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**GRAND CHAMPION** . . . Dale Wood, 10, of Ewing, exhibits Skippy, a Hereford baby beef which was judged grand champion in the 4-H club competition at the Holt county fair. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, of Ewing, fed Skippy 240 days. His calf was born in April, 1948. Ray Siders, of O'Neill, showed the grand champion female—a Black Angus—in the open class at the 57th annual exposition.—The Frontier Photos.

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## STORMS CAUSE DAMAGE IN HOLT

### Lightning Strikes and Kills 11 Head of Cattle

Electrical storms accompanied by rain hit Holt county over the weekend and did some damage.

Rain started in the Stuart region about 6:30 p. m. Saturday evening and fell intermittently through the night. At approximately 10:30 the same evening, a bolt of lightning struck a 225-volt generating unit at the Stuart light plant and knocked out two transformers near the East edge of town.

Electrical service, however, was not disrupted. Unofficial reports said the Stuart region received three-quarters of an inch of rain Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Lightning also struck in the Dorsey area in Northeast Holt county Sunday evening, killing four cows and a hog belonging to Lloyd Mills.

It was believed the electrical storm also killed seven milk cows belonging to an unidentified farmer in that area.

The incident was reported to The Frontier by Mrs. Rodney Tomlinson.

She said reports indicated no burns were on the carcasses of the dead animals to show that lightning had struck them.

However, the cows were milked Sunday evening and were found dead early Monday morning.

Bulletins from the Deloit and Ewing areas said lightning struck and burned several haystacks there. The burning haystacks could be seen from highway 275.

Electrical power was off in Ewing for a short period during the busy Saturday evening hours.

The electrical storm was followed by a brief but heavy fall of rain in the Ewing area which made county road 108 South of Ewing virtually impassable.

Many farmers, who lived South of Ewing, in for Saturday night shopping, made their way home via Clearwater.

Here in O'Neill the weather continued abnormally cool with the low for the week recorded on September 1 and 5 at 43 degrees.

**NO ACCIDENTS**  
State Highway Patrolman Fay Robeson said Wednesday that no motor vehicle accidents were reported in the O'Neill region over the unusually long Labor day weekend.

## Solicitation Teams Are Appointed

Twenty men and women volunteer solicitors are scheduled to go into rural precincts today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, September 8, 9, and 10, to secure cash and monetary donations and to sell benefit banquet tickets for St. Anthony's hospital building fund.

Mrs. Glen Tomlinson, secretary of the hospital building fund committee, said Wednesday solicitors will be seeking cash donations to bolster the seven calves, one hog and one cow that have thus far been contributed for the auction.

## BOY, 2, DROWNS IN STOCK TANK

### Star Infant Topples into Water and Perishes; Burial Saturday

STAR — Tragedy struck Thursday, September 1, at the Elmer Juracek farm one mile West and one mile South of here at 2 p. m.

Two-year-old Vernon Elmer Juracek was drowned in a stock water tank about one hundred yards from the family home while playing.

The boy apparently climbed upon the edge and toppled in the tank.

The death was discovered by Judith Ann, a sister. The two had been playing together early in the afternoon. About 1:30 Judith went into the house. A few minutes later she checked on the baby to see why he was playing so quietly. She discovered the body in the tank.

Judith carried her brother's body to the house where a neighbor woman was called to attempt to revive him. Efforts failed and the body was then rushed to a doctor in O'Neill, but efforts to revive the boy proved futile.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church in O'Neill. Rev. V. R. Bell officiated at the rites and burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Besides his parents, Vernon Juracek is survived by sister Judith Ann, 9, and Irma Marie, 5.

Pallbearers were: Harold Krugman, Harold Miller, Earl Miller and Sam Deriekson.

**Former Owners Repurchase Cafe**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Langan recently repurchased Myrt's cafe in West O'Neill.

The Langan's sold the cafe in November, 1948, and moved to Stuart.

## EXHIBITS SET A NEW HIGH

### Fairgoers Say Quality Is 'Tops'; Storm Threat Cuts Attendance

CHAMBERS — Holt county fair officials Saturday night closed the books on the 57th annual exposition.

Fairgoers were universally agreed that the quality of exhibits hit an all-time high.

George Rowse, of Chambers, president of the Holt County Agricultural society, says he was convinced the quality of products and exhibits of all types was "as high as it has ever been," but pointed out that numerically exhibits fell short of earlier records.

