

FALL IS FATAL TO HENRY WERNER

Longtime Resident Dies from Shock Following Shoulder Injury

ATKINSON—Services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran church for Henry J. ("Hank") Werner, 63, who died Sunday, November 4, in the Stuart Community hospital. Death was a result of shock and a weakened heart condition caused from a fall at his home late Saturday night. Rev. E. G. Thrig will have charge of the services.

The late Mr. Werner was born January 1, 1868, in Franklin Grove, Ill. He was a son of Elias and Ellen Norra Werner. Most of his boyhood was spent in and near Freeport, Ill.

In 1885 the family moved to Holt county and settled on a farm 6 miles east and 1 north of Atkinson. In 1891 Henry moved to the place where he lived at the time of his death.

On May 13, 1901, he was married to Amelia Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Werner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last May.

He was helping a son, Harry, and a grandson, Kenneth Huston, with livestock late Saturday when he fell, striking his shoulder so hard that the shoulder bone was forced out from the socket. A doctor was summoned and he was removed to the Stuart hospital, about noon Sunday. He seemed to have been resting easier after the bone had been put back into place, but it is thought that shock and a weakened heart condition caused the death.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Wayne, of Spinnard, Alaska; Harry, of Emmet, and Kenneth, of Chambers; daughters—Mrs. Cecil (Mabel) Bogue and Mrs. Lila Snyder, both of Atkinson; 6 grandchildren; brother—Wayne, of Atkinson; sisters—Mrs. Elsie and Carrie Werner, and Mrs. Gertrude Rayer and Mrs. Joe Allbrecht, all of Atkinson.

Petersen-Hancock Suit Is Aired

The Charley Petersen vs. Holt County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock law suit, in which Petersen seeks to restrain Hancock from collecting the 4-mill blanket tax on Petersen's property in rural school district 231, Wednesday was argued for 2 1/2 hours before Judge D. R. Moutns in Holt county district court.

Judge Moutns gave the attorneys 10 days in which to file additional briefs and will take the matter under consideration.

Daniel Stubbs, of Lincoln, and Julius D. Cronin, of O'Neill, presented arguments as attorneys for the plaintiff; William Gleason, assistant Nebraska attorney-general, defended the blanket tax law adopted by the 1949 legislature. William W. Griffin, Holt attorney, also represents Hancock, the nominal defendant.

Petersen contends the blanket tax law is unconstitutional and unfair. Hancock, according to law, is pressing collection.

In district 231 Petersen's tax is over \$900 from the blanket levy. Probably 100-thousand-dollars is at stake in the issue in Holt county alone, several million dollars in the state.

Regardless of Judge Moutns' finding the matter is expected to be appealed to the supreme court.

St. Mary's Crowns Homecoming Royalty

Donald Donohoe was crowned king and Miss Carolyn Lee was revealed as queen of homecoming festivities at St. Mary's academy Wednesday night, November 7. The coronation took place at the gymnasium.

The king's attendants were James DeBacker, first, and Donovan Becker, second. The king and his aides were elected by members of the pep club. The queen and her attendants, Dorothy Donohoe, first, and Suzanne Moss, second, were elected by members of the football team.

All members of the royal party are seniors. King Donohoe is an outstanding football player, ranking as a top scorer in state 6-man grid circles. Queen Carolyn's home is at Brownlee.

The homecoming festivities closed with a post-game dance at the SMA gymnasium. Many former students joined in the festivities.

St. Mary's won, 34-15, over St. Joseph's, of York, in the homecoming game, with Don Donohoe and Jerry Wanser accounting for all O'Neill points. Don ran back a kickoff 79 yards.

State School Chief Coming Friday—State Superintendent Freeman Decker will speak at the first meeting of the Holt county school boards Friday, 1:30 p.m., November 9.

This meeting will be held in the court house assembly room. Many current school problems will be discussed.



The Frontier Engraving Leo T. Adams . . . will disperse his Angus herd.

Machinery Sale Tops Auction Calendar

Lloyd Collins's big machinery and farm equipment auction on Friday, November 9, heads The Frontier's sale calendar. Sale begins at 12:30 p.m. at east edge of city. Included in the offering are 18 used tractors, 12 used corn-pickers, 5 combines, plows, discs, and many other items.

Cols. Ed Thorin and Wallace O'Connell are auctioneers; O'Neill National bank, clerk. Saturday, November 10: Twenty-first annual fall sale of North-Central Nebraska Hereford Breeders' association, Bassett, offering 70 head—68 bulls and 2 females. For catalog write: Tug Phillips, secretary-manager, Bassett. (Catalogs have been published by The Frontier's printing department.)

Wednesday, November 14: A combination sale, Bethany Presbyterian church and M. F. Gribble. (See advertisement on page 11)

Friday, November 16: R. E. Dunkelberger, who resides 2 1/2 miles north of Page and 3 miles west, will offer 31 head of cattle and some other personal property at auction. Col. Buy Wanser, auctioneer; Max Wanser, clerk. (See advertisement on page 4.)

