

Mrs. Mary Donlin is pictured with James McCaffrey at Carrick, Macrosse, Ireland. Her relatives wanted her to stay on.

Fatally Injured Near

El Paso, Tex.

Funeral services were held

Mrs. George Scanell, 33, a sis-

ter to James M. Corkle, of O'-

Neill. Burial was in El Paso.

Christmas mailing rush.

**George Strong** 

Survivors include: widower,

George, of El Paso; brothers -

James M., of O'Neill; Charles,

of Norfolk; John, George and

Paul, all of Tilden; sisters -

Mrs. Ralph Lincoln, of Freder-

ick, Md., and Sister Sarah, of

the Order of St. Francis of Pet-

regarding the highway crash

lives of two Holt county men.

The interrogation will be held

either today (Thursday) or Fri-

day, January 6, at the Veterans

hospital in Lincoln where Strong

Strong's condition has been

described by authorities as "satisfactory." He was transfer-

red to the Lincoln hospital

Strong was described as the

driver of the ill-fated car

which collided with a truck

December 10 six miles East of

here on highways 20 and 275. Robert C. Heck, 61, of Inman,

and Clarence P. Stevens, 41.

of Page, were killed instantly

A coroner's jury on Decem-

ber 12 found that the car in

which Heck and Stevens met

of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jarman,

as a hostess on the Coffee

Counter television program over

WOW-TV in Omaha. Miss Jar-

man, who represented the Col-

"Voice of The Frontier .

involved in the accident.

Appears on Television-

in the accident.

shortly after the accident.

a patient.

### Crosses Ocean 5 Times Mrs. Mary Donlin Says CRASH FATAL TO

Irish Depend on U.S. Wheat, Fuel

Mrs. Mary Donlin, who recently returned to O'Neill after Sister to James M. Corkle a 17-months' sojourn in her native Ireland, recounts that she has crossed the North Atlantic five times.

Her first trip was made when she was a girl about 18-yearsold. That was her immigration trip to America. In 1910 she made her second crossing-returning to Ireland to visit relatives. Trip number 3 was recorded when she returned to America that same year.

On June 10, 1947, she set sail miles outside El Paso. She died from New York City for crossing number 4. By this time many El Paso hospital. Her husband of her near-relatives had passed away, and the main object of her tribular of her tribular tribular of her tribular trib of her trip was to visit with her sister, Mrs. Katie Flanagan, in The couple was on the resister, Mrs. Katie Flanagan, in turn trip to their home in El Dublin, and two brothers, John and James Gregory, both of Newton, County Wicklow.

Because of stringent rationing of "petrol" (gasoline), she had been in Ireland three months before arrangements could be made for her journey into Northern Ireland to visit her brothers.

"Families are large in Ireland," Ms. Donlin quips. "Each of my bothers has 12 children.' They live on farms.

It was in County Wicklow that Mrs. Donlin was born. Mrs. Donlin says the Irish

think America is a wonderful place-judging from what they read and hear and word they receive from relatives. Every Irishman has a relative in the United States.

Recently, Mrs. Donlin says the Irish depend on coal and wheat from America. "They'd be lost

without it." Each family gets a pail full of George Strong, 25, of Inman, coal each week. This fuel supply is supplemented by "turf" or "peet." Mrs. Donlin, who is a seasoned traveler and knows her way around, says she doesn't know what the Irish would do without the fuel and grain supplies from America.

Mrs. Donlin brought back a book, entitled "The Famine," by Rev. T. O. Herlihy, C. M. The book tells of the terrible crop failures in Ireland in 1845, 1846 and 1847. Ireland will never forget those years, according to Mrs. Donlin. Many of the Irish attempted to come to America

but died aboard ship.
Prices are still "very high" in Ireland and goods are still rationed. One must have a permit to purchase even a small piece of fine Irish linen that is

world famous. Mrs. Donlin describes the Irish as philosophical people and they don't seem to miss what they don't have. Their chief worry now, she says, is the partition with North Ireland. Britain controls the six North Ireland counties including the

port of Belfast. The British also control much of the linen industry.

