Soil Conservation Theme of Edition

Conservationist Hill Helps Frontier Staff Produce This Number

STATE HIST SOC

This is The Frontier's first annual Holt county soil conservation edition. The conservation theme is carried through most of this issue, and section 2 (con-sisting of pages 9-16), deals almost exclusively with the sub-

ject. Great strides have been made in conservation work in recent years, and Holt county, thanks to longrange planning on the part of many of its farmers and ranchers and to leadership provided by the Soil Conservation Service, is one of the ranking counties in the western half of the United States in conserva-

tion progress. C. R. ("Bob") Hill, Holt County Soil Conservation district technician, has gathered most of the data and worked closely with The Frontier in the production of the conservation section of this edition.

Mr. Hill served as a B-17 Flying Fortress navigator during World War II and flew missions in the European theater. He attended Hebron junior college and graduated from the University of Nebraska college of agriculture.

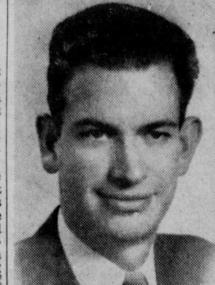
Grass, the most important crop to the agriculture of north-central Nebraska and, particu-larly, Holt county, will be dis-cussed Tuesday, February 28, at a district grassland meeting which will be held in the city which will be held in the city auditorium at Stuart.

Grass Day is under the direc-tion of the Holt county soil con-servation district and its head, C. R. Hill.

The day-long activities will be highlighted by a panel dis-cussion of "Profits from Grass." Many well-known Holt and outof-county authorities on grass will participate.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 a. m. with the soil conservation district annual meeting. (See section 2 of this issue for the program of the day.)

Drinks Lye Water; Seriously Burned



C. R. ("Bob") Hill . . . exair force flyer now works the soil.

(Story at left)

CHAMP HEREFORD BULL HITS \$1,500

Registered Sale Grosses \$30,165; 57 Bulls

Average \$446

An estimated 1,200 people at-tended the annual spring sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association held in O'-Neill Saturday, February 18.

The 77 head of registered Herefords sold for \$30,165, or an average of over \$391 per head. Fifty-seven bulls averaged \$446 per head and 20 females averaged \$237. The top 10 bulls averaged \$746 and the top 40 bulls averaged \$516.

The grand champion bull, JR Eclipse Domino, was shown by Geo. Rowse & Son, of Chambers, and sold for \$1500 to Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill—a new high for the O'Neill sale. The reserve champion bull, JRS Paladin, shown by Whitaker & Whit-aker, of Chambers, sold for \$710 to Louis Juracek, of Nio-

evening was reelected at a meeting of the O'Neill board of education. However, several of the teachers will not be eligible LeRoy Moos, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moos, Mr. and Mrs. Domaha hos-The grand champion female, Empress 95th, shown by Geo. Rowse & Son, also sold for \$540 One hundre The grand champion female, to enter into a new contract un-



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Fire Destroys Livestock Mart



Livestock Market fire was snapped during the

height of the blaze by The Frontier's staff

Larger Pavilion Will Be Built on Old Site; Sales Are Interrupted

Volunteer firemen battled for 3^{1/2} hours a blaze of undeterm-ined origin that destroyed the O'Neill Livestock Market. Flames broke shortly before 11 p. m. Saturday and in a short time flames enveloped the frame structure.

Loss was variously estimated from 10- to 15-thousand dollars, and it is partially covered by insurance

There will be no sale in O'-Neill today (Thursday) but the regular Thursday auction is expected to be resumed a week from today—Thursday, March 2, according to Leigh and Verne Reynoldson, the co-managers. (Details will be announced on the regular "Voice of The Frontier" radio programs.)

Meanwhile, workmen are clearing away the debris in preparation for construction and temporary sale arrangements.

A special meeting of the O'-Neill Civic club, owners of the market, was held Monday night. A committee was appointed to inspect other pavilions and make plans for a new, enlarged arena. Cochairmen of the com-mittee are C. J. Gatz and J. Leo Moore. Other members are H. L. Lindberg, M. J. Diehlman, H. J. Lohaus, C. E. Lundgren (al-ternate). Already they have inspected several pavilions in-cluding Atkinson's.

Physical construction of the new plant will begin in "just a few days," spokesmen said.

No one was injured and no livestock was lost as a result of the fire. Several hours earlier the pavilion had been the scene of the annual spring show and sale of the Holt County Here-Breeders' ford which attracted about 1,200 persons O'Neill volunteer firemen battled the flames for 3½ hours in early morning frigid temperatures. The structure, firemen reported, was halfway destroyed when they arrived shortly after 11 p. m. Fire Chief G. E. ("Hap") Miles said the fire originated in a shed over the scales on the south side of the DIES IN OMAHA frame structure. He believed faulty electrical wiring or a discarded cigar or cigaret could have caused the fire.

pital undergoing treatment for internal burns.

