



WHERE 2 O'NEILLITES DIED... This is the wreckage of the aircraft in which 2 O'Neill men, F. E. ("Kelly") Saindon, 31, and J. Francis ("Fritz") Kelly, 32, died Friday about 5:30 p. m. in a crash on the Country club golf course. Saindon was dead when witnesses reached the scene; Kelly died later in the O'Neill hospital. Circle shows where plane struck out tree-top before crashing. (See story at right.)—The Frontier Photo.



F. E. ("KELLY") SAINDON



FRANCIS ("FRITZ") KELLY  
—O'Neill Photo Co.

### OATS AVERAGE 20- to 25-BUSHELS

Corn Thrives on Recent Rains and Under Hot July Sun

### Combining 65% Done

Holt county farmers, along with most others in the mid-west, are busy people these days.

Combining of small grain is about 65 percent finished, according to an estimate made by County Agent A. Neil Dawes, and threshing operations are well underway.

Holt county oats are averaging from 20- to 25-bushels per acre, according to Dawes.

Ora Yarges, farmer north of Stuart, reports a harvest of the best rye crop he has ever had. His enthusiasm, however, is the exception rather than the rule.

The corn crop is booming under the hot July sun and intermittent showers have hastened its growth through the month. Although most corn is a little behind the ideal growth at this time of the season, most farmers report their corn is "coming nicely."

Haying has reached the half-way mark and in the hay localities everyone is helping "put up" the crop. The yield, however, is only about three-fourths normal.

The county agent's office has received a few requests for hayfield help.

Meanwhile, it has been announced by AAA committeemen that purchase agreements and loans will be available to growers on their 1948 crops of wheat, barley, rye and oats under the department of agriculture's price support program.

Loan rates are expected to be as follows: Oats, 66c (official); barley, \$1.14 (estimate); and rye, \$1.20 (estimate).

Agreements will be available to growers through December 31, 1948, a spokesman for the Holt AAA committee said. Farmers will be assured of the same price support as afforded by the loans without the necessity of paying interest.

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

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
July 22	86	58	
July 23	71	48	
July 24	82	63	
July 25	96	68	.44
July 26	84	63	.03
July 27	88	59	
July 28	86	65	
Total			.47

Oregonians Here — Mr. and Mrs. Emory Stewart, of Elkton, Ore., visited in O'Neill Monday.

# Ben Franklin Opening Edition

(See Editorial, "Another Special," on Page 2-B.)

ONCE MORE The Frontier is entering the rural homes of hundreds of rural Holt and Boyd county families who normally do not read an O'Neill newspaper. This extended coverage edition heralds the grand opening of the new Ben Franklin store here, owned and operated by A. E. Bowen. It is also jam-packed with news and advertising, including many congratulatory messages for Mr. Bowen and his new store.

THIS IS The Frontier's fifth so-called special edition within the past 12 months. The Frontier's advertisers make possible these editions and the publishers commend to you the

advertisers and the merchandise they offer as presented on the following pages.

THESE PERIODIC grand openings of new and enlarged business firms are evidence of a fast-growing city that is on the march. The Frontier feels that it is fortunate in being situated in a live and progressive community in which these special journalistic efforts are possible, and where merchants and other business firms cooperate in helping each other to make this the biggest and best trading center within an ever-expanding radius.

—THE PUBLISHERS.

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## Airplane Crash Is Fatal to 2

### C. F. McKENNA RITES HELD HERE

Longtime Resident, 68, in Ill Health for Several Years

Charles F. McKenna, 68, a longtime O'Neill resident, succumbed at 6:25 p. m. Wednesday, July 21, at his home in O'Neill. He had suffered an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a. m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the new Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers were: F. N. Cronin, P. B. Harty, H. F. Mullen, H. J. Birmingham, P. J. O'Donnell and E. M. Moore.

The late Charles Francis McKenna was born on October 30, 1879, at Independence, Ia., a son of John and Mary Cavanaugh McKenna, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

He came to Holt county at the age of 4, accompanying his family.

On September 12, 1917, at Omaha, he was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Meredith, of O'Neill, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith.

The couple became the parents of 2 sons, Hugh F. and Gene M.

Mr. McKenna was engaged in the real estate and insurance business and was active for many years in civic affairs. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge.

Mr. McKenna had been in failing health for about 10 years. In recent weeks he had been critically ill.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Hugh F. McKenna, of Omaha, and Gene M. McKenna, of O'Neill; brother—James A. McKenna, Neville, Sask., Canada.



Miss LaQuita Parsons... wins Legion beauty contest. —O'Neill Photo Co. (See story on page 5.)

