

# Arm Gone; No Tears

When The Frontier learned that James F. Lewis, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lewis, of Spence, had submitted to an amputation of his right arm following a recent power saw accident, the parents and Sacred Heart hospital attendants at Lynch were contacted. The Frontier thought its readers would like to know more about the little fellow who lost his arm while delivering a message to his father.

The child's mother said:



James F. Lewis . . . power saw accident cost his right arm below the elbow.

"This little boy is loved by everyone that meets him. He is referred to as the smiling boy that never walks but runs. The Sisters (Missionary Benedictine Sisters at Sacred Heart hospital) say he's intelligent enough for a 10-year-old.

"He's never gone to school because of a silly state ruling that states that country children had to be 6-years-old. You can't judge a child by years. Intelligence of some at 5 is above other children at 7 or 8. (Please print this part.) If he'd been in school the accident wouldn't have happened.

"His room at the hospital is packed with presents. He had a Christmas tree and Santa came in person to his bed. He is the idol of the hospital and they say he's a wonderful patient, so brave, and there have been no tears. When they told him they had amputated his right arm he waved his left and said: 'I have this good one . . . and I'll do the best I can.'"

Mr. Lewis was unaware that his son was in the vicinity when the accident occurred. Attendants at the hospital held hopes that the arm could be saved, but surgeons were forced to amputate below the elbow on December 29.

Little Jim's hospitalization is not yet over, although hospital attendants Tuesday told The Frontier that his condition was greatly improved and that he probably would be dismissed in about a week.

Right now Little Jim is concerned more about his sixth birthday anniversary coming up January 25 than about the lost arm.

"When a fellow is 6 he can go to school," he said.

# ALBERT A. KACZOR DIES TUESDAY

Well-Known Farmer in Meek Community III for 4 Years

MEEK—Albert A. Kaczor, 61, a well-known farmer in the Meek vicinity, died at 10:40 p. m. Tuesday at his farm home in this community.

All members of his immediate family, including a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Freeburg, of Los Angeles, Calif., were present when he died.

The late Mr. Kaczor had been ill for four years, and members of his family had been told during the past few weeks that death was imminent.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Paddock Union church and burial will be in the Paddock Union cemetery. Rev. Marie Hubby, of Spencer, will officiate. The pallbearers will be: Arthur Rouse, George Hansen, Rev. Merriedy Hubby, Paul Nelson, Elmer Devall and Henry Walters.

### Native of Canada

The late Mr. Kaczor was born on August 2, 1880, at Wellesley, Ontario, Canada, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kaczor, who came to this region from Canada in 1884 as one of the pioneer families. He was reared and educated near here and on August 22, 1906, he married Miss Jesse A. Bedford.

The Kaczors became the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Freeburg, and Mrs. Virgil Hubby, of O'Neill.

For many years the family resided on the farm in the Meek vicinity. Mr. Kaczor was active in many community affairs and enjoyed a wide Holt and Boyd county acquaintanceship.

Survivors include: Widow, two daughters; two grandchildren; four brothers—William and Charles, both of O'Neill; Fred, of Richey, Mont., and John, of Spencer; two sisters—Mrs. Minnie Bay and Miss Tina Kaczor, both of O'Neill.

Biglin Brothers are in charge of funeral arrangements.

### Everlasting Road Topic Again Tops Discussion

The everlasting topic of roads and highways dominated the discussion at the January meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday at the Golden hotel.

Red Cloud civic leaders have asked the O'Neill Chamber to lend its support to a movement toward the improvement, and hard surfacing of state highway 281. It was decided to hold a meeting here next month to which civic leaders from north and central Nebraska towns on the 281 route would be invited.

The highway is destined to be rerouted and ultimately cross the Missouri river at the site of the Ft. Randall, S. D. dam, which is north of O'Neill.

The matter of proposing city mail delivery was also discussed, but was temporarily tabled.

### CHURCH ENLARGED

AMELIA—Members of the Free Methodist church purchased Elmer Coolidge's old house and moved it Monday to the church property where it will be used to enlarge the present church. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge moved into their new house this week.

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## JOHN ROTHERHAM RITES HERE FRIDAY

Succumbs Here After a Short Illness; Came to Holt in 1881

John Rotherham, 80, died at 8 a. m. Wednesday in O'Neill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael M. Langan. Death followed a week's pneumonia illness. The late Mr. Rotherham had been a semi-invalid for the past 2 1/2 years.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic church here and burial will be in the new Calvary cemetery. Rev. C. J. Werner, assistant church pastor, will officiate.

The late Mr. Rotherham was born on June 24, 1867, at Iowa City, Ia., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rotherham, who were natives of Ireland. He came to Holt county in 1881 from near Newman Grove, settling near Ewing.

On May 16, 1895, he married Miss Elizabeth Gaffney at Atkinson.