The fair opened Wednesday, August 31, which was set aside as entry day. Thursday, September 1, was judging day and the activity attracted a surprising number of fairgoers, according to Secretary Edwin Wink.

Friday's throng practically established a new attendance record—1,500. A kindly weatherman smiled on Chambers and fairgoers came from miles. Highlight of the day was the rodeo, staged by Gus Obermire, veteran showman. Imported Brahmas were ridden by rodeo artists who came several hundred miles to compete for prize money.

(For results of baseball games turn to SPORTS on page 9.)

Grandstand performers featured the evening program.

Storm clouds Saturday cut the attendance in "about half," Wink said. Fierce looking clouds developed and kept many people from a distance from attending. Less than .10 of an inch of moisture fell, however, and the society could not collect rain insurance. The attendance dip may have put the fair a "little in the red."

The dance in the evening was transplanted from the fair grounds into town because of rain.

Surprise attraction was added to the Saturday rodeo program. Johnny Rivers, well-known on the Nebraska rodeo circuit, dropped in and put on an afternoon and evening trick riding, roping and bulldogging exhibition.

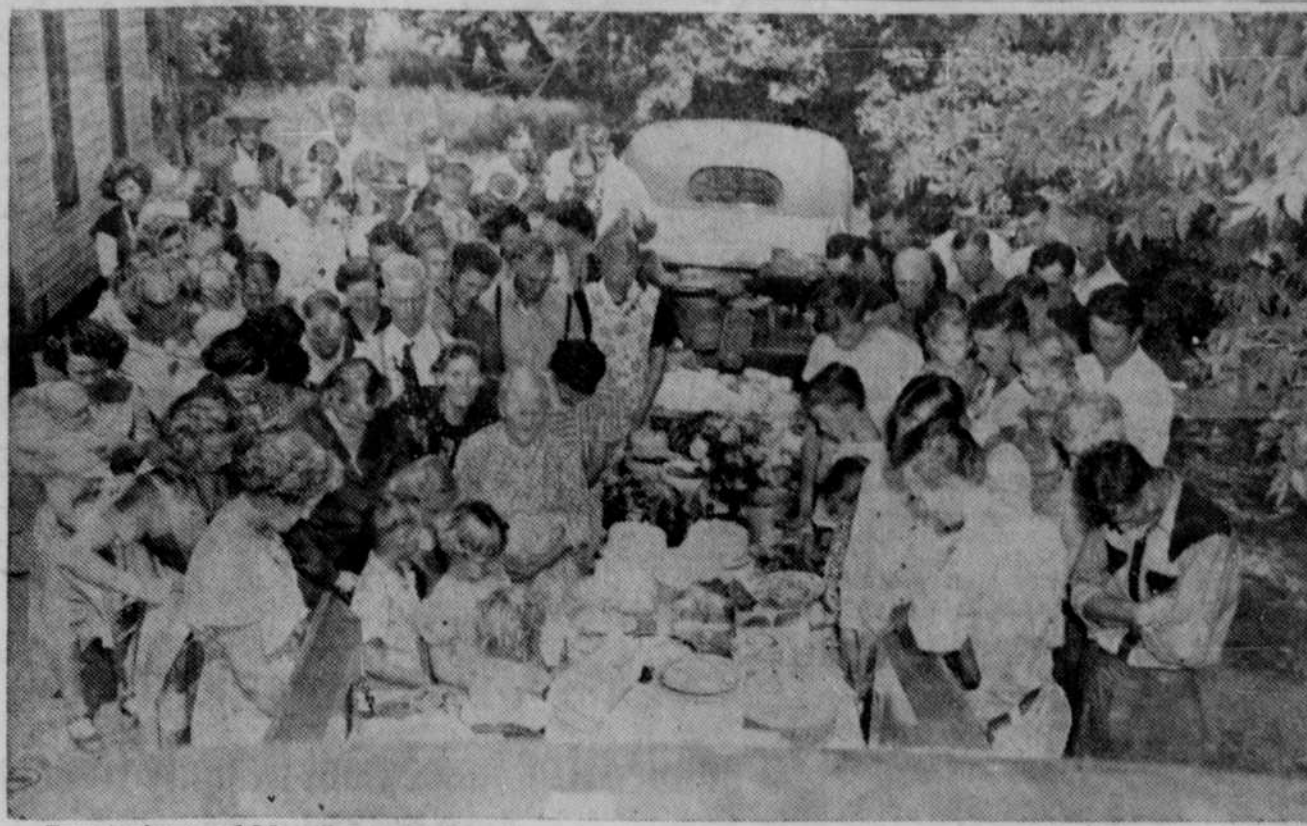
Grandstand performers worked in the rain — but the show went on.