Folks in South Ireland want the British to relinquish control in the North and restore Ireland into one, according to

the active Mrs. Donlin. The O'Neill woman in all her lege of St. Mary, interviewed trips has been most impressed two refugees from Czechoslo-

by the simple beauty of the vakia who had spent a year and "Ireland is just beautiful," she exclaims with a brogue of

strong Celtic flavor. To Glendalough, County Wicklow, near (Continued on page 8)

Visit Spalding-

Wednesday, December 28, Mrs. Edna Coyne, Mrs. G. C. Backer, John De Backer WJAG, 780-kc. Spalding.

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### MRS. ANNA PARK DIES AT INMAN

Page Resident 47 Years Succumbs at Home Of Daughter

church here for Mrs. Anna Park, 75, a resident of Holt county for 47 years. Rev. T. O. Brownfield, church pastor, conducted the rites and burial was in the Page husband.

Mrs. Park died last Thursday evening, December 29, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Kelley, at Inman. She had been in failing health for months.

Pallbearers were George Park, Lyman Park, Harry Park, Fred Naslund, Otto Terrill and Oscar MRS. SCANELL, 33 Reed, all of Page.

A mixed quartet sang "Death Is Only a Dream," "Abide With Me" and "Good Night and Good Morning." Voices were those of Mrs. Cordes Walder, Mrs. Gerald Lamason, Vernie Hunter and Edgar Stauffer. They were accompanied by Mrs. John Lama-Tuesday in El Paso, Tex., for

Members of the Rebekal lodge had charge of the floral

Mrs. Scanell was fatally in-Anna Hoffman Dodge, daugh jured Friday afternoon in a ter of James and Anna Hoff head-on collision just a few man, was born on May 11, 1874 in Tidiouite, Pa. Her mother about half an hour later in an having died at her birth and

On August 30, 1903, she was Paso after spending the holiunited in marriage to Cornelius days with Mrs. Scanell's moth-H. Park, of Page, at Long er, Mrs. Mary E. Corkle, of Til-Branch, Johnson county, Nebraska. They resided on a farm Northeast of Page until 1911, During the two-weeks' visit, Mrs. Scanell had helped out at moving to Page where she conthe Tilden postoffice during the inued to make her home.

> Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Park, all of whom survive. Mr. Park died

The late Mrs. Park was a member of the Maxfield Metho- a car owned by John Mullen, of dist church and when that O'Neill, shorted and ignited gaschurch was dissolved her mem- oline that had spilled on the bership was transferred to the wire. The car was parked where Page Methodist church. She al- Mullen lives in Southwest O'so was a member of the Rebek- Neill. No damage resulted. ah lodge chapter at Page.

To Be Questioned Three brothers, three sisters and two grandchildren also preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Daughters Holt County Attorney W. W. Griffin said late Wednesday Page; Mrs. James (Marjorie) the tree was standing and a rathat State Highway Patrolman Kelley and Mrs. William E. dio were slightly damaged. How-(Williametta) Kelley, both of In- ever, the fire had been extin-Fay Robeson would question man; 10 grandchildren; halfsister-Mrs. Herbert Abernathy, arrived. December 10 which took the of Sharon Springs, Kans.; nieces and nephews.

#### Celebrations Mark Beginning of 1950

As the New Year rang in and Old Father Time of 1949 made his exit, most Holt countyans ined. Police Chief Chet Calkins, quiet manner.

The usual number of parties fore the department arrived. | observed Monday. and celebrants abounded. Private clubs were packed with more exuberant merrymakers.

It was quiet on the streets of O'Neill and also on the highways in Holt county. No arrests nor accidents were reported on the eve of 1950 or of those returning home from parties during the wee hours of the new born year.

their death was being "operated Simonson post 93 of the unlawfully." At the close of the inquest Griffin indicated he American Legion here held a would file charges against the driver of the passenger vehicle teer firemen played host to approximately 600 celebrants, probably the largest single party in the county. Miss Janice Jarman, daughter

#### 254 Car, Truck of Chambers, recently appeared Owners Buy Plates

Two hundred fifty-four Holt county car and truck owners have already picked up their 1950 motor vehicle license plates, a half behind the iron curtain. according to J. Ed Hancock, Holt Miss Jarman is a freshman county treasurer. studying dietetics at the college.