The child suffered the injury when he drank a small quantity of lye water solution while his mother had left her work to answer the telephone.

His condition was considered 'serious" and Saturday he was given a blood transfusion.

Dinner Planned For GOP Parley

A parley of Holt county Re-publicans and state GOP officials will be held in O'Neill on

Wednesday, March 8. According to Holt GOP Chairman Ira H. Moss, of O'-Neill, the meeting has been called by Republican State Chairman David Martin, who will preside. Also present will be Mrs. Arthur Bowring, of Merriman, state vice-chairman; Mrs. Edna Donald, of Grand Island, national committeewoman; Joseph Wishart, of Lincoln, state finance chairman, and Bob Sanford, president of the Nebraska Young Republicans.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p. m. at the American Legion auditorium. Talks and an informal discussion will follow.

Moss said dinner reservations should be mailed to him before March 1.

"Voice of The Frontier 9:45 a.m., Mon., Wed., Sat.

to Clarence Ernst. The reserve champion female, JRS Miss Mil-itant, shown by Whitaker & Whitaker, was purchased Nelson Bros., of Clearwater, for \$460.

Son, of Page.

of Chambers.

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vocal music instructor - were Geo. Burke, of Ewing, pur-chased Mischief Domino shown voted \$200 annual increases. Faculty members and the by Harold Van Vleck & Sons, of roffered salaries for the 1950-Clearwater, for \$720, and F. Mischief, shown by Ray Hoff-1 term follow:

Ira George, superintendent and band, \$5,000; Howard Dean, man, of Chambers, for \$710. Forrest Farrand, of O'Neill, principal and basketball coach, paid \$700 for Proud Mixer J. \$3,900; Beryl Gerdes, vocational agriculture, \$3,850; Marvin Milthe bull which stood third in the championship class. This bull was shown by D. E. Bowen & ler, football coach and science, \$3,400; Beryl Damkroger vet-Max Williams, of Bonesteel, Description of Bonesteel, (not paid by board); Miss Esther S. D., paid \$690 for Bocaldo Re- Kinnier, commercial, \$2,800; turn, shown by Whitaker & Whitaker. Mr. Weber, of Royal, paid \$675 for Chief Domino 20th, shown by C. V. Robertson, ry, \$2,800; Miss Alice French, mathematics and libra-ry, \$2,800; G. R. Nicholas, Engry, \$2,800; G. R. Nicholas, Eng-

O'NEILL TEACHERS

GET PAY INCREASE

The 22-member faculty at the O'Neill public school Monday

lish and speech, \$2,800; Miss Geo. Rowse & Son won the arge trophy for the best pair, normal training, \$2,800; Miss large trophy for the best pair, Neta Bellinger, home economics, \$2,800; Miss Rosemary Von-

or reserve champion bull and reserve champion female. These Mrs. reserve champion female. These Mrs. Alice Fritton, seventh trophies were awarded by the grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Leo Mullen, Holt County Hereford Breeders' association. Mrs. Harry Petersen, kinder-

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bull and female. This trophy was donated by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce and will dracek vocal music, \$2,800; Mrs. become the permanent property Catherine Fritton, first grade, of the breeder winning it 3 Geo. Rowse & Son won the ophies for champion bull and ampion female and Whitaker Mrs. Ray Battenhausen, fifth Whitaker won the trophies grade \$2,050; Mrs. Emanuel

\$2,050: Miss Loretta Enright, second grade, \$2,165; Miss Hilda O'Neill. Gallagher, \$2,165; Miss LuVerne This huge machinery auction Schultz, fourth grade, \$2,050; ps the 6 sales listed this week The Frontier's sale calendar. Siegler, sixth grade, \$2,050; e sale date. eighth grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Florence Schultz, special, \$2,050

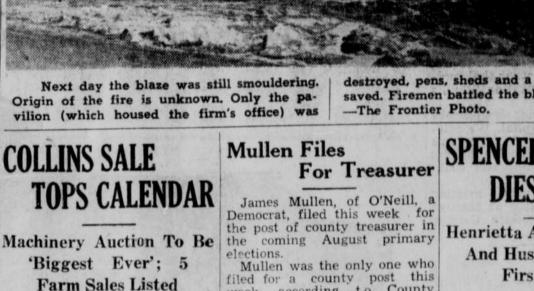
garten (four-fifths time), \$1,660.



