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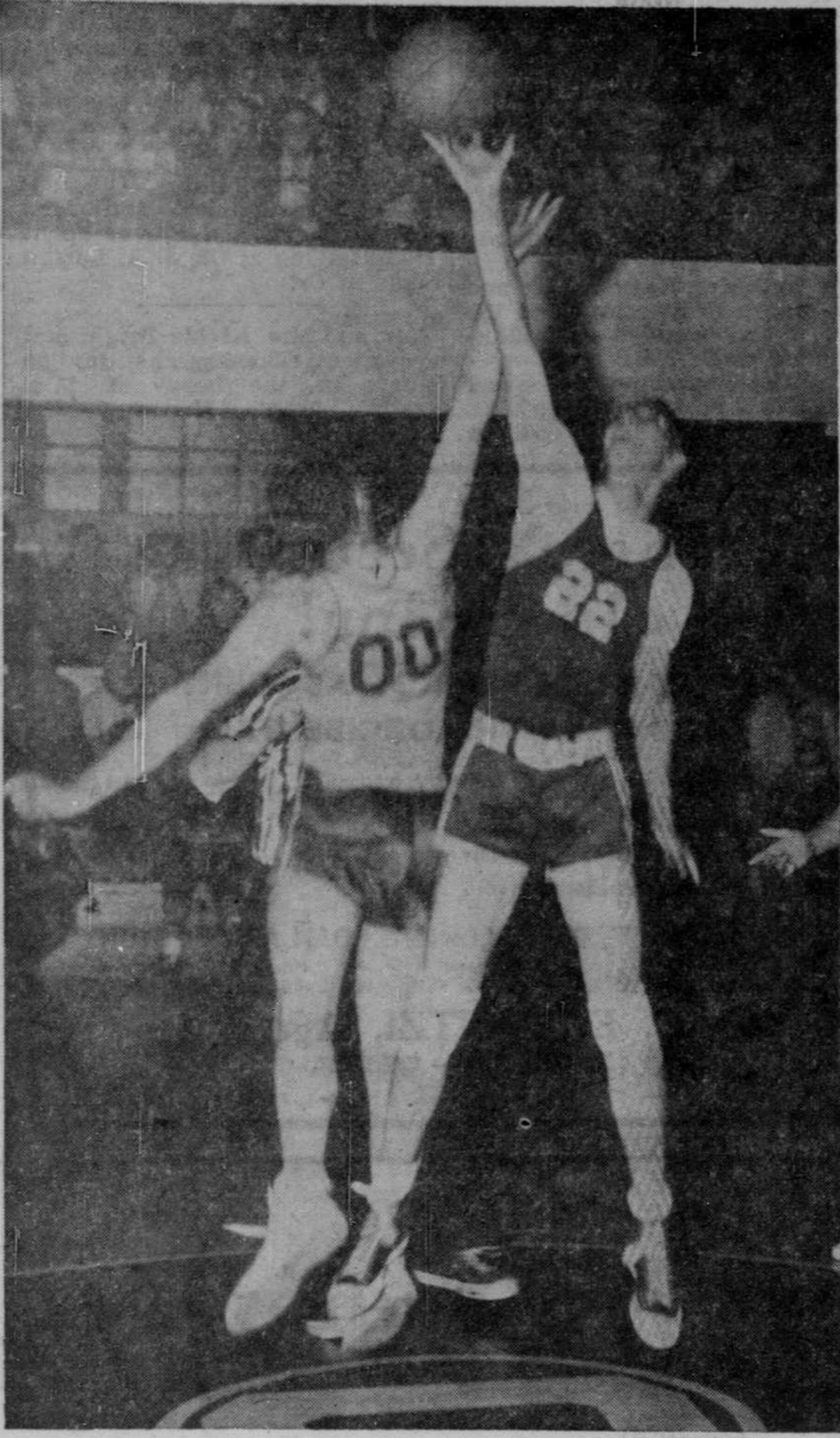
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First Tip and Season's Rayway St. Mary's Duane Weier (22) and Inman's Erv Sprague (00) soar for the tip as their two schools popped-off the lid of the 1952-'53 prep basketball season in the county. The game, won by St. Mary's, 45-33, was played Monday night on the O'Neill court. (Story on page 6.)—The Frontier Photo.