**Lifelong Farmer**  
Engaged in farming throughout his life, Mr. Rotherham resided successively in the Ewing, Amelia, Emmet and Inman vicinities. Since 1935 he resided eight miles south of Inman. He was widely known throughout the county, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The Rotherhams became the parents of 11 children, five sons and six daughters. Four children, Mary, Clare, Elizabeth and an unnamed infant predeceased their father in death.

Survivors include: Widow, sons—Joseph, of Burlington, Ia.; John, of O'Neill; James, of Inman; Thomas, of Springfield, Ill.; daughters—Mrs. Michael M. (Jane) Langan and Mrs. Matt (Helen) Hynes, both of O'Neill; Mrs. Floyd (Marga et) Reinhardt, of Omaha; brother—Michael, of Ewing; 32 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers at Friday's rites will be grandsons. They are: Joseph Langan, Pat Hynes and James Langan, all of O'Neill; John Hynes and John Reinhardt, both of Omaha; and John B. Rotherham, of Springfield, Ill.

Biglin Brothers are in charge of arrangements.

## Neighbors Gather Corn. Saw Wood for III Farmer at Inman

INMAN—Vernon J. Davis, an Inman farmer who has been in poor health, has good neighbors.

On Friday they ganged up in his front yard and went to work. The men finished gathering Mr. Davis's corn crop, making short work of a hard, tedious job for Mr. Davis. At noon they knocked-off and ate a big dinner served by the ladies of the neighborhood.

In the afternoon the husking bee was transformed into a sawing bee and a sizeable amount of wood was neatly piled in the yard by nightfall.

Mr. Davis has been under the care of a doctor for some time.

## St. Paul's Remodeling Project Completed

CHAMBERS—St. Paul's Lutheran church has undergone a complete remodeling job. This is estimated at about a \$2,000 project.

Most of the labor was donated. Among the improvements besides the walls are new stained glass windows, new carpets and altar cover. Dedication services will be held Sunday at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited. There will be a program and visiting speakers.

### 'Swellest Grandmother'

Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher returned Saturday after having visited for three weeks with her son, John R. Gallagher, and family and her sister, Mrs. John A. Frenking, and family, of Omaha. Mrs. Gallagher, who attended the Breakfast club held at the Blackstone hotel December 31, was voted the "swellest grandmother," and was interviewed on the radio. She was recipient of an orchid corsage and a box of candy.

### FIREMEN ARISE EARLY

The O'Neill volunteer fire department was summoned at 5:45 a. m. Tuesday to Brown-McDonald's store where an electric motor on an air-conditioning unit was smoking. There was no damage.

### CAGE TOURNEY RESULTS

Elkhorn Valley Conference Wednesday Night, First Round  
Orchard 37 — Brunswick 19  
Osmond 25 — Page 20  
Inman 35 — Clearwater 24  
Ewing, bye

## Benny Rockford Needs Blood

Benny Rockford, 22-year-old O'Neill youth, lies dangerously ill in the University hospital at Omaha. His illness is a combination of diabetes and a ruptured appendix.

Benny became diabetic in 1933, according to his father, W. M. Rockford, who is employed at the Tri-State Produce plant. He is a fragile boy and barely remembers his better days. On Thanksgiving day he was stricken with an attack of appendicitis, and he was later removed to the hospital at Omaha.

Because of Benny's weakened diabetic condition, the doctors have been unable to operate. They say he must be built up with type "O" blood before the patient can withstand the surgical ordeal.

Benny needs blood—and lots of it—from healthy donors. Hospital attendants say he requires a pint every 24 hours for the "building up" process, otherwise he will fail and the infected appendix might prove fatal.



Benny Rockford . . . the forces wouldn't have him . . . now needs blood—and lots of it.

Benny's O'Neill friends and relatives have already provided 35 pints of blood, and on Sunday alone there were 18 pints credited to his account in the blood bank at Omaha.

Mrs. Rockford, who is near her son at the hospital, has sent word that by this weekend Benny's account will be running low.

**Not in the Service**  
Benny was born at Battle Creek. He attended school at Stuart where he finished the sophomore year in high school. Since coming to O'Neill he has had a tough time keeping a steady job because he lacked stamina. During World War II the forces wouldn't have him. The doctors said he "couldn't take it."

If sufficient new blood can be injected into Benny's veins, physicians have hopes of pulling him through the appendectomy.

Despite the grim outlook, Benny is cheerful—and hopeful. He's hopeful that more of his Holt county friends will recognize his plight and come in person to his aid with blood—red blood.

## CITY MORTGAGE DEBT ON INCREASE

Town Dwellers Contract 3 Times Debt of Farm Cousins

Holt county's city and town dwellers increased their mortgaged indebtedness during 1947 to the tune of 150 thousand dollars, approximately three times the increase of their country cousins.

