

"I am Timothy Joe O'Connell. My mommie was marooned in a wagon for several hours the day I was born-March 7, 1950. I walk. I have four teeth. My hair is blond. They call me the blizzard baby. Why all the fuss? What blizzard?" - The Frontier

# Hurricane Blizzard Struck a Year Ago

O'Connell Baby Is

Celebrating 1st

Birthday

A year ago the infamous storin

finally subsided in the early

was almost free from snow, dur-

carded, and the mercury got as

high as the upper forties, but was

During the ordeal a year ago

the mercury hovered between 5

and 12 degrees. Had subzero

temperatures prevailed, a whole-sale loss of human life might

of the region's livestock popula-

During the height of that

terrible storm an O'Neill farm woman, Mrs. Wallace O'Con-

nell, living 3 miles northwest

of the city, was marooned in

an open wagon near the Coun-

An expectant mother, her hus-

band was attempting to get her to the O'Neill hospital. The storm

became so severe the team of

A valiant crew of O'Neill men,

horses could no longer negotiate

successful attempts. That night

she gave birth to a son, Timothy

A bright - eyed, affable little

fellow, Timothy Joe will formal-

ly celebrate his first birthday an-

niversary tonight (Thursday).

Neighbors and some of the rela-

A year ago when Timothy Joe

posed for The Frontier's camera

way onto most front pages across

Some will always regard the

Year in Reformatory

Mrs. Fern Ritts, wife of Joseph

one year in the women's reform-

atory at York on a larceny

before District Judge

nounced the sentence.

Mrs. Ritts originally pleaded

Fern Ritts Gets

tives will help celebrate.

the land.

try club for 10 hours.

packed hard and high.

scheduled to drop.

### ASSESSORS START **WORK MARCH 10**

The annual job of assessing
Holt county's property owners
will get underway Saturday,
March 10.

Wednesday was the first anniversary of the famous Hurricane
Blizzard of March 7, 1950.

But there was little

Taxpayers will be responsible for contacting the assistant asfor contacting the assistant assessor in their precinct or town-morning, continued all day and ship before April 20.

administrators, guardians and other persons suffered from excaretakers, must be listed for posure, and hundreds of livestock taxation as of March 10.

She was a charter member of the Winona Rebekah lodge 361 when it was instituted in May,

Of prime interest to taxpayers in the O'Neill region will be the livestock valuations -still undecided by the Nebraska County Assessors' association. Northeast and southeastern Nebraska associations fawor substantial valuation increases on livestock, while northwest Nebraska assessors are against an increase.

The issue will be settled before the assistants begin their chores have resulted and certainly half this weekend.

Holt County Assessor William tion would have perished. F. Wefso has announced the following precinct assessors for

Antelope— L. Crumly; Atkin-son precinct—Eli McConnell; Atkinson city-Wes Kirkland Chambers precinct and village

—Clarence Young; Cleveland —Waldo Frost; Coleman— Arthur O'Neill; Conley—Chas. Mahoney. Deloit-A. Latzel; Dustin-L. Emmet precinct and village-

Joe Winkler; Ewing precinct and the drifts and the wind. village-Eben Graft.

Fairview — Harold Gilman; bearing a litter, finally reached rancis—Joe Dobrovolny.

Mrs. O'Connell after several un-Francis-Joe Dobrovolny. Golden - Homer Rutherford; Grattan - Archie Densberger;

Green Valley - Robert LeMun- Joe (see photo above). Holt Creek-Harold Shaw.

Inman precinct and village-F. E. Keyes; Iowa—James Lieb. Josie, Swan and Wyoming -R.

Lake and McClure - O. Mc-Clanahan. Paddock - Elmer DeVall;

Pleasantview—Wm. Troshynski. Rock Falls—Levi Hull.

