

St. Anthony's Will Open September 24

Pierson, Young Win State Laurels O'Neill 4-H's Win Top Purple

The opening of the new half-million dollar St. Anthony's hospital will be Wednesday, September 24.

These were the words spoken Wednesday by James M. Corkle, who has been chairman of the building committee.

Hospital committee and officials have been discussing the possibility of conducting the dedication on a Sunday.

Concrete driveways and parkways have been completed and this week workmen are building winding sidewalks through the hospital park and grounds.

It was not decided late Wednesday whether patients will be admitted into the hospital before the dedication, Corkle explained, however, that the Sisters of St. Francis, who will own and operate the hospital, are "virtually ready for the opening now."

Two Holt county 4-H club girls won purple ribbons in Tuesday's Nebraska state fair with a rag rug demonstration. The purple winners are Doris Pierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pierson of O'Neill, and Alice Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, also of O'Neill.

They were judged the top purples in homemaking in the state. Today (Thursday) they are to compete with other purples in clothing, food and health demonstrations for an all-expense club congress trip to Chicago, Ill., in November.

Miss Pierson and Miss Young participated in a purple award review Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the fair in Lincoln.

Meanwhile, six Holt youths received blue awards during Monday's and Tuesday's competition. Donald Hickman of Atkinson won a blue on a chain halter; Joelyn Backhaus of O'Neill, yard beautification; Demaris Wefso of Atkinson, on salad making; and Kay Dvorak of Atkinson, on a first aid demonstration entitled, "a pair of burns"; Jeanne Backhaus of O'Neill, yard beautification; Karen Garwood of Amelia, music identification.

The Holt group won a red in music; Jacqueline Taggart, Chambers, red in star revue; Raymond Wagman, Atkinson, red, tractor driving contest.

A Boyd county clothing team in the homemaking division won a purple. Members of the team are Shirley Seiler of Spencer and Anita Nelson of Bristow.

Holt Ranks 24th in Cattle Values

Cherry county, Nebraska, was second only to Los Angeles county, California, in total value of livestock in 1950, the census bureau has reported. Holt county ranked 24th in the nation.

The value of all major classifications of livestock in Holt county when the 1950 census was taken was 31.1 million dollars.

In Los Angeles county it was 34.4 million.

Several other Nebraska counties scored in the list of the top one hundred livestock counties in the United States.

Custer, with a valuation of 18.7 million, was 16th.

Holt's valuation was 17.3 million.

Lincoln county, 14.6 million, was 37th.

Sheridan county, 12.9 million in livestock valuation, was 70th. Cuming, 11.4 million, was 98th.

The value of livestock on all American farms in 1950 was \$11,667,311,836. The report included cattle and calves, sheep, horses, mules and chickens.

Chambers Couple Wed 45 Years

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoerle celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with an open-house Sunday afternoon and evening in the Lutheran church basement. Between 75 and one hundred persons attended.

The event was sponsored by their sons, daughters and daughters-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Hoerle received many gifts, a large number of cards, and a telegram from Pastor L. A. Dale and family of Pratt, Kans. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dargatz, a family of Detroit, Mich., telephoned.

The Hoerle's son and family called from Seattle, Wash., and the visit lasted for 15 minutes.

Mrs. Mary Stoll of Lance Creek, Wyo., and Mrs. Willie Scheidt of Clearwater, Minn., were present at the wedding 45 years ago.

Out-of-town guests were from Elgin, Clearwater, Orchard, Atkinson, Amelia, Maywood, Calif., Lance Creek, Wyo., and Minnesota.

Ressel Again Holt PMA Chairman

Returns of the Holt county PMA committee election held on Friday at the courthouse annex in O'Neill show that Harry E. Ressel of O'Neill was elected chairman; Fred R. Mac of Atkinson, vice-chairman, and Al J. Sausser of O'Neill, third member. Homer J. Ernst of O'Neill and Vern Sager of Amelia were elected alternates.

All of the committeemen are farmers. They took office September 1 and will be responsible for the county administration of the agricultural conservation program, price support activities and other activities which may be assigned.