Blizzard Ties Up Traffic

Two C&NW Trains Annulled Result of Winter's First Storm

The first real snowstorm of the winter struck the O'Neill region on Tuesday, November 25, and subsided the following day, having succeeded only in snarling communications. About three inches of snow fell here. However, points south and east reported considerably more snow. Trains and busses into and out of O'Neill were running, although tardily, until late Tuesday afternoon. The O'Neill-to-Norfolk 5 p.m. bus was cancelled.

Both mainline passenger-train services, due in and out of O'Neill during the early morning hours, were cancelled by the Chicago & North Western railroad. One freight train, however, passed through here during the height of the storm.

The Burlington's freight trains, numbers 95 and 96, were cancelled Wednesday and Thursday, November 26 and 27.

Some rural mail carriers in the county set out Wednesday morning on their routes only to have their trips prove abortive. On some routes there was no mail service from Tuesday morning until Friday morning.

The Frontier had published late Tuesday, 24 hours ahead of the normal schedule, in order that the week's issue would reach most mail subscribers before the holiday.

Lowest temperature during the 36-hour unseasonal ordeal was 14 degrees. Most of Tuesday the mercury hovered around 20 degrees. This was considered a real break for livestock men. Had temperatures been below zero there may have been lives lost as well as livestock.

Otherwise, the storm had all the earmarks of a first-class blizzard. Winds mounted to 40-mph and did not subside until Wednesday afternoon.

Consumers Public Power had an 8 1/2-minute "blackout" at O'Neill because of line trouble; service interruption up to a half-hour in other localities. At St. Anthony's hospital, where twin auxiliary power plants are always poised for action in the event of a power failure, the emergency generators came to the moment the main source of power quit. This was the first test of the generators during actual storm conditions.

All state and federal highways in the O'Neill region remained open.

Schaaf Volunteers for Draft Duty

Leon V. Schaaf of Atkinson, a Holt county selective service registrant, has volunteered to enter the armed forces as a draftee on Monday, December 8. This was announced Wednesday by Mrs. W. H. Harty, chief clerk of the Holt draft board.

Meanwhile, seven registrants have been ordered to report the same date for preinduction physical examinations. They are: Albert J. Lawrence of Atkinson, Joey L. Dobias of Atkinson, Lyle Wells of Redbird, Glen E. Woepfel of Ewing, Lawrence L. Schol of Inman, James L. Kubik of O'Neill and Francis B. Flood of O'Neill.

Recent regular army enlistments include Adrian R. Clino of Naper and William L. Cederburg of Orchard; recent air force enlistments include Larry D. Lucas of Clearwater and Bernard L. Scholl of Ewing.

Returns from Korea

Cpl. Leo Francis Matthews (above), son of Leo P. Matthews of O'Neill, reached here Saturday, having been separated from the army at Camp Carson, Colo. He spent 18 months in Korea with the transportation corps. Corporal Matthews received his training at Ft. Eustis, Va., went overseas following a delay enroute. Although trained as a diesel fireman, he spent most of his overseas time in the capacity of a trainmaster behind the U.S. lines in Korea. A letter to The Frontier written by his commanding officer, Col. Alex T. Langston, stated: "Corporal Matthews, due to circumstances, was not promoted to the rank commensurate with his duties. He has definitely contributed immeasurably to our success in Korea and has capably performed his assigned duties with the railway operating battalion." The O'Neill soldier, a farm boy, pointed out that most personnel in the outfit were railway men by occupation. He reached Seattle, Wash., on Saturday, November 22.



Matthews... contribution.

Christmas Shopper, All-Holt Grid Team Coming Next Issue

The sixth annual Christmas Shopper issue of The Frontier will be published next Thursday, December 11.