## Two Holt County Girls Pledge Sororities

Two Holt county girls were among the pledges to social sororities on the University of Nebraska campus, according to press reports Wednesday.

Betty Gallagher, of O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, pledged the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Donna Krotter, of Stuart, pledged the Kappa Delta sorority.



Descendants of Mrs. Sarah Hull gather about her as in a clear voice she asks God's blessing on her descendants and on the food they are

about to eat. All came to help "Grandma" Hull celebrate her 94th birthday anniversary.

## 'Grandma' Hull Starts 95th Year

Photos and Story By ELLEN LONDON Staff Writer

"Grandma" Sarah Hull started her 95th year Tuesday as if it were any ordinary day. She arose early, baked hot soda biscuits and made coffee for herself, her son, William, who lives with her, and visiting members of her family.

But there the comparison to an ordinary day ended.

For by 10 a. m. children, grandchildren, great - grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren had started arriving at the Hull homestead, 22 miles Northeast of O'Neill, for the annual birthday and celebration for "Grandma" Hull.

When noon came, 100 of the 129 immediate descendants of this venerable nonagenarian were on hand to say "Happy Birthday" and to hear her bless the abundant quantities of food and those who would partake of it.

"Grandma" Hull's family has made it a regular practice to remember her birthday with similar family parties since 1929, the year her husband, William, died.

"I cooked the main parts of the meals until 1935 when I turned 80. Then I told the children they could take over," said "Grandma" Hull with a chuckle.

No one would guess her age within 15 or 20 years. For though she doesn't see or hear well, this tiny woman who is less than five feet tall has vitality and a genuine interest in what goes on about her.

She keeps house for herself and William even to doing the washing and ironing even though her daughters and daughters-in-law help with heavy cleaning.

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GLAD IN A violet flowered cotton dress and a printed waist apron, Grandma Hull looked neat and happy as she enjoyed her 94th birthday anniversary in the midst of members of her family Tuesday. Above her great-great-grandson, 6-month-old Harold ("Butchie") Heinert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Heinert, of Parmalee, S. D., seems to enjoy being held by so honored a person as his great-great-grandmother.

## Quality of Exhibits Impresses Reporter

By ELLEN LONDON Staff Writer

CHAMBERS—Exhibits ranging from colorful fresh fruits and vegetables, savory baked products and needlework art to stalls of prime livestock were evidence of Holt county's fruitful productivity at the 57th annual county fair at the fairgrounds at Chambers last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The event, attended by an estimated three thousand men, women and children also featured such varied entertainments as a rodeo, baseball games, parade and evening open air dances.

In the Thursday parade the Riverside 4-H club won another first on the float which had brought members the same honor at the recent Atkinson Hay Days celebration. The Riverside float featured the members of the club seated on tiered hay bales over which an arch had been constructed, bearing the name of the club. Just behind this part of the float was a trailer arranged like a garden with small boys and girls, attractively costumed, symbolizing future 4-H members.

One of the fair features—the rodeo — attracted cowboys from as far as Oregon. In the baseball game the O'Neill Rockets defeated Lynch on Friday to become eligible to play the Atkinson Towners Saturday.

Many a child sampling the pleasures of the midway was frankly delighted by the merry-go-round; many

an adult was equally exhilarated by spins on the Ferris wheel or glider. There were sufficient quantities of hot dogs, popcorn, pop, hamburgers, sugar candy and ice cream being hawked to give anyone who wanted a good old-fashioned tummy ache.

Fair workers who had been on the job before classed the quality of 1949 exhibits as "excellent" in comparison with other years though Mrs. G. H. Grimes, fruits and flowers

superintendent for the past 30 years, noted there were considerably fewer products in many lines—particularly fruits and vegetables and baked goods.

"I suspect this is due to an unusually busy season and the late Spring," she explained.

As sub - normal temperatures of Thursday gave way to the more normal warmth of this season, the fair picked up momentum proportionately. An aura of pleasant relaxation permeated the crowds who before and after viewing grand-

stand features strolled from building-to-building.

These crowds admired needlework art, garden produce, objects of culinary art, 4-H exhibits and livestock—all of which represented Holt county's best.