Sand Creek — Pat Kilmurry; Saratoga—Ralph Coburn; Scott— Albert Carson; Shamrock-C. E. Cavanaugh; Sheridan-Chas. Kubart: Shields - Clarence Gokie: Steel Creek-C. L. Brady; Stuart precinct and village-Ed Engler. Verdigris and Page- Bob Nis-

Willowdale-Bob Tomlinson. O'Neill city-H. W. Tomlinson.

#### Monday Is Answer Day on Meter Suit-

The city of O'Neill, as defendant in the parking meter temporary injunction suit, must file an answer in Holt county district 28, and changed her pleading to court by Monday, March 12.
Todate nothing has been done

legally by the defense, but City Attorney William W. Griffin said the city would have an answer on the record by that date. Griffin said, however, the parking meter firm has not signified to him any interest in getting into a legal battle.

The council in January authorized the city to enter into an agreement with the parking metar manufacturer. The meters arrived-but Sumner Downey et al, a group of interested citizens, promptly went to court seeking a temporary injunction.

District Judge D. R. Mounts

issued a restraining order.

Sings on Network-

la truck driver.

Cliaude Cole, who attends on a radio network program on Mrs. Lois Stoltenberg, of Buhl. Sunday evening. Claude is the son of Charles Cole, of Star.

atory in connection with a knife-

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#### LILLIE HINSHAW **EXPIRES IN OMAHA**

Burial Monday for Well-Known Chambers, O'Neill Cafe Operator

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Chambers on Monday afternoon, March 5, for Mrs. Lillie Richard Hinshaw, 66, who died Friday, March 2, at the St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha. She had been confined there for nine

Rev. V. R. Bell, of the O'Neill Methodist church, had charge of the services and burial was in the Chambers cemetery. A quartet, Leo Adams, Ernest Farrier,
Mrs. Kenneth Adams and Mrs.
Art Miller, sang "Way of the
Cross," "In the Garden," and
"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere,"
accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lela Corcoran.

Pallbearers, long time friends of the family, included Hiriam W. Hubbard, Charles Grimes, Fred Smith, Thomas Newhouse, William Turner, Glenn Adams, Glenn Taylor, Johnny Walters, Louis Harley and Jerry Grimes.

Mrs. Clarence Tibbets and Mrs. Mrs. Clarence Tibbets and Mrs. Myrtle Bell had charge of the flowers.

Lillie B. Wyant was born on November 23, 1884, in Wheeler county, near Deloit. She was one of 10 children of J. N. and Mary Wyant, now deceased, who were early pioneers of the Chambers community.

She came to Holt county with her family when about one year of age and spent the remainder of her life in this vicinity.

She was married on August 31, 1901, to Walter Richard and they All property, tangible and in-tangible, owned by individuals, banks, corporations, partnerships, kinson, perished near O'Neill, dren, Clarence W. and Leona. She was a charter member of 100-miles-per-hour and snow was | 1921.

Survivors include: Son- Clar-On March 7, 1951, the ground ence, of Powell; daughter-Mrs. George (Leona) Hodgson, of Chugwater, Wyo.; grandchildren
—Rae, Kay and Jack Richard,
Richard and Donald Hodgson; ing midday topcoats were dissisters-Mrs. Charlie Spann, Mrs. C. J. McGinn and Mrs. Will Rowand; brothers — Walter, Arch, Charles, Lewis and Clarence.

Among out-of-town friends and relatives attending the services were: Mrs. Will Rowand and Art Rowand, of Brush, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richard, of Powell, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgson and Donald, of Chugwater, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reese, of Carroll; Mrs. Ezra Hodg-son, of Claire; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lowery, Mrs. James Low-ery, Mrs. Art Rowse, Mrs. Ernie Rowse, all of Burwell; Mrs. Fred Lowery, Eldora Lowery, Mrs. Fritz Yantzi, Mrs. Mildred Wyant, Mrs. Larry Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shaw, Mrs. Emma Lawrence, Mrs. Charlie Law-rence, Mrs. Ray Lawrence, Jack Berrigan, Lee and Verne Rey-noldson, Ray Lienhart, Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Blake, Rev. and Mrs. John Conrad, Mrs. Claire Eason, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox, Mrs. Bessie Klingler, Mr. and Mrs. ill only two weeks.
Levi Fuller, Mrs. Vivian Floyd,
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burch,
neral home here. Mrs. Ira Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis, all of O'Neill.