In the coming year they will arrange for the training of community committeemen, direct the farm-by-farm contacts which community committeemen will make, and have responsibility for approval of conservation practices carried out on Holt county farms.



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Mr. J. V. Towle spent Tuesday in Aurora on business.

HARTY TO CHEYENNE . . . A 3c Thomas Harty, son of Mrs. P. B. Harty and the late Mr. Harty, spent the labor day weekend in O'Neill with his mother and other relatives. He was met at Grand Island by Mrs. Harty and her brother, Julius D. Cronin. Airman Harty recently was transferred from San Antonio, Tex., to Ft. Warren, near Cheyenne, Wyo., where he is entered in an air force supply school.

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R. B. Crellin, Ex-Editor, Dies at 66

Former Owner Ewing Advocate Long Ill; Masonic Burial Rite

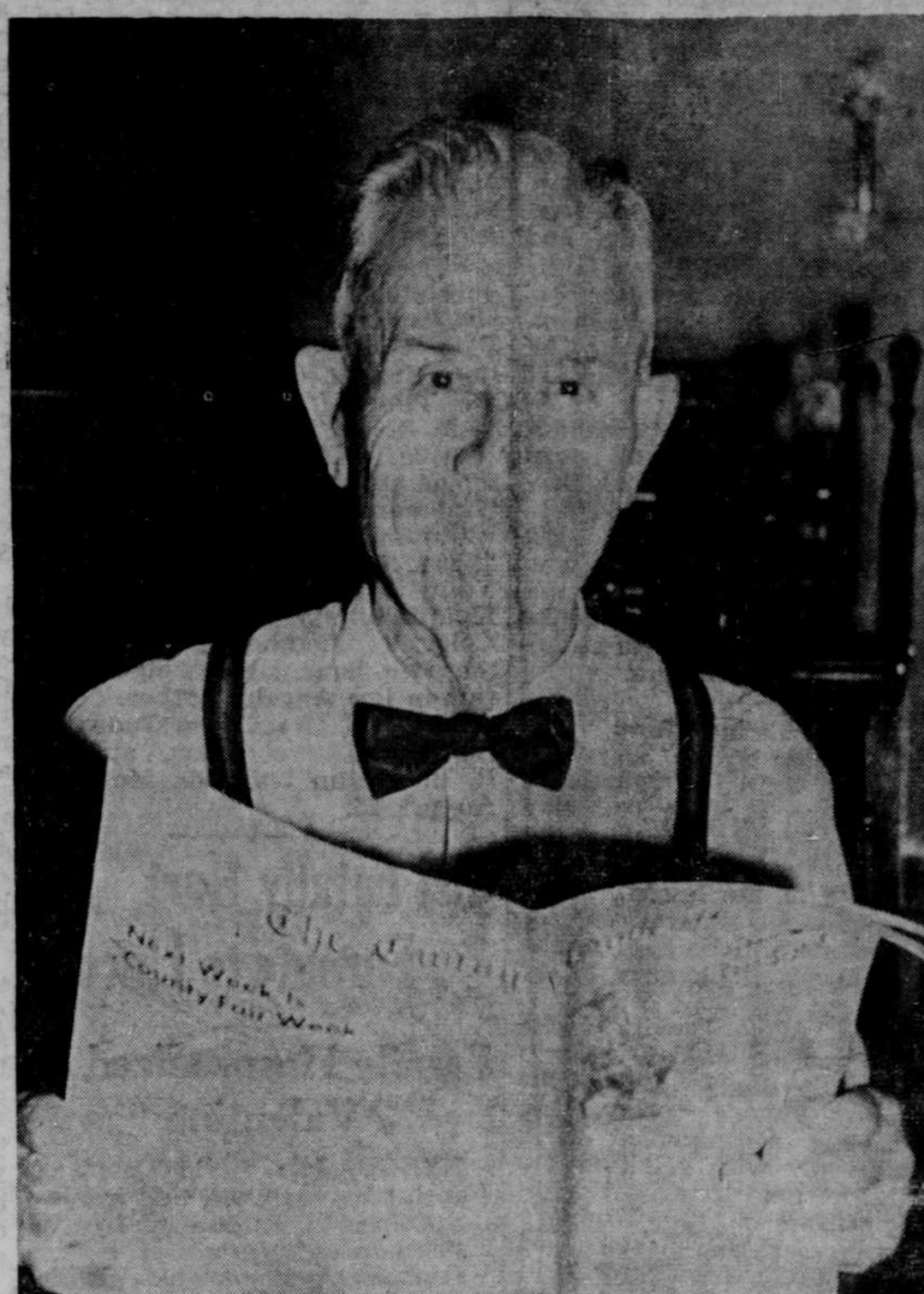
EWING—R. B. Crellin, 66, retired publisher of the Ewing Advocate, died Saturday evening at his home in Ewing. He had suffered a lingering illness and had spent considerable time during the past year and a half in hospitals.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Ewing Methodist church with Rev. Charles C. Chappell officiating. The members of Sanders American Legion post 214, Masonic lodge and the Order of Eastern Star, Ewing, attended in a body.