Over 3,700 copies of the paper carrying advertising messages from the leading O'Neill stores and an unusually large volume of news will enter virtually every farm mail box in Holt and Boyd counties. Advertisers, contributors of news and special correspondents are urged to submit their material as early as possible to ease the burden on The Frontier's staff.

A special feature of the issue will be The Frontier's annual all-Holt county football team, a mythical 11-member team chosen from players in Holt schools where either six- or 11-man grid sport is played. All coaches and athletic officials in the county have been asked to assist in the balloting.

Family Gathering for Golden Wedding

Pearl Carey, Wife Feted in Iowa

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Cary left Monday, November 24, for Hastings, Ia., where they spent the weekend visiting relatives.

On Thursday, November 27, they were guests-of-honor at a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Crouse, and family when all of their children were able to be present. In the afternoon the same day open-house was observed in the Crouse home in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cary.

Pearl Cary and Miss Katie Wilson were married at Henderson, Mo., on November 27, 1902. They became the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Vernon Crouse (Mina) of Hastings, Ia., and Mrs. Mary Hartigan of Inman; three sons, Chester, John and Laddie, who live in Iowa, and Laddie, the youngest son, was killed in action March 15, 1944, while serving with the 52nd armored battalion in Germany. They also have 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Carys came to Holt county in 1928 and reside on a ranch 7 1/2 miles south of Inman. Mr. and Mrs. Cary were the recipients of many gifts.

'Messiah' Soloists Are Announced

Out-of-Town Singers Join Chorus

Vocal soloists for the second annual presentation of Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," have been announced by Director C. B. Houser of the O'Neill Civic chorus.

They are: Mrs. Grant Peacock of Emmet, soprano; Mrs. Donald Loy of O'Neill, contralto; R. W. "Bennie" Johnson of O'Neill, tenor, and John Schwartz, Atkinson high school music instructor, bass.

The chorus is holding rehearsals on Monday evenings. "The Messiah" will be presented on Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Out-of-town personnel in the chorus includes singers from Atkinson, Chambers, Ewing, Butte and Inman.

Handel's "Messiah" was completed during the 24 days between August 22 and September 14, 1741, and was first performed at Dublin, Ireland, on April 13, 1742, after one rehearsal.

It has probably had more performances than any masterpiece in the history of music, Director Houser commented.