Biglin Bros. were in charge of neral home. arrangements. The body reached O'Neill early Saturday.

In recent years Mrs. Hinshaw the picture ultimately found its

#### storm as the O'Connell blizzard. **SCHOENENBERGER** RITES AT STUART

Ritts, Tuesday was sentenced to Former Holt Man, 57, Dies Suddenly in Idaho; Body Returned

innocent to the charges, was re-STUART — Funeral services leased on bond. She appeared were conducted Wednesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at the Com-Mounts on Wednesday, February munity church in Stuart for Lester Schoenenberger, 57, a former Holt county resident who died Judge Mounts continued the Friday, March 2, at his home in case until Tuesday when he pro- Buhl, Ida. His death was unexpected. Joseph Ritts already is serving

The body was accompanied to a sentence in the men's reform- Stuart by the widow, one son and one daughter.

point robbery behind an O'Neill The late Mr. Schoenenberger tavern last fall. His wife was an was born north of Newport on accomplice in the sortie in which April 14, 1893. He was married money was taken from an Osceo- to Ina Sharp and the couple resided on the Schoenenberger home place until 1949, when the family moved to Idaho. Survivors include: Widow

Wayne Teachers college, was a Ina; sons - Chester, of Bassett, member of the chorus which sang and Neil, of Buhl; daughter -

Frontier for printing!



Richard D. ("Slim") Roberts, 22, Dale L. Hines, 20, (center, hiding face from camera) and Gene W. ("Red") Roberts are pictured leaving the Antelope county district courtroom. They already have begun serving two- and three-year sentences. Antelope Sheriff Harry Livingston (below) inspects hole bored in jail wall. Discovery of hole may have thwarted attempted escape.—
Photos by Emil Reutzel, Jr. (Story in column 7)



## ROBERT W. FORD DIES IN OMAHA

Holt Farmer Ill 2 Weeks: Burial Will Be in Atkinson

Robert W. Ford, Boyd and Holt county resident since 1889, died Monday afternoon, March 5, in an Omaha hospital. He had been

The body is at Biglin Bros. funeral home here. Funeral services will be held Friday, March Burial will be in Atkinson.

The late Mr. Ford was born operated cafes in both Chambers and O'Neill. Her O'Neill proper- Ia., a son of Robert H. and Maand O'Neill. Her O'Neill property was adjacent to the O'Neill at Dunlap, Ia., for a time and moved to Boyd county in 1889. The late Mr. Ford spent 15 years

> cupation. On July 7, 1904, he married Mabel Jarchow at Butte. Mrs. Ford died in 1946. One son, Robert, died in 1939.

Survivors include: Sons -Charles J. and Harry L., both lection and dance, "Top o' the O'Neill; and 17 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be P. B. Harty, J. J. Berigan, L. D. Putnam, Frank Froelich, Val Darling and John Grutsch, all of O'Neill.

Visit Holt Towns-

Carl Sauser, of Walthill, and Claude Marr, of Rosalie, returned to their homes Wednesday evening after visiting since Tuesday with relatives and friends at O'Neill and Atkinson.

MRS. BARNES MOVES EMMET - Mrs. Vera Barnes has moved from a farm near Atkinson to the place formerly oc-

cupied by James Regal. TRANSFERS TO FREMONT Gene Wolfe, who drives a bread truck, has been transferred Kohler, of Atkinson, on Febru- son; Eugene Porter, of O'Neill,

## O'Neill Host to Women Leaders

O'Neill was host Wednesday to rural women leaders from a nine-county area. The annual gram took place at the American rural women's recognition pro-Legion auditorium under the auspices of the Chamber of Com-

The area includes Holt, Rock, Boyd, Brown, Keya Paha, Wheeler, Garfield, Blaine and Loup

Sixty guests were present. Mrs. Vern Sageser, president 9, at 10 a.m. at Biglin Bros. fu- of the Nebraska home extension council, spoke briefly. James W. Rooney, Chamber secretary, was master-of-ceremonies and L. M. Diehlman, Chamber president, represented the hosts.