The new plates went on sale The Coffee Counter program Tuesday. Hancock said there are selects a student from a college around 8,000 car and truck owners in the county. He advised O'Neill, and O'Neill hospital atin or around Omaha to interview celebrities each week. owners of vehicles to bring tendants. Doctor French signed Miss Jarman graduated from St. along their 1949 registration cer- the first baby entry blank as Mary's academy in O'Neill last tificates when applying for the attending physician. new motor vehicle license plates.

### 5 Escape Serious Injury in Accident

Five people escaped serious injury early Monday morning at 1:45 a.m. when a two-car collision occurred 11/4 miles East of here on highways 20 and 275, according to State Highway Pa-

trolman Fay Robeson. Ernest Eppenbaugh, of O'-Neill, driver of one car, was ed West.

cemetery near the grave of her baugh vehicle and knocked it ed second place honors. 290 feet, Robeson said, The Ep-North side of the highway, ing the winners. had been in failing health for the past two years and she had been bedfast for the past four bedfast for the past four bedfast for the past four when the accident happened.

Visibility at the time of the accident was good, the highway patrolman said. Both vehicles were damaged considerably.

# Takes Own Life

SPENCER — James McAllisr, 60, a longtime Boyd county sident, shot and killed himself riday at his home here, acording to Boyd authorities.

ve for the act is known. It was reported that McAllis-

er went to his automobile, got the decoration.

Spencer.

### 4 Minor Fires Here This Week

The O'Neill volunteer fire department was called four times this week to extinguish minor blazes in O'Neill.

Sunday evening at 7:30 a wire in the rear tail light assembly on

Monday morning at 9:30 an Three brothers, three sisters extension cord leading to a Christmas tree in the home of William White in South O'Neill shorted and sparks ignited the -Mrs. Owen (Viola) Parks, of tree. A wall in the room where guished before the department

Monday at 4:30 p.m. a chimney burned out at the home of Cecil Spry in Northwest O'Neill. No damage resulted.

Wednesday at 3:20 a.m., the fire department was called to the Tri-State hatchery. A small blaze had burned some rafters near the cement chimney. Origin of the fire was not determ-

# WINNERS NAMED

Asimus, Harrington and Skulborstad Homes Take Prizes

Residences of Mr. and Mrs. PAGE — Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Methodist North side of the highway head-North side of the highway head- ed Friday as cowinners of the A car driven by Clarence lighting contest sponsored by Wright, of Oakdale, was West- the O'Neill Chamber of Combound. The Wright car hit the merce, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer C.

> Committeemen in charge of penbaugh car went down the the contest, J. B. Grady and North ditch and through a Harold Buman, said out-offence, ending in a field on the town judges were used in pick-

The Chamber posted a \$10

Buman and Grady said more than a dozen homes were candidates for the honors. The contest was announced at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, December 13. Entries for te contest remained open until December 23.

Mrs, Asimus said a natural blue spruce tree was the nucleus of their outside decoration. The tree was illuminated in Christmas fashion with more than 100 multicolored lights. At the top of the tree was a star and an Bergman. angel with a miniature Santa ere home at the time. No mo- half-way down. A single strand of lights led from the tree to Her husband died in 1921. the Asimus house to complete

picture of Santa Claus outlined Hayes Center. by Christmas lights decorated ond place honors. In windows of 10. flanking the decorated door were Christmas trees. In one, the family tree; in the other, an outline of a Christmas tree with multicolored lights.

### Father O'Sullivan's

A reception for Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, new pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Mary's academy gymnasium.

poned and a new date will be occurred.

Father O'Sullivan, successor to the late Rt. Rev. J. G. Mcfrom Jackson.

#### FIRMS CLOSED

Member firms of the Chamber of Commerce remained clos- Returns to Bouldered Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's. Sunday to Colorado university accepted the new decade in a who was first to reach the scene, With the holiday falling on at Boulder, Colo., after having had the blaze extinguished be- Sunday, the legal holiday was visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs.