### O'NEILL WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Catherine A. Miller, Victim of Fatal Heart Attack

Mrs. Catherine A. Miller, 68, a daughter of a Holt county pioneer couple, the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Horiskey, died suddenly Friday, July 23, at about 10:30 p. m.

Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mrs. Miller had been making her home here for many years with her sister, Miss Mary G. Horiskey, and her brother, Michael H. Horiskey.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in St. Patrick's Catholic church here with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Horiskey family lot in Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers were: H. J. Birmingham, Thomas Enright, H. J. Hammond, P. C. Donohoe, M. J. Wallace, E. C. Quinn and Patrick McGinnis.

The late Catherine Anglea Horiskey Miller was born on July 17, 1880 at Parker, a daughter of John H. and Catherine Kennedy Horiskey.

She came to O'Neill as a small girl, accompanying her parents.

On November 22, 1915, she married William H. Miller in O'Neill.

Survivors include: Son—William A. Miller, of Lincoln; sister—Miss Mary G. Horiskey, of O'Neill; brothers—John and Walter Horiskey, both of Cody, Wyo.; and Michael H. Horiskey, of O'Neill.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harold Joseph Looch, 21, of Anoka, and Miss Laura La Vonne Cassidy, 18, of Lynch, July 26.

Donald Lee Heiss, of Page, and Mary Louis Rayburn, 19, of Page, July 22.



Charles F. McKenna... in failing health for many years. (See story at left.)

### SOLDIER KILLED ON ANZIO BURIED

Cpl. Richard E. Albers Spent 11 Months Out of 16 in Combat

CHAMBERS—Military funeral services were conducted Monday, July 26, at the Methodist church here for Cpl. Richard E. Albers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Albers, sr., of Chambers. The American Legion was in charge.

Corporal Albers was wounded on the Anzio, Italy, beachhead on February 24, 1944, and died the following day. His body was interred in the Mediterranean area and recently arrived in the United States for final burial. He was 22-years-old.

Richard Erwin Albers was born at Monroe on July 26, 1921. He spent his early childhood on a farm near Monroe and in 1936 moved with his parents to a ranch southeast of Chambers, where he grew to manhood.

In October, 1942, he entered the Army and received his early training at Camp Wallace, Tex., and Camp Stewart, Ga. He left the U. S. in March, 1943, for overseas duty in the Mediterranean, serving in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He spent 11 months out of the 16 in combat.

Survivors include: Parents; sisters—Mrs. Ruth Walters and Mrs. Deloris Harley; brother—John, jr., all of Chambers; grandmother—Mrs. M. E. a Schneider, of San Antonio, Tex.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Albers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baltz and Raymond, all of Chambers.

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### STATE TAX LEVY CUT .73 MILL

No Objections Filed in Budget Hearing Here Wednesday

A hearing on Holt county's proposed new budget for the year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 was conducted Wednesday by the board.

No significant objections were raised.

The estimate of expenses, published last week in The Frontier, the official county newspaper, called for 104 thousand dollars in the general fund alone. During the previous fiscal year the general fund requirements were fixed at 83 thousand dollars.

Total requirements were estimated at over 425 thousand dollars.

A slight mill levy decrease appears likely, but cannot be adopted until after the state tax levy is fixed. The overall mill levy for county purposes last year was 3.70 mills; while the proposed mill levy for this year is 3.64.

County expenses are steadily mounting but a valuation increase of 2 1/4 million dollars absorbs the extra costs.

Meanwhile, in Lincoln Gov. Val Peterson announced that the state levy will be 5.26 mills this year as compared with 5.99 last year.

The governor pointed out that there has been a 7.7 percent increase in the state taxable property valuation, enabling reducing the general tax fund levy 13.79 percent.

Because of the increased valuations the veterans aid fund levy was decreased from .44 mills to .41 mills. The .10 mill levy for the permanent school fund expired in 1947 and aided the decrease.

In Boyd county budget requirements likewise are up but last year's 5-mill levy is being reduced to 4.95 mills during the new fiscal year. Boyd officials estimate 165 thousand dollars will be required to operate the county this year—an increase of 4 thousand dollars over last year.

### Visits in Sioux Falls—

Mrs. Eugene Stanton and children returned to their home in Sioux Falls, S. D., last Thursday, July 22, after visiting for 2 weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stanton. Miss Eileen Stanton returned with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rooney went to Omaha Tuesday.

### Low-Flying Craft Strikes Tree; Saindon Dies Immediately, Kelly 2 Hours Later

Holt county's second major aircraft accident has claimed the lives of 2 prominent O'Neill residents. The dead are:

F. E. ("KELLY") SAINDON, 31, a passenger, . . . O'Neill high school principal and athletic coach.

J. FRANCIS ("FRITZ") KELLY, 32, the pilot . . . O'Neill plumber and well driller.

Saindon was married and the father of 3 small children; Kelly's survivors include a widow and 2 small children.