Entertainment for the program was furnished by high school

students: From St. Mary's academy: Vocal sextette, Joanne Bauer, Barin Atkinson and eight years at bara Streeter, Gene Funk, Mary O'Neill. He was a farmer by oc-Jo Jarman, Lorraine Simonson, Rose Anderson, accompanied by Deloris Hull; "Horn Pipers," sailor skit and song, Nyla Jaszkowiak, Cecelia Ann Arbuthnot, Jane Petersen, accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek; vocal seof Glenwood, Wash.; daughter— Morning", Marde Birmingham, Mrs. Francis (Doris) Murphy, of O'Neill; and 17 grandchildren. Hynes, Constance Murphy, Francis Flood and Gene Stasch, accompanied by Mrs. Kubitschek. From O'Neill high: Trombone solo, Elizabeth Schaffer; combin-(Continued on page 8)

Back from Carolina-

Mrs. C. H. Chambers, sr., and her sister, Mrs. Ted Lekander, of Ft. Collins, Colo., arrived from Columbia, S. C., Wednesday. They had spent several weeks with Mrs. Chambers' son, Lloyd, and family. Mrs. Lekander will return home in a few days.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Eugene W. Porter and Miss

ing; Steven Warren Kelley, of Atkinson; William J. Kohle, of Marie Guthmiller, both of O'-Neill, on February 23. Stuart; Raymond P. Sullivan, of Dean Junior Cadwallader, of O'Neill; Tommy Blake, of Stuart, and Elsiemae Pauline Neill; Patrick Miller, of Atkin-

that day.

#### RECORD CROWD Eldest of Trio to Penitentiary, Others to Reformatory

Young Burglars

Draw Sentences

ATTENDS AG MEET

Gustavson Urges Youth to Continue Studies.

Await Draft

school boys to continue their ed-

ucation until the selective service beckons them into service uni-

The chancellor was the principal speaker at the joint annual meeting of the Holt county Soil

Conservation District and Holt county extension service held at the American Legion auditorium.

turned back to the colleges and

The urgent need, Doctor

for five, 10 or 20 years.

time of world tension.

by investigators and scientists.

"Contrary to public opinion, wars do not bring about sig-

nificant basic research princi-ples," he said. "They only

speed up the practical applica-tion of basic research. Good

examples are the atomic bomb

board of directors, defeating Ed-

kinson, who has been a board

member of several years, with-

drew as a candidate for reelec-

tion. New member is Mrs. J. B.

Mellor, of Atkinson Mrs. Mellor

received 61 votes; Mrs. Conrad

Frickel, of Atkinson, 28, and Mrs.

Soil conservation and exten-

sion officers told of the 1950 ac-

Mellor, of Atkinson, district 4-H

Constitution-Worth Having and

Worth Preserving"; music by the

O'Neill high school band; piano

music by A. E. Bowen, and col-

ored slides by County Agent A.

11 More Men Leave

Holt county's manpower con-

system was swelled to 50 Wed-

nesday as 11 registrants departed

for Omaha to be inducted later

Robert L. Mlinar, of Atkinson;

Newest inductees are:

candidate, 84-52.

Hammerberg, 19.

Neil Dawes.

leadership.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, of the University of Nebraska, Mon-day urged Holt county's high

The three Holt county young men whose burglarizing spree was brought to a dramatic close already have begun serving their

In Antelope county district court at Neligh, Gene W. ("Red") Roberts, 25, was sen-("Red") Roberts, 25, was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary; his brother, Richard D. ("Slim") Roberts, 22, of O'Neill, and the third member of the trio, Dale L. Hines, 20, of Inman. drew two years each in the men's reformatory at Lincoln.

