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## HOLT CORN CRYING FOR MOISTURE

**Leading Question Is: Where Has All the Moisture Gone?**

Holt county farmers are hard to please. A fortnight ago they wanted less moisture and an opportunity to work the fields that were too wet to work during the latter part of June. Now they're asking for more moisture again. The corn is growing rapidly but the surface moisture is fast disappearing, they say, and the ground is dry on top.

"The leading question is: 'Where has all the moisture gone?' The stock answer runs something like this: It has been absorbed by a parched earth, intense heat and fast growing crops.

Some corn has been laid by, and some rare fields are waist-high. But corn in the O'Neill region is considerably short of corn prospects elsewhere in the state where it is the principal crop and where prospects are among the best in the midwest.

Haying is starting in some localities of the county this week, but County Agent A. Neil Dawes said Wednesday that the haying wouldn't get underway in earnest until next week.

The harvest of small grain is also starting and some observers expect it to yield about 70 per cent of normal. Most of the winter wheat has been a dismal failure because of a lack of moisture.

The bluegrass crop, likewise, has been unsatisfactory for the same reason. The yield is estimated at only 15 per cent of the record 1946 yield.

The 99-degree temperature, which was reached at mid-day Monday, July 5, was a new high for the season.

The weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

July 1	85	65
July 2	98	70
July 3	93	67
July 4	93	66
July 5	95	69
July 6	99	69
July 7	97	68

## 100 4-H Clubbers to Long Pine Camp

Over a hundred Holt county 4-H club members and leaders attended the annual 4-H camp at Long Pine June 24-26, it was announced by County Agent A. Neil Dawes. Velma Abney, of Ewing, and Harold Neilson, of O'Neill, won honors for work in leathercraft.

## WILBURNE BURGER DIES AT INMAN

**Lifelong Nebraskan, 82, Buried Tuesday Near Ainsworth**

INMAN—Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 6, at 2:30 p. m. in the Methodist church at Ainsworth for Wilburne Burger, 82, who died Sunday at Inman. He had been ill for about 2 months.

He succumbed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Clark, in Inman.

Burial was in the Buffalo Flats cemetery near Ainsworth. Mr. Burger was born on November 22, 1865, at Plattsmouth, one of the first-born white children in the state.

He went to Brown county as a young man and settled in the Buffalo Flats locality where he spent most of his life.

He married Rozina Wheeler on October 19, 1889 in Brown county. She died on November 26, 1938.

Mr. Burger came to Holt county in August, 1947, from Ainsworth to make his home near his daughters, Mrs. Lucille Hutton and Mrs. Ada Clark.

Survivors: Son—Thomas, of Ainsworth; Paul, of Ainsworth; Donald of Ocean Side, Calif.; Daughters: Mrs. Grace Ferguson, of Bremerton, Wash.; Mrs. Florence Merritt, of Auburn, Wash.; Mrs. Floy Barker, of Chadron; Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Clark, both of Inman.

Also surviving are: Brother, Frank Burger, of Long Pine; 21 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Rev. M. R. Willis was in charge of the funeral rites. Among those going to Ainsworth for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark and son, Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. D. Hutton; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Green and children, of Sioux City; Robert Hutton, of Omaha, and Norbert Clark, of Inman.

## Beauty Contest Entries Coming In

Interest in the American Legion-sponsored beauty contest is gathering momentum, Commander Glea Wade said Wednesday as entries are beginning to come in, including a number from Atkinson. Entries are also being received from other nearby towns.

Simonson post is sponsoring an honorary "Miss Holt County Legionnaire" to represent the county at the state Legion convention in Grand Island. Judges will select the winner at a ball to be held at the Legion auditorium here Thursday, July 22. Contestants will appear in formals. Entrants must be 17-years-old or over.

Winner of the state title will get an all-expense trip to Miami, Fla.

All Holt entries must be postmarked by July 15. Application blanks are available at many business houses throughout the county.

## 2 INJURED HERE WITH FIREWORKS

**Large Truck Rolls Over at Ewing in Principal Traffic Accident**

A 10-ton semi-trailer truck left the road a mile and a half east of Ewing Friday—the principal mishap in the O'Neill region over the long Fourth of July weekend.

