And a send-morner to a

L. C. Walling . . . came to O'Neill in 1929, successor has been named.-The Frontier Photo.

Johnson of Norfolk

to Succeed Walling

Switch Effective End

of Year

L. C. Walling, district mana-

career as district manager for

Consumers when Consumers

purchased the Interstate prop-

Active in the affairs of his

community, Mr. Walling's plans

are to continue to make his home

in O'Neill after his retirement

Mr. Johnson, district superin-

for the Beatrice area in 1929.

In 1946 he moved to Scottsbluff

to accept the position of manager

for Consumers' Scottsbluff dis-

trict. He was transferred to Con-

fer to Norfolk, he served on the

board of directors of the Scotts-

bluff YMCA. At the present time,

Mr. Johnson is a member of the

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a

Family 2d Time

knocked unconscious by a bolt of

The Bjornsen and Peters fam-

ilies also visited at the Carroll

Biornsen home in Sioux City

Mrs. Frank Phalin returned

home Saturday evening from

Sioux Falls, S. D., where she had

home Sunday evening.

son, Elmer Chase Johnson, who

tute of Electric Engineers.

Lightning Strikes

present time.

erties in 1940.

becomes effective.

manager, R. L. Schacht.

### Saddle Clubs Appear in Roundup Here

The O'Neill Saddle club will be host to four other saddle club groups from the region on Sunday and present the first annual saddle club roundup.

There will be a grand parade of about 200 horses and riders moving out from the O'Neill Livestock Market at 12:30 p.m. The ger of Consumers Public Power parade route will be from the district's O'Neill properties, will pavilion up Tenth street to Doug-las street, then west on Douglas of this year and is to be replaced two girls were driving cows to to Fourth street, then south of by C. E. A. Johnson of Norfolk, Fourth to Carney park. The according to an announcement grand entry at Carney park is issued by the district's general

Each of the cooperating saddle clubs will present a performance vears of service in utility work, car and then driving them home. at the park, including flag race 23 years of which he has spent competition, potato races, sur- in managerial capacities, becomes he drove into Wyoming, and prise races and other entertain-

Besides the host clubs others adopted by the district in 1945. participating are the Circle S of Stuart, the Box B of Butte, An- O'Neill since 1929 when he ac- kidnaping the girls. He said he telope county club of Neligh, Niobrara river patrol and the Sandhill Billies club.

There will be a western dance in the evening at the Legion audi-A meeting of the O'Neill club will be held Friday at 4:30 p.m. to

complete plans for the roundup.

### Mrs. Edna Hendricks **Funeral Rites Today**

ATKINSON-Mrs. Edna Hendricks, 71, virtually a lifelong resident of the Atkinson community, died at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had entered the hospital September 4 and had been critically ill about a

ducted at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) from the Presbyterian church in Atkinson with Rev. Neal Phipps, Wesleyan Methodist church pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Atkinson.

The late Mrs. Hendricks was born at Clarksville, Ia., September 27, 1880, a daughter of James and Josephine Cannon.

She came to Holt county with her parents as a young child, settling in the Celia neighborhood. Mrs. Hendricks was reared on the farm now known as the Pat Kilmurry

In 1903 she married Oscar Nile Hendricks, who moved from Otoe county to Holt. The marriage took place at Celia.

The Hendricks became the parents of seven children, one of whom, Willard, died in infancy in 1907. Mr. Hendricks died September 21, 1931.

Survivors: Sons-Harold G. of McAllen, Tex.; Mark and Joseph is currently serving with the ar-J., both of Atkinson; daughters- my in Munich, Germany. Their Mrs. Conrad (Elva) Frickel of daughter, Marilyn, is a sonho-Atkinson: Mrs. Paul (Marjorie) more at the state university in Nelson of O'Neill and Mrs. John Lincoln (Lucille) Sutherland of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will es-Mo.; 14 grandchildren; brothers tablish their home in O'Neill in -Lou Cannon of Pascal, Wash.; the near future. Lester Cannon of Portland, Ore.; Wesley Cannon, Hood River, Ore.; Flavius Cannon of Provo, Utah; sisters-Mrs. Ed (Faye) Wagne of Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. Bessie Grunde of Vancouver, Wash.; half-sister-Mrs. Warren (Velma) Matheny of Hood River, Ore.