Strangely enough the vegetables exhibits did not include one potato, but uniform red tomatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, pumpkins and strawberries confirmed the natural assumption that gardens and fruit patches of Holt county-fans have benefited from the ideal growing season of this year.

Floriculturally-inclined residents provided much color in the domestic arts building with their entries of zinnias, marigolds, gladioli, dainty phlox, fragile tube roses, petunias, dahlias and agerata. Something new was added in the flowers division, incidentally, according to Mrs. G. H. Grimes. This was a club exhibit of flowers by the Beautiful Valley Garden club of Chambers. Members received their premiums as individuals, but their entries were arranged in an effective group display.

"The club was organized in August, and we think showing so soon afterward is splendid," said Mrs. Grimes.

If the dozens of pints and vegetables, jams, jellies and pickles are any indication, people of this county will be eating well this Winter. Row after row of jars testified to this.

A total of 56 pints of canned (Continued on page 12)



Mrs. Lois Adams (left) and Mrs. Loa Hubbard discuss the former's prize-winning needlework entries at the 1949 Holt county fair. Mrs. Adams modestly claims her needlework and crochet no better than anyone else's . . . "I just have more time to work at them."—The Frontier Photo by Ellen London.

## STRIDES MADE IN JUBILEE PLANNING

### Legion Chief Appoints Committees for Big Celebration

Big strides were being made this week in the American Legion's plans for a Diamond Jubilee-Fall Festival celebration to be held Friday, September 30.

In virtually every quarter Simonson post's celebration idea was being received with favor and enthusiasm.

Post Commander Gordon Harper said Wednesday that as far as he could determine the Jubilee - Festival plan had been given a "blanket stamp of approval" and the newly-appointed committees already are functioning smoothly.

There have been no important new developments as far as entertainment is concerned, he pointed out, but a great deal of emphasis will be placed on the parade. The Jubilee parade will depict pioneer life and 75 years of progress.

M. E. ("Jake") Jacobson has been named chairman of the parade committee. He will be assisted by A. Neil Dawes, A. Marcellus, A. W. Carroll and D. D. DeBolt.

Other committee appointments are: Sports (including cross-country horse race, football, etc.): G. Owen Cole, chairman; Laurence Haynes, Harold Williamson, Marvin Miller.

Tractor obstacle race: Joseph Grutsch, chairman; Dale Fink, L. D. Putnam.

Carnival and concessions: Glea H. Wade, chairman; Val Darling.

Special events at Legion club: Paul Beha, chairman; G. E. Miles, Edward McManus, Emmet Carr, Nobert Uhl.

Old fiddlers' contest: Dean Streeter, chairman.

Selection of king and queen and reception of Stuart Saddle club: to be announced.

St. Anthony's hospital benefit calf sale: James M. Corke, chairman.

Booster tips: to be announced.

Publicity: G. E. Miles.

Third meeting of key persons in the celebration plans was held Monday night at the Legion clubroom.

Next week's issue of the O'Neill papers will publish rules and entry blanks for the cross-country horse race and applications for the king and queen honors.

The oldest continuous residents of the county—a man and a woman—will be selected to reign over the festival. Arrangements will be made to fittingly honor the Jubilee royalty.

Program details will be announced (Continued on page 8)

## 4 Sales Listed on Frontier Calendar

Four public farm sales are listed in The Frontier's sale calendar. They are:

Monday, September 12—D. A. and Margaret McCarthy, who live 7 miles South and 2 1/2 miles West of O'Neill, will dispose of their personal property which includes 83 head of cattle. Wallace O'Connell will be the auctioneer, assisted by Ed Evans. O'Neill National bank will clerk.

Wednesday, September 14—John Dougherty, who lives 8 miles West of Ewing on highway 275, will hold a cleanup sale, which includes 20 head of cattle. (See advertisement on page 11.) Buy Wanser will be the auctioneer and the O'Neill National bank will clerk.

Tuesday, September 20—Wm. A. Anderson, of Page, will sell his personal property, including 34 head of cattle and a complete line of farm and haying machinery. Wallace O'Connell will be the auctioneer and O'Neill National bank will clerk.

Monday, October 3—Charley Fleming, who lives 5 miles Northeast of O'Neill on the Opportunity road, will hold a sale of his personal property, which includes a big line of farm machinery. (Complete details will be found in a later issue.) Wallace O'Connell and James G. Fredrickson are the auctioneers. First National bank will clerk.

The Frontier's auction service includes newspaper advertising, radio advertising and handbills—a three-way plan that assures maximum results.