The driver, James Tange-man, of Omaha, escaped with a few minor scratches, but the cab of the machine was a total loss and there was heavy damage to the trailer and to the cargo of feed. The outfit rolled over into the ditch.

Dean Streeter, O'Neill barber, suffered second degree burns when a Roman candle backfired, injuring his right hand. Mr. Streeter was entertaining a niece when the accident occurred.

Jerry Rotherham, 5, son of John Rotherham, of O'Neill, was also treated for fireworks burns. A firecracker exploded in his hand Sunday evening.

A Gregory, S. D., couple figured in a mishap near the Robert Donohoe place near O'Neill. Their machine went into a ditch, going out of control after striking loose gravel. None was injured.

John Westerbeck, of Atkinson, fell early Monday from a dirt grader while working on the Atkinson-Stuart airport and was brought to the O'Neill hospital in an ambulance. His condition is "fairly good."

## Music Pupils in Recital at Inman

INMAN—Mrs. James Cronk presented her piano pupils in a music recital at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, June 30. The following participated:

Larry Sawyer, Carolyn Watson, Dale Coon, Dick Coventry, Sammy Watson, Roland Hansen, Kay Coventry, Janet Chase, Marilyn Gallagher, Edith Gallagher, Lueta Coon, Ila June Coon, Rita DeLong, Beverly Smith, James Cronk and Jimmy Sawyer.

## Mrs. Eby Entertains

Mrs. Merle Sprague and daughter, Marilyn, of Stockton, Calif., Mrs. Harold James and daughter, Lena May, of Osborn, Kans., and Mrs. Roy Richards, of Atkinson, were guests June 26 at the homes of Mrs. Della Eby, Ray Eby and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie, Mrs. Sprague and Mrs. James are nieces of the late E. J. Eby.



**PAGE BATSMAN GOES DOWN . . .** Danny Helmer, O'Neill hurler, set down 18 Page batsmen via the strikeout route Sunday, July 4, as the Rockets blasted Page 7-2. Darrell

## The Frontier's Jack and Jill CORNER



JEANIE KAY FOREMAN

**THE BIG 3 . . .** The Frontier's Jack and Jill Corner honorees this week are designated as the big 3.

The pert little miss (above) is Jeanie Kay Foreman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman, of Emmet. She will be 3-years-old on August 16, has 2 older brothers and a sister. But wait—she also has 2 nephews!

Opposite Miss Foreman is Master Larry Gokie, who was a New Year's eve arrival a year and a half ago. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gokie, jr., of O'Neill. Larry likes best of all to ride on the tractor with his pop, but he'll settle for a chance to be out-of-doors. Larry is a blond and, you guessed it, he has blue eyes.

The other handsome fellow is Jimmy Lee Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Schmidt, of Atkinson. He was born on the Fourth of July a year ago. Jimmy contracted eczema at 3-months-old, had to have his hands tied at night so he wouldn't scratch himself. Came his



LARRY GOKIE



JIMMY LEE SCHMIDT

teeth and the crawling period and the eczema disappeared. He has blue eyes and light curly brown hair. The high spot of Jimmy's day is a "horseback" ride on daddy's knee, and not infrequently he drops off to sleep in the "saddle". Jimmy thinks bananas are tops in the food department.—Photos courtesy the O'Neill Photo Co.

## Beha Family in Holiday Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beha and family, who live in Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Saturday, July 3, for a week's visit with Mr. Beha's mother, Mrs. Nellie Beha, and other relatives.

They were guests Monday at a family dinner held at the home of Matthew Beha, a brother. Other guests included Nan, Paul and William Beha brothers and sister of Joseph and Matthew, and their families, Mrs. Elizabeth Parr, of Elgin, Mrs. Matthew Beha's mother, was also present.

Another get-together was held Tuesday evening at the William Beha home in the form of a "cookout."

Mr. and Mrs. John Melvin departed Wednesday, July 7, for a visit in St. Louis, Mo., at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Shelton, and Mr. Shelton.

Mrs. John Harrington and Jimmy and Marline returned to Chicago, Ill., June 30 after visiting Mrs. Thomas Donlin and other relatives.