Saturday, November 17: Leo T. Adams, of Atkinson, will sell 70 head of purebred Angus cattle. Sale will be held at the Atkinson Livestock Market under direction of the Walter - Adams Auction Service. Mr. Adams has been a pioneer Angus breeder over the years and he is dispersing his herd because of his new affiliation in the auction business. (See advertisement on page 6. Catalogs, printed by The Frontier, are available.)

George Crawford Dies Suddenly

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, November 5, for George Crawford, 84-year-old Atkinson resident, who died late Thursday following a heart attack. He was seated in an easy chair at his home when he was fatally stricken.

Survivors include: Son—Jay Crawford, of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. Carlton Davis, of Ericson, and Mrs. John Bennett, of Hay Springs. The late George Crawford's wife died several years ago. There are 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

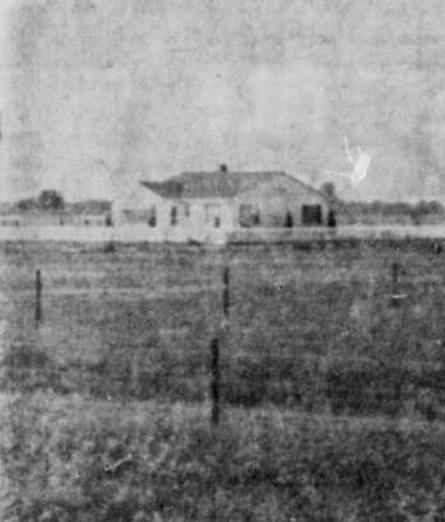
Walter Estleford Dies in Michigan

Mrs. Ralph Bauman received word that Walter Estleford had passed away on Thursday, October 11, at the home of his daughter in Wayland, Mich. Mr. Estleford formerly lived north of O'Neill and his wife, the former Jessie Bellinger, is Mrs. Bauman's cousin.

They had been visiting their children at Wayland and were planning to return to their home in California when he had a stroke and never recovered.

MANY STORES OPEN

The retail trade committee of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce decided this week that most O'Neill retail stores will be open on Monday, November 12. Some firms, however, plan to close in observance of Armistice day. A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m. There will be musical entertainment on the program.



C BAR M HEREFORDS TOP FUTURITY . . . Entries from the C Bar M Hereford ranch (above), located 5 miles south of O'Neill, established a new mark in the 10-year history of the Cornhusker Hereford futurity at Broken Bow, called the state's biggest Hereford show. The C Bar M, with Clair McVay, of O'Neill, and J. F. Contois, of Clearwater, as partners, showed both grand champion bull and female in last Thursday's competition, then got the top

HOME TALENT IN MINSTREL

Lions Charity Show Will Be Loaded with Music and Comedy

An old-fashioned southern minstrel with black end men, folk song soloists and a "military" squad in a comedy stunt will show before O'Neill fun-lovers next Wednesday evening, November 14, at the O'Neill public school auditorium.

The Lions club-sponsored production, with net proceeds going to charity, is under the direction of Tom S. Howell, of Emporia, Kans., whose profession is reviving minstrels from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Recently he was featured in an article in The American magazine.

The interlocutor will be the "Voice of The Frontier" announcer, George Hammond. Six end men, who will sing songs, spring gags and do comedy skits, are Roy D. Johnson, jr., Charles Yarnall, Grant Peacock, John C. Watson, Roy Lundgren and Matthew G. Beha.

Vocal soloists will be Kathleen Flood Hansen, Rev. R. W. Olson and John Bowen.

J. H. Doerning will be "Parson Gumbo."

Allan VanVleck will "captain" the military squad, which will be geared to win laughs, not wars. "Privates" in the outfit will be Robert Moore, Burl Munsell, Arlo Hiatt, John Bowen, Raymond Eby, John Donohoe and Charles Houser.

To clinch the novel nature of the show, the curtain time has been set for 8:12 1/2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at most business firms and from individual Lions club members.

TB Committees Ready Campaign

Headquarters of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association have been set up in the basement of the Holt county courthouse. A group of about 30 women of O'Neill and surrounding towns has volunteered services for the mailing of Christmas seals throughout the county about November 19.

The proceeds of the seal sale this year as always will be used to finance the program of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association.

This year the seal carries a picture of a Jolly Santa Claus along with the double-barred cross which is the international symbol of the fight against tuberculosis, the registered insignia of the national tuberculosis organization, as well as its affiliate, the Nebraska Tuberculosis association.

Buy these stamps and ask for more to help prevent and stamp out the most deadly of communicable diseases. Tuberculosis is the disease which takes a greater annual toll than high-ways.

School Hearing Here December 8

The Nebraska legislative council's education committee has scheduled a public hearing at O'Neill on Saturday, December 8. Announcement was made in Lincoln Saturday by State Sen. Glen Cramer, of Albion, chairman of the legislature's education committee.

Senator Cramer said the group is planning a series of such meetings, the first of which was held Friday in Lincoln. The committee heard recommendations for equalization of assessments, more redistricting, state aid for schools and higher certification standards.

Return to Omaha—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Godek returned to Omaha Sunday after spending 2 weeks in O'Neill visiting relatives.

