

Preoccupied with the -il-important nourishment proposition, Holt county's first 1948 baby, Nancy Elaine Harshfield, can't be bothered to pose for a camera. She was born at 6:35 a. m. on New Year's day at Atkinson . . . wins The Frontier's first baby contest .- O'Neill Photo Co.

## Nancy Elaine Harshfield First Baby Contest Winner

A sandy complexioned fellow with a generous smile bounded into The Frontier office Friday.

The vital statistics that Neil Ine vital statistics that Nell Harshfield passed out official-ly stamped Nancy Elaine Harshfield as Holt county's first 1948 baby. She arrived in this world at exactly 6:35 a. m. on Thursday, January 1, at the Gaylor maternity home in Atkinson in Atkinson.

Mother and baby are "do-ing fine" and Nancy Elaine hasn't evidenced the slight-est bit of interest in all the fuss that's being made. Neil Harshfield, the father, was, of course, in the usual dither that most new fathers experience.

The Frontier's annual first baby contest provides the winner with a shower of gifts from O'Neill business people, who appointed themselves as an official reception committee for the New Year's first-com-er. Nancy Elaine, who weigh-ed in at 7¼ pounds and is strictly on the brunette side, will have a good start toward a happy and contented baby-hood with the offerings pro-vided by eight merchants. These include: an electric bottle warmer and vaporizer from Gillespie's; an enameled bath tub from the Jonas Furniture Exchange; a baby jumper-swing irom the Midwest Furniture Appliance company; a 10-karat gold baby ring from the McIntosh Jewelry; a surthe McIntosh Jewelry; a sur-prise package and two pairs of lastex baby pants from Bowen's Ben Franklin store; a pair of Red Goose shoes from McCarville's; a comfy Chat-ham blanket from Brown-Mc-Donald's; two dozen of those mighty essential diapers from Gambles, and, just for good measure, a year's subscription to The Frontier. Speculation on who the winner viss to be was the \$64 question during the last week in December, and The Frontier has been swamped this week with telephone inquiries. Entries closed at 6 p. m.

company here. The mother is the former Marjorie Degler, of Dayton, O. Their marriage in July, 1945, was the culmina-tion of a wartime romance. The couple met while Mr. Harshfield was in the Army and his wife was in the Army and his wife was in the WAC, both stationed in Florida. Dr. N. P. McKee, of Atkin-son, was the attending physi-cian.

cian. The parents must collect the gifts before January 31.

**INMAN TIGERS** TRIP EAGLES Mossman and Matthews in Pivot Duel, Share Scoring Honors

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**BEING RENEWED** 

HOSPITAL EFFORTS

Government Grant Is

Sought for Proposed

\$200,000 Building

The movement toward a new 200 thousand dollar hospital for O'Neill began the new year on the right foot.

the right foot. At a meeting of the general committee and special workers, held Friday evening at the St Mary's academy library, plans were made for renewing efforts in the direction of providing this region with a 40-bed, modern, non-profit hospital which is the be staffed and operated by Sis-ters of St. Francis.

Site of the proposed new hospital is on lots northwest of St. Mary's academy. The

three-story structure, already designed by an architect and planned in detail, is expected to be one of the finest for this size community in the country.

At Friday's meeting, attended

At Friday's meeting, attended by two dozen representative cit-izens as well as Mother Immacu-lata and several Sisters of St. Francis, General Chairman Wil-liam J. Froelich reviewed the inception of the hospital move-ment and the progress that had been made todate. L. C. Wal-ling cochairman of the solicita

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tion committee, reported that, over 56 thousand dollars had al-

ready been solicited and is now on deposit in O'Neill banks. Froelich said that there were approximately 20 thousand dol-lars in addition committed by

hospital purposes in Nebraska as a part of a nationwide plan to alleviate the congested hospital conditions in metropolitan areas. The committee will try to ar-range for an 80 thousand dollar

The committee fixed its

# BANK DEPOSITS **AT RECORD HIGH**

Over 121/2 Million New Peak for Year's End; **December** Decline

Statements of the condition of he seven Holt county banks at the seven Holt county banks at the close of business on Decem-ber 31, 1947, being published this week in response to a year-end call made by the comptrol-ler of currency of the Treasury department, reveal an all-time year-end high as deposits totaled \$12,674,759.45.