Flying in a 2-passenger Aeronca Champion pleasure craft, the 2 had taken off from the Municipal airport only a few minutes before the crash near green number 5 on the golf course at the County club, about a mile northwest of the city.

Two O'Neill high school instructors, Marvin Miller and John Urton, were golfing and witnessed the accident. They rushed to the scene, found Saindon dead and Kelly still living. To free Kelly from the wreckage they first had to move Saindon's body.

Kelly was taken to the O'Neill hospital in a Biglin Brothers ambulance. He died about 2 hours later.

Both victims were believed to have suffered broken jaws, broken shoulders, and numerous head and other injuries. Kelly never regained consciousness.

Saindon, who had been employed by the Kelly Well Service during his Summer vacation period, had been working with Kelly before going to the airport.

Kelly, who had held a private pilot's license for several years and who had accumulated about 200 hours of flying time, made an earlier flight with Milo Jones as his passenger.

Kelly and Saindon had been airborne only a few minutes when, presumably, they spotted their friends, Miller and Urton, on the golf course near the south boundary.

According to Miller, the plane first passed high over them, circled and returned, coming in from the southwest. Miller said the craft made a banking turn at about 60 degrees, losing altitude. When the pilot, Kelly, started to level off the craft it was so low it struck the top of a tree and crashed.

Miller and Urton said the plane was low enough that they could easily see smiles on the faces of the flyers.

Miller said, "I saw they weren't going to make it and began running in their direction." He heard the engine until the plane struck the ground. It bounced, he said, about 15 yards, and came to a stop about 75 yards straight south of the clubhouse.

There was no fire.

The 2 golfers had considerable difficulty in freeing Mr. Kelly. In summoning help they were forced to break-in a door at the clubhouse to reach a telephone.

Dr. J. P. Brown attended Kelly and held no hope for his recovery.

A Civil Aeronautics Administration inspector, Mr. Rundall, of Lincoln, arrived by air early Saturday, inspected the wreckage and talked with the witnesses.

His official report stated:

"The aircraft stalled on a low steep turn. On recovery, it hit a tree, tearing off the left wing, and the aircraft crashed. There was no evidence of malfunction of engine or craft."

The place was owned by the O'Neill Air Service. Gordon Harper, of the Municipal Airport, said that Kelly had done considerable flying and had been an air enthusiast since before World War II. Airport officials said that Saindon had ridden with Kelly on several earlier occasions.

Holt county's first major aircraft tragedy near Emmet on November 16, 1947, claimed the lives of 3 persons. They were: Arthur A. Jurgensmeyer, 26, of O'Neill, a passenger; Miss Kathleen A. Mack, 21, of Atkinson, a passenger, and Zane Cole, 23, of Emmet, the pilot.

### Reimers Rites to Be Held Saturday

INMAN—Funeral services for Pfc. Charles H. Reimers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reimers, will be held on Saturday, July 31, at 10 a. m. at the Chris Reimers home, 1 mile west of Inman.

Rev. Roy Wingate, of the Methodist church, will officiate and burial will be in the Inman cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers funeral home and Simonson post of the American Legion.

In an obituary appearing on page 2-C in this edition of The Frontier, it was erroneously stated that Private Reimers' remains arrived Monday and were buried the same day. The body will arrive in O'Neill early Saturday and will be taken to the Chris Reimers home.

The pallbearers will be: Michael Gallagher, Louis Kopec, jr., Cecil Keyes, Freddie Pribil, Donald Noring and Charles Young.

### Fellowship Holds Hunt

The Young Adult Fellowship held a treasure hunt on Tuesday evening under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bridge.

### Kelly in Air Force During World War II

Funeral services for J. Francis ("Fritz") Kelly were held Monday, July 26, at 10:30 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery. The pallbearers were: Fred Appleby, Marvin Miller, Joseph Langan, Milo Jones, Dale Curran, Peter Donohoe, Gerald Hansen and Donald Ridgeway.

John Francis Kelly was born February 26, 1916, at O'Neill, a son of James J. and Mary Bain Kelly. He was reared and educated in O'Neill where he was a member of St. Patrick's church and Charles Carroll of Carrollton council of the Knights of Columbus.

He was also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On October 12, 1942, he married Miss Dorothy Marie Dalton, of O'Neill. They became

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THE NEW BEN FRANKLIN HOME HERE . . . The gleaming new exterior of the Ben Franklin store is an attractive addition to the O'Neill business district. A. E. Bowen, the owner, has built the 45 x 125-foot structure on the south side of Douglas street in the middle

of the block between Fourth and Fifth streets. Frank Grenier was in charge of the construction. The grand opening dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 29, 30 and 31. —The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.