairfax, S.D.

This decision was reached because the group supposed that it would be less expensive and at the same time result in a better road.

## Rodeo Will Feature '52 Holt Fair

**Free Grandstand and Bleachers Planned for Afternoon Cards**

CHAMBERS—Preparations for the 60th annual Holt county fair are being completed as the 1952 fair dates—August 26, 27, 28, 29—draw nearer.

At a Monday evening meeting of the board of directors of the Holt County Agricultural society, fair sponsors, final program arrangements were being worked out.

President Vern Sageser of Amelia declared the 1952 program offers well-balanced variety and is certain to please the thousands of Holt fair-goers.

Tuesday, August 26, will be entry day, devoted mainly to entries of livestock, horticultural and school exhibits. Wednesday, August 27, will be judging day.

The entertainment portion of the fair will begin in earnest on Thursday afternoon, August 28. There will be a livestock parade starting at 1 o'clock, followed by the traditionally fine RCA approved rodeo, scheduled to get underway at about 1:30 p.m.

At 2:30 o'clock on Thursday O'Neill and Chambers will meet in a baseball game. Both teams are members of the North-Central Nebraska league. There will be music by the Stuart band.

The evening program, starting at 7:30, will feature the Stuart band followed at 8 o'clock by stage show featuring the Radio Rangers of radio station KFAB, Omaha. Other performers include, The Checkers, colored duo, and the West on the accordion and Hammond soloist. Open air dancing starts at 9:30.

On Friday, August 29, the rodeo will be followed by a baseball game between Clearwater and the North-Central league all-stars. The Clearwater crew is one of the ranking semiprofessional teams in northeast Nebraska. Band music on Friday will be provided by the combined Chambers-Ewing band.

At the Monday meeting of the board, it was decided to make no admission charge for grandstand and bleachers during the Thursday and Friday afternoon programs only.

There will be a charge at the main entrance to the grounds.

Secretary Edwin Wink said Tuesday he had received word from the Clearwater department of health placing a ban on all swine shows. This confirmed an earlier report that all swine shows in the state have been cancelled because of the recent outbreak of vesicular exanthema. The clamp also applies to the Nebraska state fair.

The official premium list publication in connection with the annual Holt county fair will be published next week, Thursday, August 14. The premium list will appear in tabular form as a supplement to "The Frontier." Three thousand five hundred copies Three thousand five hundred copies will be distributed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson observed their wedding anniversary quietly at their home this year. They were married 55 years ago—August 1, 1897—by Reverend George. The couple lived for many years on a farm northeast of O'Neill. In 1916 they moved to O'Neill and operated a rooming house in south O'Neill.

Mr. Tomlinson has served as township assessor and justice of the peace for 20 years.