

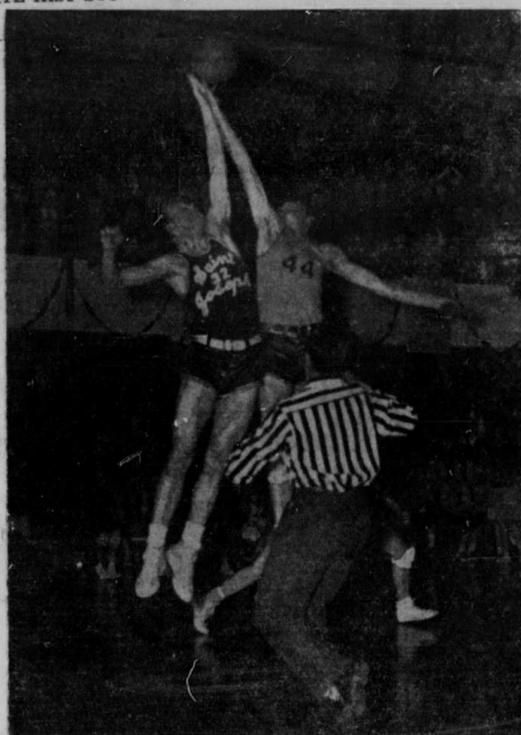
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Centers Bob Berigan (left) and Max Mossman soar at the tipoff of the Holt county championship basketball game between St. Joseph's academy, Atkinson, and Inman high school. The Josies won, 26-23.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## St. Joe Repeats as Holt Cage Champ

The fabled Bluejays of St. Joseph's academy, Atkinson, are again the Holt county cage champions.

With the state Catholic championship tucked safely away, a few hours later the Josies entered the Holt tourney in progress here, swept aside Ewing, 45-21 in the first round; ousted Atkinson high, an intricacy foe, 29-13, in the semifinals, and nipped Inman, 26-23, in the title bout.

The Ewing and Atkinson triumphs were more-or-less formalities for the potent Josies, but Friday night's finale against the die-hard Inman Tigers was a different story.

During the course of the evening the Tigers deepened a furrow in Coach Tom Slattery's brow and gave the Jays their most uncomfortable moments on Holt county maps in many a moon.

Inman scored first with a fielder by Guard Paul Hartigan. Center Bob Berigan, the Atkinson club's all-state nominee, added a brace of under-the-basket fielders and two free throws. Hartigan scored again and Forward Delmont Heck connected as the quarter ended, 6-11.

Heck put Inman in front, 8-6, but the lead melted when Berigan laid-away three free throws and Jay forwards Bill Miller and Tom Troshynski meshed a fielder each. Inman's lean, long and lofty center, Max Mossman, unwound an under-the-basket stretch and the quarter ended, 14-10.

Running true to tradition, the Josies unleashed a torrid third stanza attack led by Miller, who pushed in eight points with his jump shot. The quarter ended, 24-16, and this was the fattest margin of the evening.

The Tigers staged a gallant fourth-quarter rally that stopped short of tying or winning the game, and at the same time limited the Josies to two points, probably the Jays' leanest fourth period since they've been aboard the glory train.

Forward Leonard Sholes, a half-pint sharpshooter, swished one of his corner offerings. Heck added two close-range fielders, and Hartigan corralled a free throw, narrowing the margin to three points.

One Inman fielder was nullified by an upflood whistle.

Berigan did a terrific job on both backboards and Mossman had trouble making his height payoff. Berigan's free throwing and Miller's brilliant third period surge wrecked Inman's hopes.

Inman had dumped Chambers, 30-22, in the first round, and bested O'Neill, 18-16, in the semifinals. The Eagles were sluggish in the Inman game, and some bad passing and jumpball moments enabled the alert Tigers to make hay.

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### Mrs. Carl Failing Expires at York

Mrs. Carl Failing died at her home in York January 28 at 4 a. m. following a short illness. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church in York on Friday with Rt. Rev. Mandeville officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery at Ewing with Rev. Peter Burke officiating.

Mrs. Failing was born in Ewing on February 25, 1909. Her maiden name was Georgia Borgelt. She attended school in Ewing, and moved to O'Neill where she was united in marriage to Carl Failing on February 15, 1938. The family moved to York in 1942.