Mrs. Harriet Welke and Mrs. Vera Anson sang "Asleep in Jesus," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Abide with Me," accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur Spangler at the piano, Elmer Bergstrom and Everett Ruby acted as ushers.

Palbearers were Wilbur Ewing, Leonard Hill, James Pruden, Jr., all of Ewing, William Simmons and William Howells, both of Page, and D. K. Fudge of Newman Grove. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery with Masonic rites.

Mr. Crellin retired from active business in September, 1951, due to ill health.



R. B. Crellin, World War I veteran . . . he guided The Advocate 31 years.—The Frontier Photo



The casket is borne from the Ewing Methodist church . . . it was a Masonic burial rite.—The Frontier Photo

Even after entering retirement, however, he assisted his successor, Miss Thelma Drayton, and he also assisted M. H. Snider of the Clearwater Record.

It was in April, 1952 that his condition grew worse and no hope was held for his recovery.

Raymond Blaine Crellin, son of Daniel and Martha Crellin, was born December 8, 1886, at Lyons. He spent the greater part of his life in Ewing. For 31 years, he was publisher of the Ewing Advocate. Always active in affairs of the community, he served a number of years on the village board, board of education and commercial club.

During World War I he enlisted in the navy, serving two years. As a member of the American Legion, he held various offices in the Ewing post.

Mr. Crellin was a member of the Ewing Methodist church for almost 30 years having served a number of those years as trustee and chairman of the official board.

He was past master of Pythogian lodge, AF&AM, and past patron of Jephthah chapter 88 and a member of the Scottish rite order.

On September 14, 1921, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Stanton of Omaha, formerly of Lincolnshire, England. One daughter, Martha Joyce, was born to them.

In a brief eulogy Reverend Chappell described the late Mr. Crellin as "a man who loved his church, his family, his community and his work."

"He lived, as few men do, to see how much he could give to his community, not how much he could take from it."

"He was one of the ablest leaders of the Methodist church," the pastor continued.

The scripture was taken from the XV chapter of I Corinthians and the funeral sermon dwelt on suffering.

The church was filled to capacity and there were numerous floral tributes. District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh was in charge of the Masonic portion of the rite.

Survivors include: Widow—Alice; daughter—Martha Crellin Rickard; Edward Coolidge, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coolidge of Amelia, was injured when he fell from a wild bronco after it roared out of the chute.

He was not trampled but the spill caused a severe head concussion. Unconscious, he was taken by ambulance to O'Neill hospital. No bones were broken. He was released from the hospital Wednesday.

The grandstand and bleachers were filled both Thursday and Friday afternoons and most spectators were generous in their testimony in behalf of the rodeo performers.

In Thursday's baseball game, Chambers blasted O'Neill, 6-2. On Friday, the Clearwater crew rapped the North-Central league all-stars, 6-2.

Bobby Grego walked off with the most money in rodeo competition.

Entertain Sunday—Sunday dinner guests in the H. E. Asher home were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Chambers and son of Columbia, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Asher and family of Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chambers and family of Ringsted, Ia.

To Atkinson—Neil Harshfield moved their household goods to Atkinson Monday where Mrs. Harshfield and family will reside until Mr. Harshfield can locate a residence in Blair.