Holt Register of Deeds Esther Cole Harris offered no explanation of the comparison other than the fact that most real estate transfers among rural people involved cash.

22 City Tax Foreclosures  
Meanwhile, there have been 22 town and city tax foreclosures during the past 12 months as compared with three farm foreclosures.

The 1947 and 1946 mortgaged indebtedness comparisons follow:

Mortgages Filed	
No.	1947 No.
Farm	172 805,030
Town	132 294,181

Mortgages Released	
No.	1947 No.
Farm	265 755,140
Town	98 147,815

## Mercury Drops to Zero; New Low for Season

The weatherman issued dire warnings of impending cold during the week, but the prophecies for severe cold did not materialize.

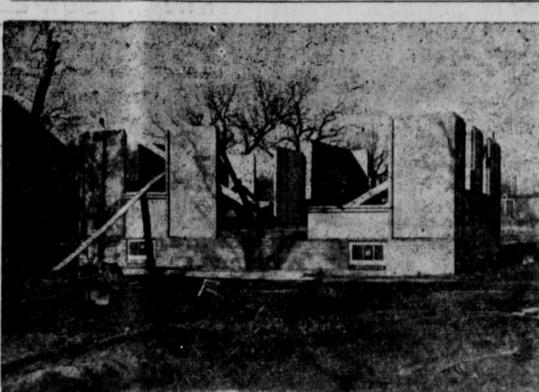
Lowest temperature for the week (and for the season) was recorded early Wednesday when the mercury dropped to zero. Snow flurries Tuesday were accompanied by a strong wind that bore earmarks of a blizzard, but the threat was short-lived.

The week's summary:

January	Hi	Lo	Moist.
January 8	58	34	
January 9	52	22	
January 10	58	20	
January 11	40	23	
January 12	50	14	
January 13	25	14	T
January 14	28	0	T

### BUYS RESIDENCE

LYNCH—Friend Keeler has purchased a residence property in Omaha.



### FIRST PREFAB GOES UP

O'Neill's first prefabricated house came to town last week via truck, and 36 hours later the house had begun to take shape.

Owners are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holliday and their little daughters, Laura Jean and Genelle. The site is located on the outskirts of the city on East Everett street.

The house will contain two bedrooms, a bath, a living room-dinette combination and a kitchen. There is a full basement.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## Twins Known at Inman Crash Cover on Collier's Magazine

INMAN—The Collier's magazine cover on the January 17 issue holds special interest for Mrs. T. D. Hutton, Mrs. E. E. Clark and their relatives here.

The color cover shows twin little girls having fun on a sled in Sun Valley, Ida. The snow p-incesses are Eleanor and Earlene Ferguson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ferguson, of Sun Valley. Mr. Ferguson is a nephew of Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Clark.

Their daddy worked on the Baldy Mountain chair lift for the glamour ski resort.

The cover photograph was made by Joern and Louise Gedts (husband and wife). Fanatic skiers themselves, they snapped hundreds of celebrities on the ski trail, but they stumbled onto Ellie and Eunie, the snowsuit-clad twins riding piggy-back on a sled, to cash in on their first big photo money.

## MOUNTS TO FILE FOR RELECTION

District Judge Named by Griswold to Fill 1941 Vacancy

District Judge D. R. Mounts said Monday that he would file for reelection as judge in the 15th judicial district.

As an Atkinson attorney, Judge Mounts was appointed in June, 1941, by then Gov. Dwight Griswold to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge R. R. Dickson.

In the 1944 general election, Judge Mounts was elected to the same post.

### Depart for South—

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Couch departed last week for the South, traveling by automobile and trailer house. They are uncertain where they will settle. Physicians have recommended the southern climate for Mrs. Couch's health.

### Returns from East—

Dr. W. F. Finley returned last Thursday from a visit in Philadelphia, Penn., and Chicago, Ill.

## CAR SOUGHT FOR FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

Foodstuffs from Holt Solicited for Starving Europeans

Holt county has been asked to provide one carload of food for Nebraska's own Friendship Train which is scheduled to leave Lincoln on February 12. Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary.

Plans for formulating an organization to handle arrangements for Holt county's contribution were underway Wednesday, and a meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 20, at 2 p. m. in the Holt county courthouse assembly room.

All persons interested and willing to assist in the movement are urged to be present, County Agent A. Neil Dawes said.

### Plan Began in Lincoln

The statewide Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train evolved from the city of Lincoln where Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, of the University of Nebraska, was named to head the state organization. An appeal was sent out this week to all clergy, newspapers, city and town service organizations, extension clubs, scout groups, and many individuals to enlist interest in the movement.

Extension leaders were asked to draw representative leaders together for the initial meeting.

At the Tuesday evening meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the group voted to participate actively in the movement and send representatives to the organizational meeting.