Survivors include: Widower; daughter; mother; five sisters — Josephine, of York; Elizabeth, of Wisner; Rose and Mrs. Kathryn Hemenway, of Norfolk; Nellie, of O'Neill. Her father, one brother, and three sisters preceded her in death.

### RENINGER RITES HELD AT NORFOLK

Former Holt Resident Dies After 2-Year Illness

CHAMBERS—Mrs. William Reninger, 77, a former Holt county resident, died Friday at Independence, Mo., at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fern Ferguson. She had been ill for two years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Norfolk at the First Baptist church and burial was in Hillcrest Memorial park.

The late Mrs. Reninger, whose maiden name was Dora Teller, was born February 15, 1870, in South Dakota, across the Missouri river from Jackson. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Teller, who were homesteaders in southeastern Dakota.

She was married February 14, 1886, to William Reninger. Their first home was a log cabin he had built for his bride near Jackson, on the Nebraska side of the river.

They farmed in Dakota county until 1914, when they came to Holt, residing for five years a mile and a half southeast of Chambers. In the Spring of 1919 the couple moved to Norfolk.

For 15 years Mr. and Mrs. Reninger spent the winter months at Avon Park, Fla. There they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in 1946.

Mr. Reninger died April 25, 1947, at Lakeland, Fla.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Ferguson, of Independence; Mrs. Henry Peters, of LaPorte City, Ind.; Mrs. Earl McAfee, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Cecil Brown, of Hastings; Mrs. Dale Eberly, of Omaha; Mrs. Paul Bowers and Mrs. Walter Brubaker, both of Norfolk; Mrs. J. Frank Costine, of Ocala, Fla. Sons—William, of Chambers; Harry J. and Golden R., both of Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Laura Carter, of Velley Center, Kans.; Mrs. Sarah Corkeley, of Sioux City; Mrs. Joseph Larabee, of Jefferson, S. D.; Brothers—Jess Teller, of Stevens, S. D., and William Teller, of Rapid City, S. D.

Grandsons Pallbearers Besides her husband and parents, three brothers and three sisters also preceded her in death.

The pallbearers at the funeral were grandsons: Clyde Reninger, of Chambers; Bruce Eberly, of Omaha; Cecil Brown, of Grand Island; Lowell Ferguson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Ray and Ralph Peters, both of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

### LAND BANK PAYS A 7% DIVIDEND

\$6,370 Being Distributed Among 525 Farmers and Stockmen

A special seven percent dividend, amounting to \$6,370, is being mailed this week to the 525 farmers and stockmen in Boyd, Holt and Wheeler counties who are members of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association of O'Neill.

Lyle P. Dierks, secretary-treasurer, said the association dividend was made possible by a special dividend recently paid by the Federal Land bank of Omaha.

Directors of the credit cooperative, who voted to pay the dividend to its members, also voted to make substantial additions to association reserves from the funds received from the land bank.

Distribution of land bank earnings to the farm loan associations and their member-stockholders "is in keeping with the cooperative principles under which the entire land bank system operates," Dierks said.

The Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association has more than \$1,800,000 in Federal Land bank loans on its books.

Directors are: Harry E. Resel, of O'Neill, president; L. W. Barthel, of Amelia, vice-president; C. C. Jacobsen, of Butte, J. V. Johnson, of Atkinson, Carl E. Lambert, of Ewing, E. J. Revell, of Star, and Frank C. Kruntorad, of Ewing.

### TAX COLLECTORS ANNOUNCE DATES

A deputy collector of internal revenue from the O'Neill zone office will visit seven towns during February and the first week of March in order to assist taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the year 1947.

The schedule, as announced by C. W. Porter of the O'Neill office, follows: February 16—Butte, courthouse; 17—Lynch postoffice; 23 and 24—Creighton, auditorium; 25 and 26—Wausa, auditorium; March 1 and 2—Chambers State bank and Atkinson postoffice; 3—Orchard, bank.

A collector will be at the zone office here on February 20 and 27 and from March 5 to 15, inclusive.

### Mercury Continues to Flirt with Zero Mark

The mercury continued to flirt with the zero mark each night during the past seven days. The lowest temperature — 5 below zero — was registered early last Thursday as the season's severest cold wave moved out of the mid-west after gripping the region for several days.