Pallbearers will be Henry Heiser, O. A. Hammerberg, Carroll Sioux City to visit Lee Bjornsen vision, and a hearty characteristemperature 42 degrees below died February 17, 1939. Raymer, Lloyd McDowell, Gene and family there over the week-Hickok and Emory Hickok.

#### Tomlinson to Build 20-Unit Motel Here

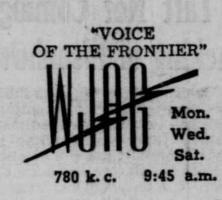
Dick Tomlinson, O'Neill businessman and stockman, this week hours but is okay now. The died when she was 10-years-old. revealed plans for construction of a 20-unit frame motel on the east horse is still lame. outskirts of the city. Site will be immediately east of his residence, the former Joe Mann property, located at the corner of plumbing at his mother's home Tenth and Douglas streets. inn Lynch.

The motel will be at the junction of U.S. highways 20-275 and state highway 108

Mr. Tomlinson estimates the over the weekend, returning cost of the venture will be between \$60-4 and \$70-thousand dollars. Plans include the 20 units, office, laundry, storage, and living quarters. The property will be landscaped.

Mr. Tomlinson says he plans to her son. Gerald and family. Her

ing two weeks here.



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# New Hospital Dedication Next Week

# Kidnapper, Hostage, 13, Stop Here

Ex-Convict Wanted in S.D. Boldly Writes Checks During Visit

O'Neill figured prominently in the weekend news when a Custer county, S.D., kidnapper decided to while away a few hours here during a flight across three states with a 13-year-old girl as

Sherwood Franklin Strauser, 38, was captured late Saturday at Sidney, climaxing a widespread manhunt.

Strauser picked up the girls, Ruby Pond, 13, and Joan Pond, water. The South Dakota states attorney, Miss Floia Hoagland, said Strauser lured the girls in-Mr. Walling, after more than 45 herding the cows home with the Instead, Miss Hoagland said, eligible for retirement under the then to Custer, where Joan was

terms of the retirement plan released unharmed, Strauser, who waived extradi-Mr. Walling has lived in tion to South Dakota, denied cepted the position of vice-pres- "couldn't see why they would ident and general manager of the | hold it against" him because the Interstate Power company prop- family knew whom they were erties. He continued his utility with.

> Miss Hoagland said the girls' parents had not given Strauser permission to pick them up.

She said both girls had "cried and begged" Strauser to take them home, but he allayed their fear by buying things for them. She said Strauser may have a "father fixation."

tendent for Consumers at Nor-It was last Thursday Strauser folk, is expected to start devotand 13-year-old Ruby Pond were ing part of his time in the near in O'Neill. Strauser escorted the future to becoming acquainted girl to Marie's beauty parlor with the personnel and properwhere he ordered a fresh hair-do ties of the O'Neill district which for her, passed a check for \$11. extends from Cody in the west, Later, at the Mode - O - Day to Ponca and Dakota City in ready-to-wear shop, he made some purchases and wrote a Mr. Johnson began his utility check for \$65, which was acceptcareer in 1918 at Newman Grove ed. Checks totaling \$42 were as a lineman and serviceman, for passed at the New Outlaw grothe Iowa - Nebraska Light & Funeral services will be con- Power company. He was trans- O'Neill bank, were signed with ferred to Missouri Valley, Ia., as

his proper full name. a lineman in 1919. In 1924, Mr. The people with whom he was Johnson moved to Beatrice start school in O'Neill. At each ner, O'Neill line foreman in 1925. He was place he complained about the appointed district surerintendent high cost of living.