With deposits in the county's two cooperative credit exchanges added, the mark will near the 13 million dollar figure, which is more than a half-million above the December 31 totals a year

A survey by The Frontier disclosed that all banks enjoy-ed considerably larger depos-its a month to six weeks ago. A number of the banks record-ed all-time highs. At the same time, all banks showed gains in deposits over December 31, 1946.

1946. M. W. Rutledge, of the Farmers State bank at Ewing, indicated that many of the depositors there had been staving off selling until after the first of the new year, and this condition, along with the seasonal buying, caused the deposits to fall off sharply by December 31. The deposits there, however, were still above the December 31 figure a year ago.

bers State bank, attributed a deposit drop there to numerous purchases in connection with 1948 farming and ranching operations. Deposits in the various banks, as will be shown in their current statements, follow: The O'Neill Chamber of Commenders of the organization program for rural homemakers will be homemakers will be shown in their current statements, follow: The O'Neill Chamber of Commenders of the precipitation side of ledger, however, the region has been standing short. Only a trace of precipitation has been standing the past seven- selected to represent the district at an Iowa-Nebraska homemak- in Omaha under the sponsorship.

First National Bank, O'Neill \$ 3,045,456.41 First National Bank, Atkinson O'Neill National 2,999,410.53 2,885,623.67 Bank, O'Neill Farmers State

1,178,552.25 Bank, Ewing Tri-County Bank, 1,200,000.00 Stuart

the photograph left - to - right are: G. E.

THE POSSIBILITY of obtaining a gov-ernment grant for O'Neill's proposed 40-bed three-floor hospital dominated the discus-sion at a meeting Friday of general com-mittee members and special workers. In

HERE NEXT MONTH

Miles, Tony Asimus, A. E. Bowen, Chair-man William J. Froelich, and C. E. Stout (right background). See story at right.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Well, Not Exactly PLANS READIED It's June in January. The inference about the cur-rent weather offering is perhaps Chamber Will Sponsor generous, but not without its point. This region has been ex-

Selection of Outstanding periencing unusually mild temperatures with full-fledged Jan-uary thaws in progress for five

June in January;

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January	7			50	27		

Mrs. Milton Black Dies in Lynch Hospital said. The program follows: :

sights on an 80 thousand dollar government grant with the expectation of raising a total about 120 thousand d by subscription. Any indebtedness on the fin-ished and equipped hospital will be assumed by the Sisters, Mr. Froelich pointed out. The O'Neill National and First Call to order, by Clarence Ernst, chairman of the Holt county extension service board, National bank are authorized to accept contributions to the hos-Definite plans for pushing the hospital movement will be announced soon, a spokesman said

Officials of both organiza-tions have invited the public to attend. The site of the dual meeting will be the Holt coun-ty courthouse annex assembly room.

Each family represented is asked to bring a covered dish luncheon and table service, County Agent A. Neil Dawes

Covered dish luncheon, 11:45 Recreation, led by Home Agent Catherine Kirwan, 1:30 to 1:30. 1:40 to 1:45.

FOR AG MEETING Ag College Conservation **Man Heads Program** at Joint Session

Monday.

Bert Ray Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark, of Inman, checked in at 9:55 p. m. on New Year's day, pressing closely for the first baby honor. Weighing 7 pounds, the Clark in ant was born in the Stuart hospital. His mother is the former Hilma Kestenholz.

The stork this year was more cooperative than during the contest a year ago when he made no deliveries on New Year's day. But he rallied the day following, beginning at 4 a. m., and deposited three in the O'Neill hospital alone.

Kathleen Wanser, daughter of Mr. and M s. Max Wanser, was the 1947 winner.

There was a constant vigil kept at the O'Neill hospital throughout New Year's day in anticipation of the stork's ar-rival but Nancy Elaine's 6:35 a. m. bid was hard to beat. Nancy Elaine's father is an employee of the O'Neill Photo

## TIGERS FAVORED IN ELKHORN MEET Guild in First Meeting -

ference basketball tournament Mrs. Mabel Gatz. It will be the which opens here next Wednes- first meeting of 1948. day for a three-day run.

The Tigers won the crown last Mrs. Carney Hostess year with Orchard as the runnerup.

Other entries are: Page, Ew-ing, Brunswick, Clearwater and day. Osmond.

college at Ames, Ia.