Light snowfall visited the O'Neill region on numerous occasions during the week. The summary, based on 24-hour readings ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

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| January 29 | 18 | -5 |        |
| January 30 | 31 | 1  |        |
| January 31 | 31 | 3  |        |
| February 1 | 29 | 8  |        |
| February 2 | 40 | 2  |        |
| February 3 | 12 | 1  | T      |
| February 4 | 18 | 4  | T      |

### 6 YOUTHS INTO JUVENILE COURT

Delinquency Charges Filed Against Boys 11 to 15

A half-dozen O'Neill youths, ranging from 11 to 15-years-old, were charged with "juvenile delinquency and dependency" here Saturday in Holt county district court. District Judge D. R. Mounts presiding.

The hearing was continued until Saturday, February 7, at 10 a. m. when Judge Mounts will make final disposition of the matter.

The youths, accompanied by their parents, were in court as an outgrowth of a series of breaking and entering incidents.

The incidents involved entering Schulz store on New Year's eve and taking a small amount of cash, entering the Country club and taking a radio, and the looting of parked automobiles.

The youths operated as a "gang" on unlocked autos. Numerous losses have been reported at the Legion club and at basketball games.

D. C. Schaffer, 13-year-old son, Larry, flew to Chadron Friday on business.

### Roar of Airplane Is the Huntsman's Call 1948 Style

CELIA — When the hunt-ski, Larry Root and Quentin Hickock.

Next day the same six Celia men again went out looking for coyotes and got four more. These were shot south and east of the Celia school. The men returned home jubilant and determined to continue the relentless hunt.

On Saturday morning, Ray Pease frightened a coyote from one of his haystacks just south of his house and Herman Fricker spotted two. Thus, the hunt was on again.

This time they got one coyote shot east of Alvin Heiser's. Harold Kirkland and his hounds, of Phoenix neighborhood, and Red Staples and his hounds came to join the chase. At intervals, Spoof Chace, George Syfie, jr., Quentin Hickock and Frank Schaaf, Elmer Sterns, Wayne and Duke Hoffman took part in the pursuit.

The coyotes' chances are so slim now in the Celia neighborhood that "safe-conduct" passes might be issued to keep the family from becoming extinct.

In the wild chase they were joined by interested bystanders who had to get in on the fun. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Posnecker, Thilo Posnecker, Natchel Resator-

### LONGTIME HOLT RESIDENT DIES

Michael Rotherham, 71, to Be Buried Thursday at St. John's

EWING — Michael Rotherham, 71, a resident of southeastern Holt county since he was 8-years-old, died Monday at 4 p. m. at his home here.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. in St. Peter's Catholic church today (Thursday) at Ewing, and burial will be in St. John's cemetery in the St. John's community.

Rev. P. F. Burke, of Ewing, will officiate, assisted by Rev. John Vogel, of Dodge, and Kent Rotherham, of a St. Louis, Mo., seminary. The latter is a son of the late Mr. Rotherham. He will act as sub-deacon.

Born near Carroll, Ia., on March 4, 1876, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Rotherham he came with his parents to the St. John's vicinity as a lad of 8. He was reared there and ultimately reared a family of his own on the family homestead.

In 1897 he married Edna Lowery, of Ewing, by Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, now of O'Neill. She died in 1910, and three years later he married Mary T. Kallhoff.

The late Mr. Rotherham served eight years as a Holt county supervisor. He was active in numerous community affairs and was well-known through the Ewing, St. John's, and Clearwater communities.

Survivors include: Widow; sons — Claude, of Newman Grove; Roy, of Ewing; Earl, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; James, of Ewing; John, of Stockton, Calif.; Charles, of Tilden; Kent, of St. Louis; Daughters — Frances, of Ewing; Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) Martin, of Stockton, Calif.; Lucille, of Gallup, N. M.; Mrs. Lyle (Constance) McNabb, of Omaha; Sister Marion (Rita), of Scottsbluff; Mrs. William (Cleta) Lofquist, of Ewing; Mary Lou and Patricia, both of Ewing.

There are 52 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

## Train Gifts Lag; One Car Assured

ATKINSON AUCTION NETS DRIVE \$1,250; BASKETBALL BENEFIT CANCELED

One carload of food for Europe's hungry has been practically assured by Holt county donors to the Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train. But the goal is two cars, and the success or failure of the drive will be determined by Saturday night.

Holt county leaders, headed by Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, and Ernie C. Weller, of Atkinson, a fortnight ago decided that Holt's share of Nebraska's own Europe-bound Friendship Train should include two railcars of foodstuffs.

Early response among many community leaders was gratifying, officials of the improvised organization said.