Class to Meet September 6—History (after 1865) will meet for the first time September 6 at 9 o'clock, according to Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent of public instruction.

Visual aids for teaching has been scheduled for September 13. This off-campus course comes from the University of Nebraska, Miss French added.

Ramsay in Atkinson—ATKINSON—Dr. James E. Ramsay and his family have moved to Atkinson and are making their home in the Robert H. Clifford residence in the northeast part of town. The doctor has opened his office in the downtown building until recently occupied by the Freeman hatchery and farm supply store. The Ramsays moved here from Stuart, where Dr. Ramsay had been practicing medicine and surgery the past year and a half.

Buyers Tavern—Don Lowery of O'Neill recently purchased from Ben Oetter, formerly of O'Neill, a beer tavern in Butte. Mrs. Lowery, who has been employed several years at the Holt county judge's office, resigned Saturday.

Dr. Irwin Gallagher of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Wednesday evening and were overnight guests of his nieces, the Misses Hiyuda and Helen Gallagher, route west to do some trout fishing. The men were enroute west to do some trout fishing.

Raymond and wife of Harward and Mrs. Tillie Hoppens of Clay Center were August 23 and 24 weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Layh and son, Ricky, of Hartington were weekend guests of Mr. Layh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Layh, and Velma. Monday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. George Layh, jr., of Burlington, Colo. They had visited on Sunday in Ainsworth with Mrs. Layh's parents and attended her brother's wedding. Their daughter, Lynn, who had spent the past month with her grandparents, returned home with them.

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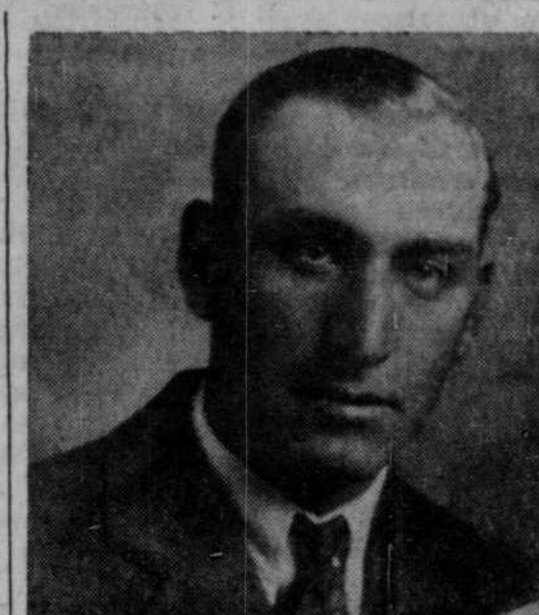
2 Die in Double Hiway Tragedy

Oil Drillers Start Work Near Page

Twibell to Make Try on Neil Asher Farm; Will Bore 3,750 Ft.

Four truck loads of drilling equipment has been unloaded on the Neil Asher farm 1 1/4 miles north and 3 miles east of Page. The lease is owned and operated by Lloyd J. Twibell and associates.

A contract has been let to the Stearns Drilling company of Russell, Kans. The contract calls for a total depth of 3,750 feet; unless oil or gas is found in commercial quantities at a lesser depth; or unless granite or some other unpenetrable substance is encountered at a lesser depth, Mr. Twibell said.



Harold S. Leise . . . died instantly.

Lightning Victim Buried Here Friday

Harold Leise Born in Colorado

Funeral services for Harold S. Leise, 48-year-old north-Holt county farmer, who was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon, August 27, when struck by a bolt of lightning, were held Friday, August 29, at the Methodist church. Rev. John Thomas, pastor of Christ pastor, officiated and burial was in the Prospect Hill cemetery.

Rev. A. C. Utterback of Clearwater assisted. Miss Shirley Johnson sang two solos accompanied by Mrs. Howard Manson, at the organ.

Harold Seymour Leise, youngest child of Grant and Anna Usher Leise, was born at Sterling, Colo., on January 1, 1904. When he was 2-years-old his mother died. He was reared by his aunt Mrs. Clara Johnson, at Blencoe, Ia.