They were taken to Lincoln Monday by Antelope Sheriff

Harry Livingston.

The Roberts brothers were sentenced last Thursday, less than 48 hours after they had confessed to a series of robberies in northeast and northcentral Nebraska, including the Emmet State bank and the Emmet and Hader port He addressed students of O'-Neill high school and St. Ma-ry's academy high school at a brief, joint convocation, where he further emphasized the im-portance of education to build landership. and the Emmet and Hadar post-The chancellor told of a recent session in Washington, D.C., in which key educators met with offices, and a number of liquor and general merchandise stores.

Hines's sentence was withheld until Monday to determine if the results of a psychoanalysis would have any effect on the disposi-tion of his case. government officials. Doctor Gustavson said the plan is to draft 18- or 18½-year-olds and give them four months of basic mili-tary training. Then the young men would be given competitive tests. Fifty thousand would be

The Roberts brothers and Hines were caught in the act of looting the Contois Motor company offices at Clearwater duruniversities for officer training under the ROTC program and 50,000 or 75,000 (depending upon whether congress decides to draft at 18 or 18½) will be given special and the colleges and universities at Clearwater during the early hours Saturday, February 24. They were captured by Night Watchman Darrell Hoffman, and turned over to Antelope county authorities. elope county authorities.

cial academic training in science. All three were sentenced on three counts and the terms are to run concurrently.

Gustavson said, is for good leadership during an emergen-cy that is capable of going on Sequence in which their breaking and entering occurred fol-lows: Emmet State Bank, Emmet postoffice, Oasis liquor store at George S. Round, director of Newport, an Ainsworth liquor public relations at the university, store, Honke hardware store at introduced Chancellor Gustav-Butte, a Butte beer tavern, Hadar postoffice, Dankert service station at Chambers, Marcellus Doctor Gustavson also stressed the great importance of basic re- Implement company at O'Neill. search in universities during a

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Wednesday he He made a plea for greater has written to state authorities consideration for basic research. for permission to try the trio at He said huge dividends paid on applied research are based upon earlier work done in laboratories station and Marcellus Implement

company robberies.
Griffin also has asked other nearby counties, where the three confessed to burglaries, and asked if they were interested in prosecuting. Rock county has indicated no present interest. Boyd and Brown counties may want to

Three hundred fifty persons attended the meeting — a record turnout. Ora Yarges, of Stuart, was reelected to the extension board of directors, defeating Education Education and Education Education

#### win Engler, of Stuart, only other Inmates Cut Hole in Jail Wall— Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg, of At-

Antelope county authorities Friday discovered a hole in an inside wall at the county jail where Gene W. Roberts, Richard D. Roberts and Dale L. Hines were being held in custody.

The discovery may thwarted a jail break. The hole, almost large enough

for a man to crawl through, had been drilled into a wall separat-The program included a song by Bobby and Carolyn Reimers, the storage room where the trio's ing the jail compartment from of Inman; an oration by Benton loot was stored. speech champion, topic -- "Our

Firearms and ammunition were included in the loot taken from Oakdale stores the night the three youthful burglars were captured.

Antelope county authorities were satisfied that if the hole hadn't been discovered there may have been some dramatics. Reason the room was emptied was because the loot was being for Army Induction restored to the rightful owners and because the authorities were making room for a woman prisoner who was being transferred from Norfolk. tribution to the selective service

500 POULTS PERISH Five hundred poults perished in a fire about 12:50 a.m. Wednesday at the Corkle turkey farm number 1. A defective brooder stove was blamed for the start of LuVern L. Olberding, of Stuart; the fire. The firemen, arriving Dean W. Hamilton, of Middle-branch; Ivan L. Walters, of Ewcentrated on saving nearby buildings.

HEART ATTACK FATAL Ben Rose, 53, former Garfield county judge and a Burwell attorney, died recently following a and Donald A. Sterns, of O'Neill. heart attack.