The mighty Inman Tigers, or-Chambers State iginating in one of the smallest high schools in these parts yet boasting one of the ablest basketball teams, gave the O'Neill Eagles a 22-19 stinging on the O'Neill court Monday night.

Inman grabbed an early lead and maintained it all the way, despite desperate tries by Cosch Kelly Saindon's Blues. O'Neill edged within one-point on a number of occasions, but the Tigers maintained the lead.

Fans watched an interesting show staged by the centers of both teams—Inman's Max Moss-man and O'Neill's Bob Mat-thews. Both counted 10 points each and stood out offensively and defensively. Mossman's 6 feet 4 inches were all trouble for the Eagles, while Matthews' all-around play was probably the most outstanding. Fans watched an interesting most outstanding.

The house was well-filled with paying customers. The boxscore:

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Cards Win and Lose

The St. Mary's academy Card-inals split in two basketball encounter during the past week. Basketball leaders in the county not already The Scarlet started the New contacted are invited to partici-Year right with a 31-26 win pate in the campaign, which will over Rock County (Bassett) high continue through the month of

Sunday. St. Mary's led most of the way

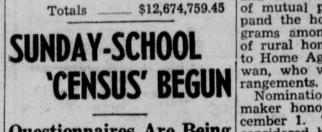
duing the St. Agnes fray, but wilted in the last quarter. Coach Ivan Pruss said his kids complained that the high altitude fagged them.

The Ladies' Guild of the First The Inman Tigers are favored Presbyterian church will meet to win the Elkhorn Valley con- today (Thursday) at the home of Arrives from Oregon-

Mrs. Carney Hostess — Mrs. Leo Carney was hostess Mrs. Goree is the former Bonnie ine. to the Last Minute club Wednes- Loy.

Suzanna and Lou Moss, daugh-Suzanna and Lou Moss, daugh-ters of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss, accompanied the Girl Scouts Lynch, on January 3. ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Urton. returned Sunday to Iowa State day where they attended the Chadron, and Betty Haskell, Ice Cycles.

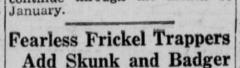
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Pastors and Sunday-school officials in the following churches are cooperating in the movement: Methodist church. Inman: Latter Day Saints church, Inman: Christ Luther-an church, O'Neill; First Pres-betering church O'Neill; Holi. an church, O'Neill; Holi-thurch, O'Neill; Methodist , Page: Lutheran church,

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gion.



CELIA - Those fearless been caused by an apoplectic stroke. He had not been seri-Frickel trappers, Ronnie, 8, and Donnie, 10, closed 1947 with a skunk and a badger

ously ill. added to their triumphs. A few week earlier they bagged two mink. cinity.

Mrs. Arthur Goree, of The Presbyterian church. Dalles, Ore., arrived Sunday for Survivors include:

MARRIAGE LICENSES

of 21. of Elsnere, on January 3.

The purpose the leadership recognition program is "to rec-ognize and encourage leadership among rural women, to stimulate and create better understanding hospital here.

in Omaha under the sponsorship of the Omaha Chamber of Com-

The O'Neill session, o n e 10 in Nebraska and western Iowa, will be held on

February 16. Counces repre-sented will be: Valley, Greeley, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Brown, Rock, Holt, Keya Paha and Boyd.

merce.

of mutual problems, and to ex-pand the home extension pro-grams among a greater number of rural homemakers," according to Home Agent Catherine Kir-wan, who will assist with ar-

Nominations for rural home-Questionnaires Are Being Distributed Among

Community service, family relationship, educational influ-ences, and management of the home are the four general clas-sifications by which district representatives will be selected.