When he was 11-years-old he joined his father, brother and sister on a farm near Ewing. His elementary schooling was received in Iowa and Nebraska.

On April 4, 1929, he was married to Miss Pauline Eppenbach of O'Neill. The marriage took place at Inman. The first six years of their married life was spent in the Deloit community south of Ewing.

In 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Leise moved onto a ranch north of O'Neill. On July 18, 1948, he joined the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Survivors include: Widow—Pauline; sister—Mrs. Eula Eppenbach of Ewing; brother—Charles of Palatine, Ill.

Palbearers at the rites were Howard Manson, Donald Johring, Ben Johring, Norris George, Bennett Sanders, Estel Thomas, Phillip Allendorfer and Carl Woldt. Those in charge of floral tributes were Mrs. Harry Lansworth and Mrs. Mabel Wrede.

Relatives and friends attending from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leise of Palatine, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eppenbach and son of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Eula Eppenbach and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Snyder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colback, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eppenbach and Mrs. Wilma Eppenbach, all of Ewing.

500 Pupils Register at Public School

Supt. D. E. Nelson reported Wednesday that 500 pupils were registered for the 1952-'53 term, which began this week at the O'Neill public school. This includes 324 grade school pupils, 170 high school pupils and six others who are attending the state fair.

The public school plant has been extensively redecorated and cleaned during the summer months.

New playground equipment has been installed, including two sets of multiple swings, two jungle gyms and one merry-go-round.

Wednesday's enrollment figures by classes follow:

Kindergarten, 42; first, 35; second, 30; third, 33; fourth, 39; fifth, 36; sixth, 39; seventh, 33; eighth, 27; special room, 10; ninth, 54; 10th, 41; 11th, 36; 12th, 39—total 494.

70 Boarding Pupils Enroll at Academy

Seventy boarding pupils representing several states have enrolled at St. Mary's academy for the 1952-'53 term, it was announced by Sister M. Antonella, principal.

Grade school enrollment is 226; high school, 158, totaling 384.

Enrollment by grades: Kindergarten, 33; first, 27; second, 19; third, 21; fourth, 20; fifth, 32; sixth, 17; seventh, 25; eighth, 32; ninth, 53; 10th, 35; 11th, 37; 12th, 33.

Car Sideswiped; Arm Is Amputated

Charles Russell, 36, of Page, lost an arm late Thursday afternoon on U. S. Highway 275 two miles west of Clearwater in what appears to be a hit-and-run accident, Lt. Harry Brit of the state patrol reported.

Russell is in a Norfolk hospital, where the arm was amputated. His condition is described as good.

Russell was found by passing motorists sitting on the highway in a dazed condition and unable to tell what happened.

There are some indications that a truck may have sideswiped Russell's car. Three men who reached Russell said they didn't see the accident, but saw two trucks near the scene of the mishap.

Patrolman R. R. Shorney of Ainsworth investigated the accident. The patrol plans later to question Russell to see if he can recall what happened.

Man Without License Fines in Mishap

Two accidents were reported over the labor day weekend.

On Monday, September 1, on U.S. highway 20, 1 1/2 miles east of Stuart, a truck driven by Leo E. Masters of Wood Lake sideswiped a Chevrolet pickup driven by E. A. Biltott of Bassett.

The driver was injured, Ed Lubet, also of Wood Lake, was a passenger in the Masters truck. He was not injured. Damage to both vehicles was slight.

Another accident happened Tuesday, September 2, at the bridge south of Atkinson on state highway 11. Clare A. Rinehart of Cozad, who had left Cozad at 9 p.m. and had been driving continuously with the exception of a half-hour rest at Sergeant, struck loose gravel and hit the bridge at 4:30 a.m. He received minor injuries to ligaments in the right rib section.

Mr. Rinehart's driver's license had been suspended in August, 1951, for reckless driving and had not been reinstated.

Boys' Return from Western Trip

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle, Patricia and Gaylon have arrived home after spending a week in the Black Hills and Yellowstone park. They were accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. Robert Trowbridge and two small sons of Omaha, on their vacation trip, which took them to Moorcroft, Wyo. There they were guests of the Jack Wolfe and Mrs. Charlie Slattery families.