## Nominees for Soil Honors Are Sought

Louis Bernholtz, chairman of the Holt soil conservation district, and County Agent A. Neil Dawes, have announced that Holt county farmers, ranchers and businessmen have until July 31 to make nominations of farmers in the permanent agriculture soil conservation recognition group.

Names of farmers doing soil conservation work, worthy of special honor and recognition may be sent in or left with the county agent or soil conservation service office, they have explained. Entry blanks may be obtained from Mr. Dawes, or from L. F. Brede-meier, unit conservationist.

Nominations will be made during July and judging of these farms will be done in August.

Three farmers will be selected to represent our district in competition with other soil districts in this area," Mr. Bernholtz said. "The Holt district will be out to win one of the area plaques and the \$300 state award," he added.



**THOUSANDS WITNESS FIREWORKS EXHIBITION . . .** Several thousand persons witnessed the Country club's annual display of fireworks Sunday night. John H. McCarville, The Frontier's photographer, made this tricky shot showing sparkler wheels glowing (lower left foreground) and sky rockets exploding. The clubhouse outline may be seen.

## MRS. GEARY FETED ON 84th BIRTHDAY

**Gift and Card Shower Makes Her 'Feel 20 Years Younger'**

INMAN — Mrs. Etta Geary celebrated her 84th birthday anniversary Wednesday, June 30, at her country home southwest of Inman. Many of her friends and relatives dropped in to help her celebrate. Ice cream and cake were served. She received many gifts and about 50 cards from her relatives and friends.

This was a surprise to Mrs. Geary and she said it made her "feel 20 years younger."

Etta Hopkins was born at Hope Bartholomew county, Indiana, June 30, 1864, and came to Nebraska to live in 1904. She taught school in Indiana and Nebraska for about 15 years and it was while teaching in what is known as South Valley she boarded in the Geary home. On September 24, 1904, she was united in marriage to George Geary at Columbus, Ind., at the Presbyterian manse.

They came to Inman to live on Mr. Geary's farm and she has made her home here since. Mr. Geary was the father of 3 sons and 1 daughter by a previous marriage and she helped to raise children.

Mrs. Tom (Jessie) Hartigun lives on a farm south of the Geary farm. Calvin lives at Lyons, Reginald is with Mrs. Geary, and Haddin and his family live on an adjoining farm.

Mr. Geary died on February 12, 1936.

Mrs. Geary says she enjoys surprises. Their friends surprised them on their 10th and 20th wedding anniversaries and she has had many birthday surprises.

Her nephew, James Hopkins, whose birthday also occurs on June 3, and who was 64-years-old, was a special guest.

Leaving for Lincoln Monday will be Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn and grandson, Jerry Verzal. They expect to be gone a week.

## Youth, 17, Victim of a Rare Bone Disease, Seeks a Chess Partner

EWING — One of The Frontier's Ewing readers this week received a letter from a 17-year-old Royal Oak, Mich., youth, Earl Bell, who is a patient in St. Mary's hospital at Rochester, Minn.

Young Bell, who is afflicted with a rare bone disease, is seeking a chess partner and has asked a Ewing man for help in finding one.

"If you happen to know any one around Ewing who is a good chess player and who would be willing to play some correspondence games with me, please tell them to get in touch with me right away," he wrote.

"The more you find the merrier I'll be. They don't exactly have to be from around

## 'Name' Band Coming to Legion Ballroom

Art Kassel and his famous Kassels in the Air orchestra will appear at the American Legion ballroom here Friday night under Legion auspices. Glen Wade, Legion commander, said "the booking of the Kassel orchestra was a rare opportunity to bring one of the 'name' bands of the nation to O'Neill."

The O'Neill date is a "fill-in" while the orchestra is hopping from Watertown, S.D., to St. Joseph, Mo.

Kassel has been featured in leading dance spots in the land and has been a radio network favorite for several years.

## School Chief Points to 'Inequalities'

There are 2,835 elementary school districts in Nebraska with 10 or fewer pupils enrolled according to reports filed by county superintendents with State Superintendent Wayne O. Reed.

Of these, there are 850 that have 5 or less pupils in attendance. The average enrollment of the 4,605 elementary districts in operation is 11.7 pupils and the average enrollment per teacher is 10.9.