Not long ago the area shown (above), on the E. J. Revell place, 26 miles northeast of O'Neill, was a deep, barren ravine that was ravished by soil erosion. Two spawning ponds have transformed the scene. Mr. Revell uses

the spawning ponds to restock a larger artificial lake on his place. In the photo are H. A. Miller, former district conservationist, Mr. Rewell, and L. F. Bredemeier, of Valentine, former work unit conservationist here.

One hundred dollar annual increases were granted Supt. Ira George and 19 other mem-bers of his faculty. Two teach-ers — Principal Howard Dean and Miss Rosemary Vondracek,



for the post. The number of persons who have thus far posted fees for the ary 25, on the east outskirts

O'Neill Firms To Stage Bargain Days

O'Neill merchants Saturday, February 25, are participating together in another bargain fes-

Saturday only and the bargains turned west, settling at Madela guide to best bargains.

Because of the fire (see other | helped establish the town. One story elsewhere on page) at the O'Neill Livestock Market, The National bank. Frontier has foregone its regular weekly run of star specials. A. Woods, of Omaha.

destroyed, pens, sheds and a nearby cafe were saved. Firemen battled the blaze for 31/2 hours.

are silhouetted in the foreground.



SPENCER - Mrs. Henrietta Alida Woods, 90, who with her ate husband, James T. Woods, had the honor of heping found the town of Spencer, died Wednesday, February 15, in Omaha.

Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Jones funeral home, The pall-bearers were G. E. Couch, Vac Sedivy, Paul Woidneck, Joseph Fiala, Joseph Nemec and Dr. J. M. Pucelik.

in DeKalk, Il., on March 19, 1859. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Cape The bargains will be good for | Cod, Mass. From there she re-

They came to Spencer and

Survivors include: Son-Lynn

Charles Fox, jr., 22, of O'-Neill, turned in the alarm at 11 p. m. after he saw the blaze from highway 20, about a mile east of the pavilion.

Fox said, "The flames had reached 8 to 10 feet high" and added he thought the fire had been raging approximately 20 minutes when he discovered it.

Miles said the fire department ran a big hose to the Burlington railroad turntable house, about a quarter of a mile north, for an increased supply of water to aid in battling the blaze. This, he A. Pucelik. The late Mrs. Woods was born saved a cafe located 40 feet northeast of the burning pavilion. Pens immediately south of the sale barn were slightly damaged

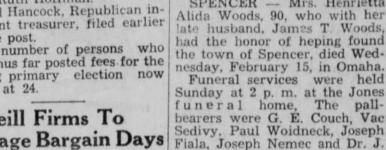
Verne and Leigh Reynoldson, lessors of the pavilion, said Sunday between 25 and 30 head of livestock were in the pens at the time of the fire. Ten were registered Herefords left there Saturday after the sale. All escaped unscratched.

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ceiving a silver loving cup from President Melwin Ruzicka of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce for showing the grand champion bull in the annual Hereford show and sale here. Ru-

zicka helps Rowse suspend the cup and Chuck Apgar is describing the proceedings for the "Voice of The Frontier's" radio audience. Program was recorded and played-back. Prizewinning pair is shown at right.-Frontier photo,



Mr. Collins says the sale will held rain, snow or shine on There have been 30 new and sed tractors lined up for this tival known as Bargain Days.

uction and a complete descripion of listings will be found on pages 18 and 19 in a big, double are bigger than ever before! ia, Minn., where her parents page advertisement in this is- Consult page 4 of this issue for were among the earliest settlers.

Sale is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p. m., south of the Seger service station in East O'Neill. Mr. Collins says the sale has all the earmarks of being "bigger and better" than a similar auction that was held last November.

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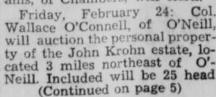
"The public has demanded another of these huge new and used machinery auctions," Collins said as final preparations were completed Wednesday.

and Col. Clifford Nelson, of Oakland, are auctioneers and the O'Neill National bank will

clerk

sale calendar are:

David will hold a public sale of personal property. He lives 2 mies north and 2½ miles east of Chambers or 14 miles south and 2 west and another mile south and west of O'Neill. He will hold a public sale of personal property, including 6 head of cattle, some farm machinery, 1,300 bushes of ear corn, 4 dozen mixed laying hens. The sale will start at 1 p. m. Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be the auctioneer, and Leo T. Ad-



Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers,

Other sales on the Frontier's

Friday, February 24: Verle

ams, of Chambers, will clerk.

filed for a county post this week, according to County Clerk Ruth Hoffman. J. Ed Hancock, Republican in-Probably one of the biggest cumbent treasurer, filed earlier achinery auctions ever to be ald in Northeast Nebraska will staged here Saturday, Feb-

coming primary election now O'Neill under the sponsorship | coming prima of Lloyd Collins Implements, | stands at 24.