From there they went to the Black Hills and also to Yellowstone.

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Nurse, 23, Killed; Then Her Mother

Both Known Here; Double Burial Rites Saturday at Denver

A 23-year-old Omaha St. Catherine's hospital nurse and her mother, both known at O'Neill, are dead as the result of two successive highway tragedies in the same family.

Miss Loretta Berkenkotter of Denver, Colo., who was returning to Omaha after having spent the labor day weekend with friends at Ord, was fatally injured Monday night west of Fremont on U.S. highway 30. The car in which she was riding went out of control, careened into a ditch, got back onto the highway and collided with a truck. The driver, Gertrude O'Kressa of Ord, also a student nurse, was injured.

Miss Berkenkotter died several hours later in a Fremont hospital.

Meanwhile, her mother, Mrs. G. F. Berkenkotter, of Denver, Colo., the former Margaret Cronin of O'Neill, was rushing in the night to her daughter's bedside. West of Kearney her son, Richard, 33, the driver, was blinded by the early morning sun and crashed into the rear of a stalled truck.

Mrs. Berkenkotter was killed instantly. The son is in a Kearney hospital with leg injuries.

Mrs. Berkenkotter died not knowing that her injured daughter had died a short time before.

Double funeral rites will be held at Denver, probably Saturday.

Mrs. Berkenkotter was a daughter of Mrs. D. J. Cronin of Omaha and the late D. J. Cronin. The Cronins were O'Neill homesteaders. They left O'Neill in 1947 to make their home in Omaha.

Mrs. Berkenkotter's survivors include: Widower; sons—John, Robert and Richard, and daughter—Mary Lois, all of Denver; mother—Mrs. D. J. (Mary) Cronin of Omaha; five sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. Berkenkotter's sisters and brothers include: Mrs. A. Sausser of O'Neill, who departed early Wednesday for Denver; Miss Julia Cronin of Cheyenne, Wyo.; John and William Cronin, both of Omaha; Philip Cronin of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Loretta Johnson of Omaha; Mrs. Grace Guyan of Missouri Valley, Ia., and Mrs. Mary Roach of Omaha.

Mrs. Berkenkotter attended St. Mary's academy here. Her husband was reared at Elgin where he was a druggist.

Flying Hay Bales Blamed for Accident

Flying bales of hay shortly after 3 o'clock last Thursday caused a car accident five miles west of Wisner on Highway 275, Patrolman Allen Blight reported.

Fred Watson, Hastings salesman, escaped injury from a truck driven by Joseph L. Hoffman of Clearwater and struck his car before they landed on the ground.

Watson managed to keep control of his car and stop it on the highway.

A passing motorist overtook Hoffman, who was unaware the bales had dropped from his truck. Hoffman returned to the scene of the accident.

The Watson car was damaged about the front end.

51-Degree Spread in Temperature Here

Holt countyans this week experienced a 51-degree variation in temperatures. On Saturday the mercury mounted to 90 degrees. Early Tuesday the official reading here was 39 degrees—an unseasonal low.

Week's summary:

August 28	82	63
August 29	74	62
August 30	90	67
August 31	82	52
September 1	75	48
September 2	71	39
September 3	84	45
Total		36

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Having Bee Friday at Leis Place

Neighbors and other friends have arranged for a having bee at the Harold Leise place Friday. It will be an all-day affair.

Page Man Injured in Kittenball Tilt

PAGE—Herbert Kemper of Page suffered a crushed shoulder in a kittenball game here Monday evening. He collided with Donald Heiss when he was running bases.

Kemper was treated by a Page doctor and then taken to his home several miles northeast of Page.

BACK FROM KOREA

BUTTE—Sgt. Garry Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilson, arrived home Sunday on rotation from Korea. He has served the past year in Korea with the First marine division. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and daughters went to Grand Island Sunday to meet him.

Leaving for Canada—EMMET—Mr. and Mrs. John Conard and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole plan to leave Sunday for a week's fishing in northern Canada.

Mrs. Hattie Carson of Page visited Mrs. Sadie Derickson Friday afternoon.