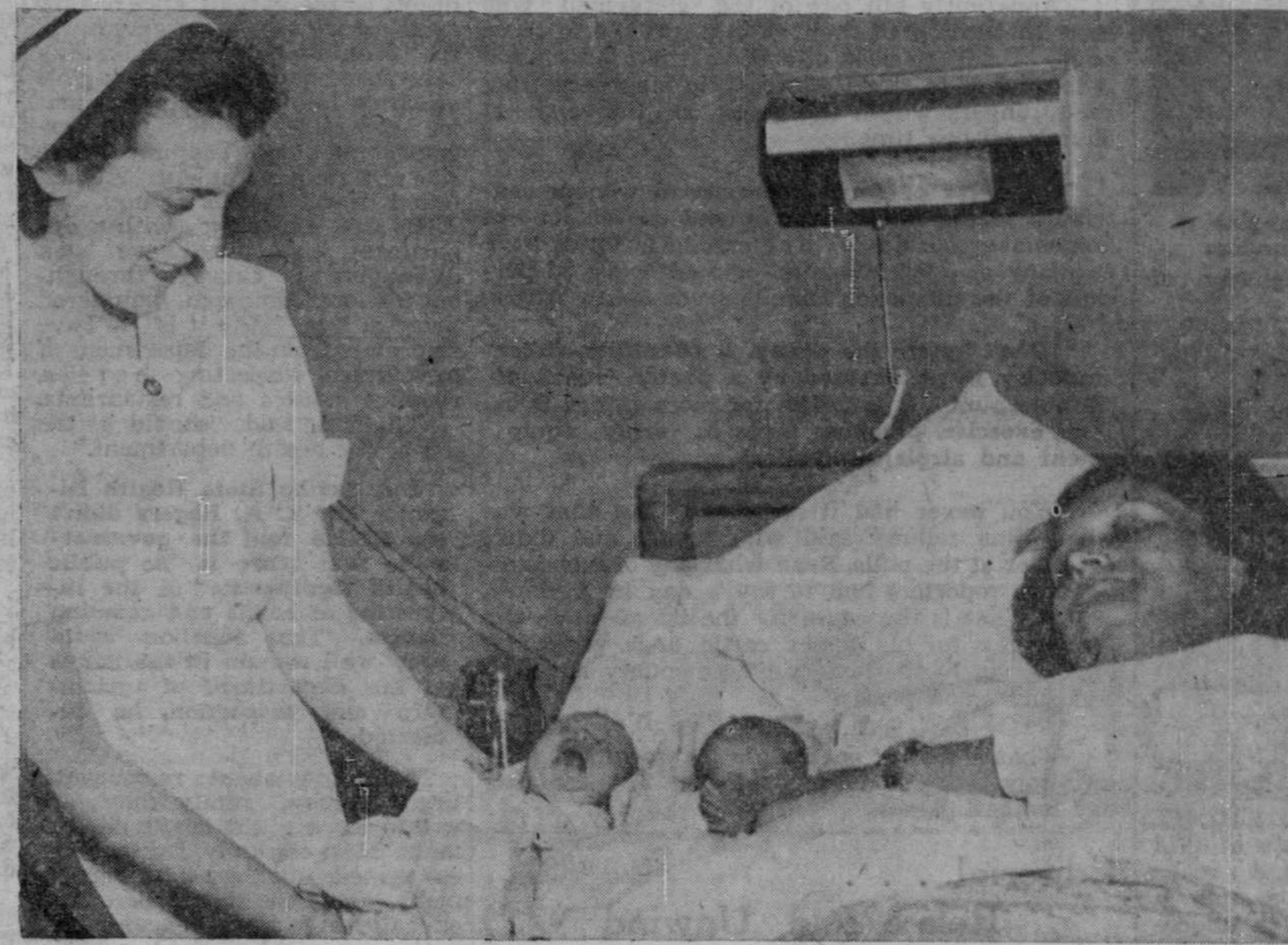
Mrs. Peacock, soprano soloist, graduated from O'Neill high school in 1942. Her vocal study has been under Sister Flores and Marjorie Graybill. She conducted the high school choir at the First Methodist church in O'Neill for four years. As a soloist in the (Continued on page 7)

Former School Head Expires

STUART—Fred Zink of Stuart has received word that his sister, Mrs. Florence Downey, 80, died Sunday, November 30, at her home in Cincinnati, O. Mrs. Downey was the former Florence Zink. She has taught in the country schools and also taught elementary grades in Bassett and Stuart.

She was elected Holt county superintendent of schools in 1905 and served two terms. Her parents were early settlers near Stuart. Two brothers, Fred of Stuart and Ernest of Cincinnati, O., survive.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 5, at 2 p.m. from the Stuart Community church.



Nurse Knight, the Engelhaupt twins, the mother.—The Frontier Photo.

Twins Boost Total to 15

(By a Staff Writer)

A 37-year-old mother of 15 children lay in a bed in the maternity ward at St. Anthony's hospital and philosophized.

"Large families," she said, "are not so bad. In many ways they're easier to raise than a small family. There's not so much pressure on the mother. Each child has his own job to do and somehow or other they get it done."

These were words spoken by Mrs. A. S. Engelhaupt, a Boyd county farm woman living 10 miles northeast of Spencer (in the Gross vicinity). Saturday she gave birth to twins girls—her second set of twins.

All the other births, she recounts, were easy. But this time the doctor ordered her to bed six weeks ago, "high blood pressure and all." The father did the carrying on with the washing, ironing and other housekeeping.