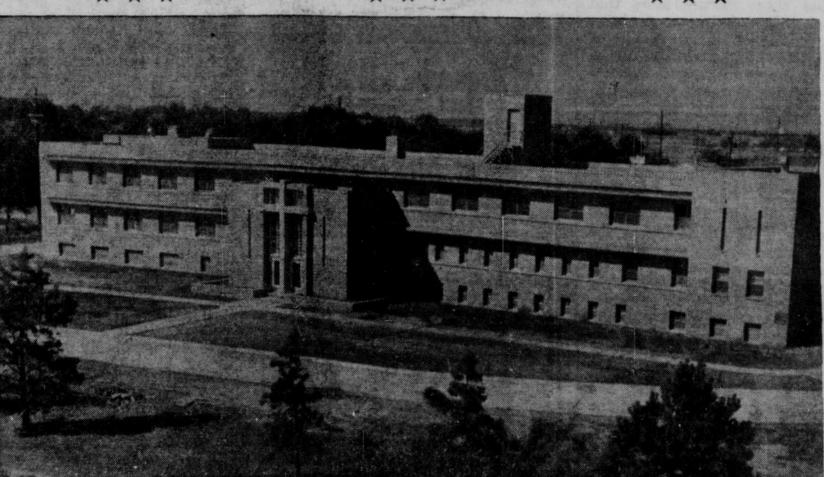
Strauser stood near by while Ruby was having her haid done. He told the beauticians how the work was to be done and Ruby spoke only a very few words.

sumers' Norfolk district as superintendent in 1949. He has Holt County Sheriff Leo served in that capacity until the Tomjack said Monday that Strauser, an ex-convict, had For six years he served on the Beatrice board of education. He waived extradition and Holt is a past president of the Beatrice county will not be burdened with the job of prosecuting. Kiwanis club. Until his trans-

Strauser's undoing at Sidney came about in a strange manner. Norfolk Elks club, and associate member of the American Instiof-way crossing.

> cense plates and promptly placed to Denver -Strauser under arrest. Ruby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pond of Hot Springs, S.D., united with their daughter.

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O'Neill's new hospital . . . opening is at hand. —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville



who's there? Berserk car makes 10:45 p.m. visit.

### Marine's Body to Be Returned

The body of Marine Pvt. Don- on Friday, September 26. doing business were informed month, according to word re- luncheon in connection with the where he served as a lineman un-that 13-year-old Ruby was soon to ceived by his brother, Evert Mi- O'Neill' stop and a street meet-

> ducted by selective service in No- on to Ainsworth for the night. vember, 1951, was killed in action early this month.

He graduated from Ravenna high ler and Dwight Griswold, for the fated car heading north on Sixth two daughters, who attend grade school after which he came to O'- U.S. senate; A. L. Miller, for the at the intersection turned onto school; mother-Mrs. Josephine Neill. For about two years he was Fourth congressional seat; Char- Douglas street and did a 180-de- Groeling of Orchard. employed by O'Neill Transfer les Warner, for lietenant-governand for nine months drove a bus or; Frank Marsh, jr., for secretary smashing into the porch and

former Opal Schattenkirk of Grand Island; parents—Mr. and for attorney-general, and others. Mrs. Lee R. Miner of Ravenna; He called Sidney police to com- brother-Evert of O'Neill; sisters plain about a car that was block- Mrs. Guy Lowery of Del Norte, ing his path at a railroad right- | Colo., and Miss Opal of Ravenna.

The policeman noted the li- Return from Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney mon and Roy W. Berner.

GOP Caravan Coming September 26 — The Nebraska republican cam-

paign caravan will be in O'Neill ald D. Miner, 24, Holt county's The caravan that day will stop first fatality of the Korean war, at 9 a.m. at Burwell: 10:20 a.m. will be returned to the U.S. next at Bartlett; there will be a noon ing at 1:15; 2:30 p.m. at Atkin-

will be: Robert B. Crosby, can- day. He was born November 3, 1929. didate for governor; Hugh Butstate treasurer; Ray C. Johnson, house. Survivors include: Widow-the for state auditor; Clarence Beck,

> Pancake Day Here September 30-

Tuesday, September 30, will be a red-etter day in O'Neill. It's the date for the first annual pancake day sponsored by

the Chamber of Commerce. Serving of cakes and sausages have returned from Denver, will be done under tents erected where they had taken their on North Fourth street, near the rushed to Sidney and were re- daughter, Marjorie. Miss McEl- Golden hotel. Teams of Chamber haney had been here to attend members will don uniforms and the wedding of Miss Bonnie Har- do the serving, starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until 8:30 p.m.