However, there are 514 high school districts with 108,127 elementary pupils enrolled. These elementary schools have an average enrollment of 210.3 pupils per district and 28.8 pupils per teacher.

Reed said these enrollment inequalities between rural and urban elementary districts point the way for a study of the school reorganization problem to be undertaken by the legislative council, research body for the state legislature.

The state superintendent said this was the principal factor which led to the re-districting program adopted by Kansas 4 years ago.

"We know," said Reed, "from studies made that the larger the administrative and fiscal unit for schools the less the inequality among units in the ability to support education, in tax burden and the quality of instruction provided."

They can be from anywhere. Have them write to me in care of St. Mary's hospital, room 3-270, Rochester, Minn."

Earl is a student in the Royal Oak high school and has carried on his school work despite his great difficulty. Since stricken with the rare disease 4 years ago, he has spent most of the time in casts, braces, doctor's offices and hospitals.

Still he has kept up with his studies, has become a chess expert, and has learned to play pingpong.

Recently he underwent an operation for a disease that Mayo's diagnose as "bilateral arthrokatazsis." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, of Royal Oak.

## 3 MEN TO BE ON NEW DRAFT BOARD

**President Truman Will Make Appointments Under New Law**

The new draft law, which was tossed about considerably during the late session of Congress, soon will be translated into action in Holt county with the appointment of a 3-member draft registration board.

Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, of Lincoln, Nebraska adjutant general who headed the draft machinery during World War II, said this week that the names of the draft board members for each county will be submitted by Gov. Val Peterson to President Truman, who will formally make the appointments. This procedure was embodied in the new draft law enacted by the late Congress.

General Henninger said if the nation drafts a quarter of a million men during the first year as unofficially reported, this would mean Nebraska would furnish about 2,225 men. On that basis, Holt county would be asked to supply fewer than 40 men the first year.

Approximately 165 thousand men in Nebraska between the ages of 19 and 25 would be required to register.

Three Nebraskans who are being submitted for approval to head the draft program are: Col. Frank B. O'Connell, Lt. Col. Francis Drath and Maj. Lee Leggett, of Uta. Colonel O'Connell, now in Japan, headed the wartime draft. Colonel Darth, a former editorial writer for the Nebraska State Journal, is now a University of Nebraska instructor, and Major Leggett is secretary to Governor Peterson.

Each county will have a draft board under the present plans, and Douglas will have 3 boards and Lancaster 2.

Capt. Roger M. Thompson, of Grand Island, Army and Air Force recruiting officer for the O'Neill region, said this week that many 18-year-olds mistakenly believe that a 1-year enlistment will completely discharge their new obligations.

"It should be made clear," he said, "that upon completion of a 1-year enlistment they will be transferred to a reserve component for 6 years, possibly subject to a month of active duty yearly, or 4 years in an active unit."

Captain Thompson added that "three years is the shortest enlistment period which will completely discharge the draft obligation."

## Series of Deadlines for Veterans in 1948

Keith Abart, Holt county service officer, this week pointed out a series of 1948 "deadline dates" of interest to war veterans and their kin.

July 31 is the last day that "lapsed term" national service life insurance can be reinstated without taking a physical examination. It is also the last day a beneficiary, who started receiving national service life insurance payments prior to September 30, 1944, can change the option settlement.

August 31 is the last day on which application may be made for terminal leave pay, and December 31 is the last day for personnel and veterans of all U. S. armed forces to bring their respective alien spouses into this country on permit-marriage contemplated.

## HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By Elja McCullough, County Superintendent

The regular state teachers' examinations will be held in the O'Neill public school building, Saturday, July 17. They will begin at 8 a. m. Arithmetic will be the first subject.

**Here from Sioux Falls—** Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Stanton and children, of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent the Fourth at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton. Mr. Stanton returned Monday. His family remained for a longer visit.

**PATROL TO MEET** There will be a Civil Air Patrol meeting at the Holt county courthouse annex basement Tuesday evening in preparation for a trip to Norfolk.

Mrs. Emmett Moore and Tommy returned Tuesday, July 6, after attending a family reunion in Lincoln. They were gone 3 days.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Rhodes, of Cody, visited at the Hugh Ray home from Saturday until Monday.