The latest additions to the brood have not yet been named and the christening will await the arrival from Omaha of the second oldest girl, Charlotte, who for some time has had reservations for picking names.

One of the twin girls tipped the scale at 6 pounds 2 ounces; the other at 4 pounds 10 ounces.

"They're supposed to be identical," grinned Dr. Rex Wilson, who delivered the twins. "But it's too early to say for sure."

Mrs. Dorothy Knight, R.N., held one of the twins while they posed with their mother for The Frontier's photographer.

Six years ago the first set of twins came along—Josephine and Joseph. Today, Joe has light hair and blue eyes and Josephine has dark eyes and hair.

You can say they're exactly opposite," she said naturally. I had five brothers in service during World War II and I have two brothers now in the Korean war," she continued.

Let's turn back the pages to get acquainted with the Engelhaups in chronological order. Mrs. Engelhaupt's maiden name was Miss Vera Black of White River, S.D. She was born in the Indian country, later moved to Winner, and her people now live in Montevideo, Minn.

Mr. Engelhaupt, whose parents are German, was reared in the Winner vicinity.

The Engelhaups were married at White River. When their oldest daughter, Audrey, was a year old, they moved to Boyd county and have spent the ensuing

years in the Gross neighborhood. For nine years they have lived on a modest 160-acre farm which they own. A "160," by modern standards, isn't enough to support an average size family in this mechanized era, but somehow the Engelhaups get along.

"Audrey, 19 (17 years her mother's junior), graduated from Bristol high school and until recently has been working for the Minneapolis-Moline wholesale implement firm in Omaha as an accountant.

Charlotte, 17, is a file clerk in a competitive firm—the Massey-Harris wholesale house, also in Omaha. She will arrive Friday to take charge of the christening of the newest babies Charlotte graduated from Butte high school.

Martin, 15, is a freshman at Spencer high school and works part-time at the Wm. Krotter Co., Spencer.

"He's not going to take part in athletics or extra activities, because Martin is having to work his way through school," explained the tired mother, who appeared somewhat weary, though still cheerful.

Bernard, 14, and Agnes, about 13, are both in the seventh grade. The younger children all attend the Couch rural school where, you guessed it, the Engelhaups have the advantage of numbers.

Theodore is 12; Albert, 9; Rita, 7; the twins—Josephine and Jo-

seph—are 6; Louisa, 4; Regina, 3, and Marvin, 2. And in five years the Couch district will be making room for the "Irish" duo born in O'Neill.

Mrs. Engelhaupt and her husband, 44, have lost one child—Alvin Raymond, who died when he was 2-months-old.

The family belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church, Spencer.

Mrs. Engelhaupt, of German-Irish parentage, doesn't regard rearing 15 children as the life of Riley, but she sincerely thinks "large families are not so bad."

However, most parents agree that problems multiply as successive children are brought into the world.

During the historic winter of 1949-'49, when Boyd county was snow-locked for "weeks-on-end," the Engelhaups—11 children strong—were needing food. Outside help came and was welcomed.

Feeding and clothing a big brood under ideal circumstances is a big enough job. Not many parents can appreciate the manifold problems that exist now—what with 13 little mouths at home around the board and the high cost of living that newspapers talk about!

If Santa doesn't do something special at Engelhaups this year, and for a few years hence, then we'll begin to think the Jolly Ol' Fellow is just a myth.

Turkey Tickets Will Be Scattered

Mrs. Frank Dworak Dies in Hospital

Funeral rites for Mrs. Frank Dworak, 56, of Central City were conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 29, from St. Patrick's Catholic church here. She died at 11 p.m., Wednesday, November 26, in St. Anthony's hospital here where she had been a patient five weeks.

The late Mrs. Dworak, whose maiden name was Nellie Helen Fleming, had been ill for two years. She was born at O'Neill June 29, 1896, a daughter of James and Mary Murphy Fleming.

She attended school at St. Mary's academy. Her father died in 1907 and her mother died in 1927. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Mary.