### -The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville \* \* \* Car Pays Unusual Visit; None Hurt

A car driven by 14-year-old Norma Brady of Atkinson on a shortlived, unauthorized trip smashed into the front porch of acre farm one-half mile north of Private Miner, who was in- son; 4 p.m. at Bassett, and then the Byron Grenier residence, at Venus. He was reared at Orthe corner of Sixth and Douglas | chard. Expected to be in the caravan streets, about 10:45 p.m. Satur-

gree turn, coming to a stop after between ONeill and Grand Is- of state; Frank B. Heintze, for threatening to proceed on into the Knox border in three years.

> The porch had been con-structed only a few months ago and Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack estimated damage to the residence at about \$250.

Miss Brady and three companions were detained overnight —Miss Brady, Edward Walnofer, months. Her husband was near 16, owner of the car, and Jack her when she died. Thompson, 16, all of Atkinson.

Walnofer and Thompson were not in the machine when the incident occured. Miss Brady explained she simply lost control of the car.

County Attorney William W. Griffin said the incident boosted o 17 the number of minors having been hailed into court recently in connection with drink. He said he will follow a "crackdown" policy in connection with minors and use of alcoholic beverages and adults figuring in the incidents can expect the maximum

### P-TA Program for Tonight Announced

Program for the first Parent's-Teachers association meeting for the 1952-'53 term to be held tonight (Thursday) follows:

flag, by Mrs. W. W. Waller, river north of Atkinson Saturday John Murray Books "America," by Rev. R. W. Olson, afternoon. The car, driven by joined by members; invocation, | Don Reilly, turned over three by Rev. R. W. Olson; dance group times. Other occupants of the from Mrs. Melena's class (five car were Doris Bogue and Silas small girls); business meeting Coy, jr. The three young people in charge of the president, Bob were hospitalized and treated. Hill (announce officers and com- Young Rilev and Bogue were dis- machinery, equipment and housemittees for the year); piano duet, by Betty Rodman and Connie Kurtz; recognition of teachers, by President Bob Hill; response, by Supt. D. E. Nelson; solo, by Rahe Johnson.

### Hospital Story in

Magazine Section Next week's issue of The

Next week's issue of The Frontier will contain a magazine supplement dwelling exclusively with O'Neill's new hospital, St. Anthony's.

There will be many pages of pictures and feature stories telling the story of the new half-million dollar hospital. From cover-to-cover the mazagine cover-to-cover the mazagine will provide entertaining, informative reading.

All regular subscribers will receive the magazine supplement. Extra copies will be on sale at The Frontier's circulation counter for 25 cents each, prepaid to any address in the United States.

#### 'Voice' to Broadcast Dedication-

The "Voice of The Frontier" will present a 45-minute direct broadcast of the St. Anthony's hospital dedicatory ceremonies on Wednesday, September 24. The program will go on the air -WJAG, 780 k.c.—at 1:45 p.m., with George Hammond and Bill Froelich, jr., at the mic-

Portions of the program will originate from the dedication stand, other portions from inside the hospital.

Sponsors of the program in-clude Meadow Gold, Jacobson's, Lohaus Motor Co., Central Finance Corp., and O'Neill Production Credit association.

### Neal Groeling, 38, Tractor Fatality

### Venus Mail Carrier's Chest Crushed

VENUS — Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday from the Venus Lutheran church for Neal Groeling, 38, who died about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, in the O'Neill hospi-

Mr. Groeling had been driving a tractor in a hayfield, the tractor upset while turning at the end of the windrow. He was runover twice, his chest was crushed, and he died in a few minutes after reaching O'Neill.

Other members of the hay crew who were on the other side of the hill, did not actually see the accident.