The Friendship Train, laden with foodstuffs for the unfortunate European people, will assemble in Lincoln February 17, go to Omaha and accumulate more rail cars there. The route from Illinois eastward will follow that which Abraham Lincoln took on his way to Washington, D. C., to assume the presidency.

The Friendship Train will be moved under the auspices of the Christian Rural Overseas Program, and will reach the people for whom it is intended in much the same fashion as the original Friendship Train, which crossed the nation two months ago.

The Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train movement has adopted a motto: "A carload of food from every county." There are 93 counties in Nebraska.

## Ag Group Ready for Joint Annual Meetings

Final arrangements were being completed Wednesday for a joint session of the Holt county extension service and the Holt soil conservation service. Both organizations will be holding annual meetings simultaneously Friday in the courthouse annex building basement.

The meeting begins at 11:45 a. m. with a covered dish luncheon. The afternoon will be split into sessions for each service with a talk by O. J. McDougall, extension soil conservationist, and a film, "Regimented Raindrops," of special interest to both groups.

Clarence Ernest is chairman of the extension service, and Carl Lambert is chairman of the soil conservation district. The public has been invited.

### Women's Club Meeting—

Mrs. Harry Peterson will be hostess to the O'Neill Women's club at a regular meeting January 21. Ira George, superintendent of O'Neill public schools, will give a book review of "Inside U S A," by John Gunther.

## DANNY O'BANNON ADVENTURE ENDS

FBI Regain Face in Holt While Local Press Blushes

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has regained face in Holt county. But at the same time the Holt county press is blushing.

Elvyn Newman Bovell, 43, alias Danny O'Bannon, is now in custody of authorities, but the "scoop" on his fantastic saga befell the Omaha World-Herald in a front page story Friday.

Said the World-Herald:

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation has regained face in Holt county. But it also lost the unwanted services of a would-be propagandist who had enlightened O'Neill residents with tales of fantastic adventures in the life of an FBI agent.

"J. L. Dalton, agent in charge of the Omaha FBI office, Thursday reported that a former Omaha, Elvyn Newman Bovell, 43, alias Danny O'Bannon, is being returned to Omaha from Norfolk to face charges of impersonating an FBI agent.

"It is alleged that Bovell last spring impersonated an agent, demanded and received \$320 from Homer and Sarah Lowry, of O'Neill.

### Has Long Record

"FBI records show that Bovell is the adopted son of the late E. N. Bovell, former Omaha.

"Mr. Dalton said Bovell has a criminal record dating back to his arrest for a series of robberies in Omaha in 1924. He has faced charges of statutory rape, holdup, bigamy and for numerous burglaries. He also impersonated a G-man in Montana in 1943.

But it was Bovell's colorful stories of his daring exploits as an FBI agent that caused the department the most embarrassment. Records show that the former Omaha built up quite a reputation among his friends as O'Neill as a brave G-man.

"Last year he was missing for two weeks. Friends received notice that he had died bravely in a blaze of gun fire on FBI business in Cuba. But Bovell returned from the dead full of additional tales of his exploits.

"Using fake credentials, the would-be G-man made investigations and searched homes in the area.

"A girl admirer proved his downfall. He left O'Neill with a prearranged plan to meet the girl at one of several railroad stations.

### Girl Proves Downfall

The girl, believing him a real FBI agent, complied. Real agents followed her and nabbed Bovell near the Norfolk railroad station January 6.

"He was held by Norfolk police to await return to Omaha."

The illustrious O'Bannon's name found its way into the columns of The Frontier on various occasions down through the months. Duly chronicled in a routine way were his promotion from "captain" to "major" in the forces, his "death" and "interment" in a family vault in Ireland, and his subsequent return here from the dead for social purposes and fishing excursions.

## Gov. Val Peterson Files for Relection

Gov. Val Peterson filed Wednesday as candidate for reelection. He will seek the Republican nomination in the April 13 primary.

In a statement to the press, the governor said that from a survey of his first 12 months of service, he was "encouraged by the progress made" on the programs he had sponsored.

Among these he listed state highway system improvements contracted for during 1947 to the amount of nine million dollars and about 11 million dollars in new highway construction completed during the same year.

He stated he considered the creation of the governor's statewide advisory road committee "a positive step toward solution" of the Nebraska road-improvement problem. He also said that he felt quite gratified in obtaining, after a special trip to Washington, and with the cooperation of our congressional delegation, two million dollars in federal funds to be used in replacing bridges and approaches destroyed by the June floods.

## Uninjured When Truck Goes Into Ditch

CHAMBERS—Cecil Thornton had an accident January 7 about 19 miles southwest of Atkinson. The truck came loose on his track, causing him to lose control. The truck went into the ditch, damaging the front badly. He was not injured.