Biggest boost thus far was received Tuesday at the Atkinson Livestock Market where the sum of \$1,250 was raised. Individual stockmen donated four head of cattle and two head of hogs, which sold on the block for about \$600. Miscellaneous merchandise contributed for Friendship Train purposes added another \$150. Nearly five hundred dollars was raised by pledges from the audience.

Weller, manager of the sale firm, presided in the ring as cash pledges were made, ranging from \$5 to \$50.

\$275 at Ewing Sale At Ewing Saturday a special sale was held at the Ewing Livestock Market and the promotion brought \$275.

A third sale will be held in O'Neill today (Thursday) in conjunction with the regular sale at the Fredrickson Livestock Commission company.

Sale officials here report that they've already been advised by some consignors that there will be "Friendship Train" stock in the ring, including calves and pigs.

Only livestock will be auctioned at the O'Neill sale, Mrs. Cole explained.

A rural school district at Amelia has already collected \$85, the Atkinson Service club has contributed \$200, the Celia Homemakers have donated \$25, and George Syfie, drive chairman in the Phoenix vicinity, reports nearly a hundred dollars already collected there. These are only a few of the early scattered reports.

Deadline Saturday Mrs. Cole said that many women's project clubs and other organizations in the county were collecting, but the true picture would not be known until Saturday — the deadline.

The plan, patterned after the original Friendship Train that crossed the nation in December, grew into a statewide movement little more than two weeks ago.

The Holt county organization was created hurriedly, and consequently the officials and workers have made no attempt to canvas or contact group leaders personally. "It is simply a matter of individual and group generosity," Mrs. Cole said. "Those with contributions, however large or small, are asked to contact the community Friendship Train leaders."

Edward M. Gallagher, of O'Neill, is treasurer of the county organization, and Rev. W. C. Birmingham is secretary.

List of Leaders The community leaders are: O'Neill — F. N. Cronin and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren; Stuart — Joe Brewster and Mrs. F. J. Clark; Atkinson — B. H. Wilson and Mrs. Robert Martens; Amelia — Glen White and Mrs. Vern Sageser; Page — Otto Terrill and Mrs. Harry Harper; Ewing — Rev. C. D. Vogel and Mrs. John Archer; Chambers — Leo T. Adams and Mrs. C. V. Robertson; Emmet — Rev. Joseph Lane and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney; Dorsey — H. H. Miles; Phoenix — George Syfie; St. John's — Rev. J. J. Urbanski.

A benefit basketball game, originally scheduled here Saturday night between St. Joseph's, of Atkinson, and Inman, analysts in last week's Holt county tournament, has been cancelled. Atkinson and O'Neill high schools were scheduled for a preliminary.

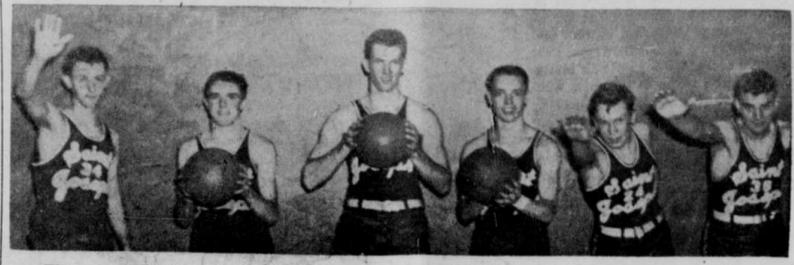
The Nebraska food train will leave Lincoln February 12 — Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Holt's gifts will join the train at Omaha.

### DONOHUES TO MARK GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Donohoe, prominent O'Neill farm couple, on Sunday, February 15, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

The Donohoes are planning an open-house affair from 2:30 until 5:30 in the afternoon. The Donohoes are inviting all of their relatives and friends to join them in the celebration.

MOVE TO CABIN CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dankert and daughter moved Saturday to a cabin at the five mile corner.



The St. Joseph's academy Bluejays (above), of Atkinson, and the Inman Tigers (below) were the finalists in the annual Holt county basketball tourney. The Jays left-to-right are: Fred Deemer, Thomas Troshyn-



ski, Bob Berigan, Bill Miller, Bernard Weichman, and Leo O'Malley. The Tigers are: Gordon Sholes, Delmont Heck, Max Mossman, Paul Hartigan and Leonard Sholes.—The Frontier Photos by John H. McCarville.