## LIGHTING CONTEST Cold Blast Sends Mercury to --22

### MARY SPANN, 89, DIES SUDDENLY

outdoor Christmas residential Holt Resident 40 Years Dies Upon Arrival At Hospital

> ATKINSON — Funeral ser vices will be held today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church for 89-yearold Mrs. Mary Spann, widow of the late William Spann. She died Sunday, January 1, in Sioux City.

Taken suddenly ill while visiting at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Wilde, she was being removed to the Methodist hospital when she died.

Rev. E. G. Ihrig, church pastor, will officiate in the burial rites and interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home.

Mary Bergman Spann was born February 24, 1860, at Ger-John Bergman and Mary Bauer

She married William Spann His wife and several children Claus sitting in the tree about and they moved to the Atkinson community in about 1910. Survivors include: Sons

into the back seat and shot himself with a .20-gauge shotgun.

Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock Monday more ing at St. Mary's Catholic clark at Spencer.

Include: Sons — William, Albert and Elmer, all of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. R. (Bertha) Snepp, of Lebanon, Ind.; Mrs. Claude (Laura) Gray, of Trout Creek, Mont.; Mrs. Spencer. hem, was lighted with an orange | Charles (Effie) Wilde, of Sioux | of snow fell during the ensuing light. Evergreen, pine cones and City; and Miss Fern Spann, of a large red ribbon accented with Atkinson; 17 grandchildren; two blue lights decorated the East great-grandchildren; brother -John Bergman, of Lincoln; sis-A full-length home-painted ter-Mrs. Anna Iverson, of ager of the municipal airport.

> One daughter, Mrs. Louise the South door of the Skulbor- Kasdorf, died in 1937 and one stad home, which captured sec- son. Frederick, died at the age

### 2 Cars Collide At Fourth and Everett

A two-car collision occurred Monday at 3:15 p.m. at the in-Reception Delayed tersection of Fourth and Everett streets (Spelts-Ray corner)

A car driven by Elmer Kais er, 21, of Ainsworth, a former resident here, was Southbound Tuesday evening at the St. on Fourth street. Mrs. Paul Fetrow, of O'Neill, driver of the Because of the adverse weath- other car, was Eastbound on Ever conditions the affair was post-

Icy pavement was attributed by both drivers as the cause of the accident. Kaiser estimated Namara, came here last month between \$75 and \$100 damage to his vehicle. A mechanic estimated \$50 damage to the car driven by Mrs. Fetrow.

Miss Joann Burgess returned L. A. Burgess, for the holidays.

### Wind, Snow Reminiscent of Blizzards of 1948-'49 Snow, borne by a strong Northwest wind, whipped across the O'Neill region Monday and Tuesday and sent the mercury

morning. The storm was mildly reminiscent of the historic blizzards of 1948-'49.

tumbling to a new low for the

Winter. Lowest temperature-22 degrees below zero - was

recorded early Wednesday

By Wednesday morning the storm had subsided and that is where the similarity with last Winter's weather ended.

Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the O'Neill region most of the Fall and early Winter. New Year's day the weather was so mild that youngsters played out-of-doors in shirt sleeves. Mercury climbed to a high of 52 degrees at midday on New Year's.

Stockmen were warned by the weather bureau of the impendmantown, Ill., a daughter of ing blast as the storm moved across the Northern Rocky Mountain states and into West-

ern Nebraska. Early Monday rain turned to sleet and the landscape was bedecked in icy dress when O'-Neillites awakened. The ice William, Albert and Elmer, all made driving hazardous on the highways.

The sleet turned to snow, and, according to Weather Observer Elmer Bowen, about four inches 48 hours.

Wind reached an estimated velocity of 30-miles-per-hour, according to Gordon Harper, man-

The O'Neill bus terminal reported that all busses in and out of the city operated on schedule despite the storm. Chicago & Northwestern and Burlington trains likewise ignored Ol' Man Winter's bluster but were forced to operate slightly behind schedule,

Communications were not impaired although there were momentary power interruptions

during the height of the storm. The blast was not entirely unexpected. Seasoned Holt countyans knew that they had been granted a reprieve through November and December and were prepared for anything the weatherman might dish out.