On May 23, 1934, at Omaha, she married Frank George Dworak.

The late Mrs. Dworak resided at Fremont before moving to Central City about three years ago.

Survivors include: Widower; sister—Mother M. Bertrand, head of St. Anthony's hospital.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Joseph Lane.

Pallbearers were Bernard Allen, H. E. Coyne, Robert Hanley, Edward Hanley, D. F. Murphy and Edward Murphy.



James Muller, Jr., Wounded in Korea

LYNCH—James Mulhair received notification from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Mulhair, jr., of Chicago, Ill., stating her husband had been wounded in Korea.

DORSEY—Leo Farran and son, who have been in the farm implement business in Meadow Grove for the past several years, have sold their agency.

AT 80TH MILESTONE... J. H. Bruns (above) celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary here on November 29. Mr. Bruns was born in 1872 in Washington county, Illinois. He came to Nebraska with his parents to Central City at the age of 10 and in 1918 he moved to Holt county. In 1935, he moved to Bassett and in 1948 he moved to O'Neill. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. Irma Redd. Mr. Bruns proudly exhibits a necktie which was presented to him. The tie features an artist's concept of the log cabin in which he was reared.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Fred Ermer Dies Very Suddenly

Lifelong Nebraskan Is Fatally Stricken with Heart Ailment

Fred Ermer, 68, a lifelong Nebraskan and a well-known Holt county rancher, was fatally stricken about 10:30 p.m., Saturday, November 29, with a heart ailment. He died unexpectedly at his home five miles east and three and one-half miles north of Chambers.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, from the Methodist church in Chambers with Rev. L. R. Hansberry, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

The body lay in state at the Ermer farm home from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the funeral hour.

Pallbearers were Leonard Peterson, Ted Zaborowski, Fred Tucker, Fred Catron, Frank Nekolite, Roy Backhaus, Delle Fauquier and Harry Jolly.

The late Mr. Ermer was born near Omaha on January 14, 1884, the son of Frederick and Louisa Ermer. In 1886 he came to Holt county with his parents at the age of 2.

He was married to Ola McCabe of Chambers on February 12, 1912, at the Methodist church in O'Neill. They became the parents of two children—Donald James and Lela Mae.

Survivors include: Widow—Ola; daughter—Miss Lela Ermer of Washington, D.C.; sisters—Mrs. Edward (Anna) Jones of Chambers and Mrs. Emma Clara Elver of Lewiston, Ida.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donald, who died at the age of 2 1/2; his parents; sister—Rosa; brother—Charley.

He lived on a farm with his parents until his marriage in 1912. He spent the year 1924 in the state of Washington and the remainder of his life was spent on a farm near O'Neill.

The funeral could not accommodate the large crowd that gathered for the funeral rites. Among the out-of-town relatives coming for the funeral was the daughter, Miss Lela of Washington, D.C.

Ranch Woman Dies Sitting in Chair

Mrs. F. Wondercheck Visiting Kin

ATKINSON—Mrs. Frank Wondercheck, 60, of Newport, died very suddenly about 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, while visiting at the home of Mrs. Oscar Wondercheck in Atkinson. She was seated in a chair when fatally stricken, and had not been ill. Mrs. Oscar Wondercheck is a daughter-in-law.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. The rites will be held from the Wesleyan, Methodist church in Atkinson, with Rev. Fritz Hand of Ewing officiating.

The late Mrs. Wondercheck, whose maiden name was Hulda Beulah Davis, was born at Akron, Ia., January 26, 1892. Her parents were Peter and Nancy Davis. The family emigrated to Holt county in a covered wagon, stopping near Atkinson and later going to Hay Springs.