Burial was in the Enterprise Mr. Groeling owned an 80-

Survivors inclue: Widow the former Pearl Miller; one son, No body was hurt. The ill- an Orchard high school student;

This was the third tractor fatality in the vicinity of the Holt-

### Mrs. John Warner Expires in Omaha

by Sheriff Tomjack and a hearing ner, about 45, an Atkinson farm Basin Development association, was held Monday morning in jus- woman, died shortly after mid- announced Monday that Harry tice court. Miss Pauline Bausch, night early Wednesday, Septem-Polk of Winton, N.D., past pres-21, who was in the car with Miss ber 17, in the Methodist hospital ident of the National Reclama-Brady, was fined \$50 and costs. at Omaha. She had been con-She was charged with procuring fined to the hospital there since alcoholic drinks for three minors late July and had been ill many

> Funeral arrangements were not completed late Wednesday. The rites, however, will be held at St. John's Lutheran church in Atkinson.

John Warner; sons-Jack of the life, and flood control. navy, now stationed in Japan; Fred of the air force, now stationed at Travis, Calif.; Wilmer, Prefab Housing of Atkinson; mother-Mrs. Anna Rossman of Atkinson; sisters -Mrs. Arthur Robinson of Dayton, Ore.; Mrs. Richard Davis of Stoughton, Wisc.; Mrs. John Subka of Madison, Wisc.; Mrs. Thomas Harding of Neligh and Mrs. Charles Tasler of Atkinson: brothers - Wilson Rossman of MacFarland, Wisc.; Truman and lings will be erected on residential Bernard Rossman, both of Atkin- lots located six blocks north of

YOUTHS HOSPITALIZED ATKINSON— A blowout and loose gravel were blamed for ment on page 6.) Pledge of allegiance to the spilling a car near the Niobrara

ATKINSON - Dr. John E. on sale bills to be posted this Douglas, 68, of Omaha died Sat- weekend and a big ad appearing urday. Survivors include: Broth- in next week's issue of The Fron-Everyone is invited to the er-Dr. W. J. Douglas of Atkin- tier.

### Ceremony Slated For Wednesday

#### Half - Million Dollar St. Anthony's Now Ready for Patients

Final plans are being com-pleted this week for the dedication and formal opening of O'-Neill's new half-million-dollar St. Anthony's hospital on Wednesday, September 24. The 37-bed medical center is owned and will be operated by the Sisters of St. Francis.

There will be a dedication banquet at 12 o'clock noon at the American Legion auditorium. The dedicatory rite will begin at 1:30 o'clock with Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, archbishop of the Omaha Roman Catholic diocese, presiding.

Open-house will be observed in the hospital and there will be conducted tours. Hundreds of outoflown visitors are expected.

Rev. J. LaVern Jay of O'Neill, northeast Nebraska district superintendent for the Methodist church, will speak in connection with the ceremonies. Also to be heard will be District Judge D. R. Mounts of O'Neill and O'Neill Mayor J. E. Davis. Master of ceremonies will be Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney. Nebraska Gov. Val Peterson

had been invited to participate but was unable to keep the date.
The O'Neill Municipal band, under the direction of Charles B. Houser will play and the O'Neill high school mixed chorus, under the direction of James G. Bastian, will sing "America, the Beautiful" and "God of Our Fathers,"

accompanied by the band. Although the dining facilities at the Legion auditorium are limited, tickets are being sold to

"Both the banquet and dedication are public events and all persons are invited-even urged -to attend either or both," James M. Corkle, chairman of the hospital building committee explained.

Banquet tickets are being sold at \$2.50 per plate and teams of young ladies are selling them door-to-door. Proceeds will go to the Sisters of St. Francis.

The St. Anthony's building committee is appealing to all residents of Holt county to contribute cut flowers, garden flowers and potted plants to St. Anthony's for its dedication day. The committee asks persons to bring floral offerings to the hospital Tuesday afternoon or not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday. "Please bring all donations suitable for display in vases with donor's name attached," a

### Reclamation Leader Speaks at Ainsworth

spokesman asked.