Each county group in Nebras-ka will submit one suggested candidate from among their nominees to be considered by the state council. The state The amputation became ne-cessary, attendants said, following a power saw accident last month. qualifications of the suggested county nominees in the district, the names of four rural home-makers to appear on a ballot for the election of two of the wom-en as district representatives. council will determine from the

the election of two of the wom-en as district representatives. Il and others. Harvey A. Tompkins, of in the Norfolk district of ethodist church, heads the

**Buried Today** 

Is Win and Lose During Past Week attom and e available to the various denominations in the re-

Well - Known South - Holt ened her gifts. **Resident Will be** The names drawn for prizes

were: Miss Mary Ann Jenousek, Mrs. Anna Mullen and Mrs. E.

over Rock County (Bassett) high school here Friday night. but took a 39-27 pasting from St. Agnes academy, of Alliance, on Sunday

wan, Gertrude Ann Sullivan and

The late Mr. LaRue was one of the oldest residents of that vi-Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Rex and Don. Mr. Funeral services are to beheld Verne Beckwith and family

today (Thursday) at the Bethany Presbyterian church. Spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

day to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln after having spent the holidays with his par-

left this week for an extended visit in Southern California. They will stay in Los Angeles. During the mayor's absence James M. Corkle, chairman of the city council, is acting mayor.

ON 4-YEAR-OLD Boy Falls Into Power Saw While Delivering Message to Father Discussion of extension service activities, 1:45 to 2:15, including: election of board members, su-pervisory districts 6 and 7, to be conducted by Mr. Ernst; report on home extension clubs by Mrs. E. A. Bouska, of Stuart, chair-man of the Holt county home demonstration council: report on

LYNCH — The condition of James F. Lewis, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lewis, of near Spencer, is reported as "good" by attendants at Sacred Heart hospital here where the boy sub-mitted to an amputation of his right arm on December 29.

Motion picture, "Regimented Raindrops," 3 to 4. Lunch, 4 to 4:15.



## TO OHIO CONFAB

Miss Margaret Prill (above) of Page, a Holt county rural school teacher, returned this week from Cleveland, O., where she attended an inter-national Methodist youth conhational Methodist youth con-ference. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Prill, she was one of two delegates from Holt county. The other, James Bridges, son of Mrs. Alice E. Bridges, of O'Neill, was pic-tured percently in The Frontier tured recently in The Frontier. Lynch hospital.

# **Planned by Auxiliary**

man of the Holt county home demonstration council; report on 4-H activities in the county by Mrs. James Allyn, of Stuart, co-chairman of the Holt county 4-H club committee; report on rural youth organizations by Dick Clark, of O'Neill, president of the O'Neill rural youth group. Summaries by the county ex-tension agents.

tension agents. Music Planned Musical selections by George Schneider and Bernard Howard. ed to give a play in the near future.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served by the committee.

The next meeting will be Feb-ruary 6 at the home of Mrs. L V. Cooper.

## WNAX Staffer to Attend **Recreation Sessions**

George B. German, of radio station WNAX, Yankton, S. D., will attend the recreation ses-sions in Atkinson Friday to be conducted by Ted H. Alexander, state rural youth leader. German expects to make tran-

scriptions for rebroadcast.

He also intends to pay a visit to Donna Mae Fuhrer, 15, well-known O'Neill polio victim, during his stay in the county.

### Eastern Star Installs-

Installation of new officers is to take place today for Sym-phony chapter 316, Order of the

Eastern Star. The following officers are to be installed: Mrs. Paul Shierk, worthy matron; H. G. Kruse, worthy patron; Mrs. C. W. Port-er, associate matron; C. W. Port-er, associate patron; Mrs. H. L. er, associate patron; Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, conductress; Mrs. Har-ry Peterson, associate conduct-ress; Mrs. Ramon Bright, secre-tary; Mrs. L. F. Bredemeier, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Clausson, chaplain; Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Clausson, chaplain; Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn, marshal: Mrs. H. O. Russ, or-ganist; Mrs. James McMahan, Adah; Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Ruth; Mrs. Ruth Hansen. Esther; Mrs. A. E. Bowen, Martha; Mrs. L. O. Johnson, Electa; Mrs. Kenneth Smith, warder, Miss Murl Keyes, sentinel.

## INJURED IN FALL

LYNCH — Robert ("Bobby") Pischel. small son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pischel. of Niobrara, tore several ligaments in an arm in a fall recently. He is in the

M. Bauman.

and the Misses Catherine Kir-Anna Donlin.

Visit at Harley's-

Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs.

Survivors include: Widow; Beckwith, south of Atkinson.

Gordon Hiatt returned Satur-

Mayor and Mrs. F. J. Dishner ents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo A. Hi-

The following served on the

his farm home about nine miles Donough, L. M. Merriman, E. east of Chambers. M. Bauman, Rose Mary Langan, Death was believed to have



MAYOR, WIFE LEAVE