She married Mr. Wondercheck at Neligh. The Wonderchecks have been residing on a ranch four miles north and one mile west of Newport.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Mrs. Kenneth (Beulah) Johnson of Anthon, Ia.; Mrs. Byron (Viola) Jackson of Kennedy; Mrs. Grant (LoRee) Mott of Ewing; Mrs. Richard (Vesta) Taylor of Valentine; Mrs. George (Wilma) Francis of Page; Mrs. William (Bessie) Gallino of Valentine; Mrs. William (Rita) Combs of Valentine; Misses Nancy and Janice, both of Newport; son—Sgt. Oscar of Wichita Falls, Tex.

City Council Talks Zoning Possibility—The O'Neill city council in session Tuesday night talked the possibility of enforcing the city's growing parking problem. The discussion followed last week's quiet departure of 150 parking meters. The meters were shipped from the city following a legal squabble.

CHILD BURNED—LYNCH—Lanala DeVall, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard DeVall, was scalded on her arms and legs Monday when she tipped a coffee pot full of hot coffee over herself.

Don't wait until Wednesday to phone us your news. Phone it when it happens.—The Frontier.

Whaley Loses Thumb in Cabling Mishap

Wife Enroute Home Strand in Snow

Lloyd Whaley, O'Neill farmer, was released Monday from St. Anthony's hospital after a hectic week for the family.

Mr. Whaley was cabling hay on Tuesday morning, November 25, about 11 o'clock. Working with him was a helper, Joe Reznick.

They were pulling a haystack on an underslung about four miles from the Whaley home with Mr. Whaley working near the drum that was drawing the cable. He believes a cuff on his field jacket caught in the cable, drawing his arm into the drum.

Trapped, Mr. Whaley was unable to shut off the tractor power, but Mr. Reznick happened to be nearby. Often Mr. Whaley cables alone.

Mr. Whaley lost a thumb in the accident, suffered from considerable shock, and his arm was bruised to the shoulder pit.

Mrs. Whaley and a neighbor, Thomas Slatery, took Mr. Whaley to O'Neill where surgery was performed.

That night—about 7 o'clock—Mrs. Whaley started for home where she felt she was needed. Intensity of the snowstorm was not apparent in the city. When she reached within 1 1/2 miles of her home, she was blinded by swirling snow and her car went into a ditch.

She walked to a neighbor's place, got a shovel, and reached home safely—about an hour after leaving O'Neill.

But there was apprehension on the rural telephone line during that first hour because Mrs. Whaley hadn't reached home and three neighbors, C. M. Pierson, Louis Bartos and Kenneth Wrede, made up a search party. They spent three hours searching, finally located the spot where someone had been stuck and correctly assumed that Mrs. Whaley had continued on safely.

However, their pickup truck became stuck and not until the next day was it freed.

Miss Donna Whaley, R.N., of Hot Springs, S.D., came to O'Neill to help care for her father.



SAILING FOR HOME...

A/2c Harold Krugman (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krugman of O'Neill, sailed for the U.S. from Southampton, England, on Wednesday, December 3, aboard the USS General Barrett. An air force mechanic, he has spent 18 months overseas, most of that time in the United Kingdom although he attended school for two weeks in Germany and was in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on furlough. In a recent letter he told of an airplane crash 100 yards from his tent. A Canadian pilot picked himself out of the wreckage and stomped away mad. "Boy, you never know the happy sensation a guy gets when he learns he's coming home... I'll be glad to leave this tea-drinking isle," he commented.

Minister, Family from Southern Clime

ATKINSON—Rev. F. F. Payas, Mrs. Payas and their two sons, Paul and Bradley, are expected to arrive in Atkinson Friday, December 5, from their former home in Paso, Tex.

Reverend Payas has been called by the Presbyterian church at Atkinson to fill the vacancy made some months ago when the former pastor, Rev. Orin C. Graff, and his family moved to Illinois.

The new pastor and his family will be welcomed by members of the church with a basket dinner to be held in the church parlor immediately following the morning worship. The Payas boys will experience their first northern winter. All of the time he has spent in the mild climate a short distance from the Mexican border.

Miss Elouise Rustad has been filling the pulpit for the past several months and will continue her work at Stuart and Cleveland churches until the first of the year.