Classes at O'Neill public school were to have resumed after the Christmas recess on Tuesday, January 3, but Supt. Ira George had to dismiss the pupils because of cold buildings-blamed on the heating system. St. Mary's academy pupils are not scheduled to resume school until Monday, January 9. Several rural schools dismiss-

ed Tuesday because of the severe weather and some church and social functions were post-A demonstration of Nebras-

ka's unpredictable weather appears in The Frontier's headlines. Last week a weather roundup was headed: "Indian Summer in Return Visit." This week the headline on this story mentions 22 degrees below zero. Most of the Great Plains area was swept by the storm.

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

	Hi	Lo	Mst.
December 29	50	10	
December 30	43	11	
December 31	52	17	
January 1	43	15	
January 2	52	15	.01
January 3	15	-8	.03
January 4	-6	-20	

Romaine Saunders, 'Prairieland Talk' Author, Is Ill

For the second consecutive karat gold baby ring-something week readers of The Frontier will miss Romaine Saunders's

'Prairieland Talk." Mr. Saunders, 79, has advised The Frontier that he has been "under the weather," but hopes to resume his column next

He lives at 4706 Meredith Ave., Lincoln 6, Nebr., near members of his immediate family. Mr. Saunders spent several months in O'Neill during 1949 office opens for business at 10 mean he is definitely the win- en white new-fangled diapers the official announcement con- when he served as editor-inand James De Backer were in 9:45 a.m., Mon., Wed., Sat., a.m. daily instead of the usual ner. According to contest rules, that you've been reading and cerning the winner of Holt chief of The Frontier's Diamond

### Stork Busy As Derby Gets Underway The stork has been a mighty by 6 p.m. on Monday, January called Snappi-Didi —regularly busy fellow lately—what with 9, and official winner will be sell for \$3.98;

three Holt county babies born announced in the January 12 issince the advent of 1950 and at sue of The Frontier. least four born during the waning hours of 1949.

Reason the stork's activity attracts so much attention is be- fant born in the outer reaches cause the clock's striking mid- of the county to claim the honor. party at the club with over 300 night on New Year's eve markattending. The Atkinson volun- ed the start of The Frontier's fourth annual first baby derby. First baby born in the county in 1950 will be showered with a host of gifts from leading O'-Neill merchants cooperating with The Frontier

> First entry to be received by the first baby contest editor was from Master David Lynn Tracy. He announced his arrival with a full-throated cry at exactly 1 a.m. on New Year's day.

Master David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tracy, of Chambers, was assisted into the world by Dr. O. W. French, of

But Master David's timely ar-The Holt county treasurer's rival, dramatic as it was, doesn't 8 a.m. during the rush period. all entries must be postmarked hearing so much about; they're county's 1950 first baby derby! Jubilee edition.

In other words, The Frontier's milk for the champ; first baby contest editor allows ample time for parents of an in-Contest rules stipulate the baby must be born within the

confines of Holt county.

Other 1950 arrivals include: A daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clyde, of O'Neill, on Monday, January 2, and a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mlinar, of Atkinson, on Tuesday, January 3. (For further details see Future Subscribers on page 8).

Here's the shower lineup: f Red Goose shoes for the derv winner

COYNE'S HARDWARE: Will present a highboy drying rack egular value \$3.95); O'NEILL PHOTO CO .: Complimentary photographs valued Frontier will issue to the lucky t \$12 (including one 8x10 tint-

ed enlargement with frame and a dozen 3x5 mounted prints); J. M. McDONALD CO.: A doz-

NEW OUTLAW GROCERY A case of Carnation evaporated SHELHAMER FOODS: Case

of Heinz baby food for the 1950 derby winner; NELIGH CREAMERY: One case of vitamin D homogenized milk-the best for baby; SPELTS-RAY LBR. CO.: Five nundred pounds of coal, par-

ents' choice—baby must be kept

GILLIGAN & STOUT: A B. F. Goodrich standard baby water bottle from baby's drug headquarters in O'Neill; JACOBSON'S: Hotpoint pres-

sure saucepan-a gift mother will appreciate, too; McINTOSH JEWELRY: A 10-McCARVILLES: Have a pair the first baby will cherish for a lifetime

> A play pen pad, valued at \$3, and a bumper guard, valued at And, for good measure, The one a FREE one-year subscrip-

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