E. A. House of Ainsworth, ATKINSON- Mrs. John War- president of the Niobrara River tion association, will address the annual Niobrara meeting to be held at Ainsworth on Tuesday, September 30.

Another outstanding feature of this meeting will be a brief reading of the completed basin report of the bureau of reclamation, which will answer all the questions as to estimated per acre cost to the water users for irrigation. Also other percentages Survivors include: Widower - to be charged to recreation, wild

# Development Starts

A model home will be erected in O'Neill today (Thursday) by the North Nebraska Builders, a firm formed by Harry E. Ressel. Francis Gilg and Ed Thorin. First of the prefabricated dwel-

the O'Neill traffic signal. The firm has been appointed dealer-builders by National Homes. (For details see advertise-

## Sale September 26

John Murray, who resides two miles northwest of O'Neill, has scheduled a sale of his livestock. missed 36 hours later, but the hold goods on Friday, Septem-Coy boy remained for several ber 26.

erty to be offered may be found

A complete listing of the prop-

home economics room for re- son; sister-Mrs. Anna Douglas | Col. Wallace O'Connell will be

#### Mrs. Hoppe Noted for Remedies Mrs. Sophia Hoppe, a well-They came to Holt county Jan- | Claussen and Fred Martens in known Holt county farm woman | uary 12, 1888-the day of the fa- | Germany.

LYNCH-Mrs. Nata Bjornsen and daughter, Lanora, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peters and Gordon of Verdel to her 85th birthday anniversary. When Lee was riding horse-A party was held in her honor

back after the cows Friday at the Casper Winkler home near morning he and the horse were Emmet. Mrs. Hoppe, whose maiden lightning. However, both Lee name was Sophia Paulsen, was and the horse came out of the born September 16, 1867, in ordeal in good shape. Lee had a Schleswig-Holstein (now a pornumb arm and leg for several tion of Germany). Her parents

Deming Biornsen, a brother of was 16-years-old on a vessel Lee, was killed by lightning which required two weeks to about 16 months ago while doing cross the Atlantic. Her cousin was a seaman on that ship. When young Sophia boarded a train at New York she got her wires crossed and discovered she was headed for Dixie

instead of Omaha. A year later her brother, Chris Paulsen, four years older than Sophia, came to Omaha. He nevspent nearly three weeks visiting er married and died in 1944.

The young immigrant married withdraw from the livestock busi- daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gerald August Hoppe on September 22, Phalin, and sons brought her to 1887, in Omaha. The marriage O'Neill and visited until Sunday. was performed by a Lutheran Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brede- They were accompanied by Mrs. minister in the home of her aunt. hoeft left Monday for their home | William Beha and daughters, | Sophia and August had met in in Corvallis, Ore., after spend- who visited overnight with rela- Omaha and he courted her for

with a unique sense of humor, mous blizzard. They awakened keen memory, good hearing and the next morning to find the ents of three children. Mr. Hoppe pes were marooned in O'Neill three days, having arrived by train. They hired a livery team that took them to the home place, where Mrs. Hoppe still resides.

Mrs. Hoppe had known Pete She came to America when she

Mrs. Hoppe . . . known by her hearty laugh,

The Hoppes became the par-

Mrs. Hoppe continues to do her own housework. Her hobby is crocheting and she has produced many pieces of art.

In the neighborhood Mrs. Hoppe has always enjoyed the reputation of having an oldfashioned remedy for almost any ailment and she is noted for conveying fruit, food and good cheer to sick neighbors. Once she carried hot bread on foot to the Claussens.

Her daughters are Mrs. Sophia Guse of York and Mrs. Gustie Cornding of Cornersville, Ind.; She has seven grandchildren and her son is Carl Hoppe of O'Neill. 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mrs. Mary

Etherton baked cakes for Tuesday's celebration. Among those who gathered at the Winkler home were: Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Janzing, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Mrs. L. A. Whaley, Mrs. James Regal, Mrs. Ed Etherton, Mrs. John Pruss, Mrs. Ed Heeb, Mrs. John Babl, Mrs. Joe Pongratz. Mrs. George Babl, Mrs. Joe Winkler and Mrs. Joe Babl.

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