Chorus Will Present Handel's Oratorio

Do you like to exercise your vocal cords in the shower? Are you a basso profundo, a contralto, or do you "just sing"? It doesn't matter as long as you enjoy it, if you'll go to the high school auditorium Wednesday night, November 14, at 6:30 o'clock for the first rehearsal of Handel's Messiah to be presented in December.

The first rehearsal was set at an early hour in order not to interfere with the Lions club minstrel rehearsal later in the evening. Subsequent rehearsals will be scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Director Charles B. Houser announced plans for this first annual presentation, which is being made possible through the cooperation of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, School Superintendent D. E. Nelson and Sister Antonella, of St. Mary's academy. Each and every person, old and young, in O'Neill and surrounding towns and areas, is invited to join this vocal choir. There will be no community auditions given for membership. The only prerequisite is that you like to sing, Mr. Houser said.

Music has been ordered and will be on hand Wednesday night. If you have your own copy of the music, however, please bring it for your personal use. With the cooperation of the church choirs and their directors, the vocal music departments headed by Sister Flores, of St. Mary's academy, and James Bastian, of the public school, and townspeople who enjoy singing, it is intended the city should benefit by this effort. Mr. Bastian will be pianist and organist for the presentation. Soloists will be announced later. Everyone who can sing is urged to come and make this first annual civic chorus project a huge success!



Mr. Loguidice . . . shown with the Greenfields several years ago. (Story at right.)

MAN'S BODY FOUND FROZEN IN DITCH

Soldiers' Home Resident Dies from Natural Causes

Leo Loguidice, 65, a resident of the Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Grand Island, was found dead in a ditch beside a road here about 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The discovery was made by Ira Summers, who found the body, the head partly submerged in water, near the Burlington railroad tracks on the Tenth street road, between the city and the O'Neill livestock sales pavilion.

Authorities, who investigated, said death was caused by natural causes.

The body was removed to Bassett where funeral services were held Sunday.

Mr. Loguidice was born in Italy Sept. 30, 1887, and immigrated to this country at the age of 14. He entered the U.S. military service during World War I.

Only survivors in this part of the country include a step-daughter, Mrs. Floyd Greenfield, who resides near Bassett. The late Mr. Loguidice married Mrs. Greenfield's mother. He is survived by several brothers and sisters in New York City.

He went from New York City to Bassett 5 years ago to reside with the Greenfields. He stayed with them for about 4 years, and has been residing for the past year at the home at Grand Island.

Mrs. Greenfield said he was enroute to their home at the time of his death. She theorized that her step-father, who had been in failing health, started to walk south from the edge of O'Neill, thinking he was on the road to the Greenfield place from the east edge of Bassett.

He had reached here by bus and had asked the bus driver to discharge him at the east edge of town.

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Mr. Loguidice died from natural causes and that his frozen body showed no evidence of violence.

Jerry Brennan Finds Uranium

Jerry Brennan, 28, a native O'Neillite and son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil P. Brennan, has reported finding considerable quantities of the principal low-grade uranium ore—while hunting for artifacts in the Black Hills. Location is 10 miles north of Edgemont, S.D., in the Harney national forest.

Young Brennan is assistant U.S. district attorney at Rapid City and an instructor at the South Dakota School of Mines.

Radioactivity in the ore was reported as good as the average in the Colorado carnotite, which is being mined extensively for the atomic energy commissions.

Observers say if, as the discoverer believes, the deposits are extensive the find could be as important and probably productive of excitement as the discovery of gold near Custer back in the 1870s.

The government has posted a reward of \$10,000 to any discoverer of uranium deposits. Mr. Brennan has made no attempt to claim mining rights where he made the discovery.

A former Holt resident, Mrs. J. A. Pfeiler, 209 South Fifth st., Hot Springs, S.D., reported to The Frontier that Brennan's discovery has created "a lot of excitement and rush for claims."

Young Brennan's father, who now lives at Gering, formerly operated a hardware store here.

Mr. Giedd Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Densberger, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Yusten, Clayton Nesner and daughter, Eleta, were Friday night dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Giedd, in honor of Mr. Giedd's birthday anniversary.

Tune in! "Voice of the Frontier, Mon., Wed. and Sat., 9:45 a.m.

John Siler, 5, Hit by Moving Auto

LEASE BIDDERS 'THREATENED'

ATKINSON—John Siler, 5, an Atkinson boy, was struck by a moving automobile driven by Charles W. Witt, 33, of Lincoln. Witt, a jeweler, was driving east on U.S. highway 20, near the motels on the northwest edge of the city, when the incident occurred.

State Highway Patrolman Frank M. Dineen reported that the lad was standing on the north side of the road and dashed onto the highway when a westbound stock truck had passed.

The passenger car was braked and skidded a short distance to avoid striking the child.

The boy suffered a broken right leg, a broken collarbone and possible other injuries. He is in the Stuart hospital.

JOHN SLADEK, 30, DIES SUDDENLY

Young Rancher Reenters Hospital for Surgery; Rites Here

A 30-year-old Chambers rancher, John Sladek, died early Friday in Our Lady or Lourdes hospital, Norfolk. The young rancher had been hospitalized for a time following a major surgical operation and he was released Tuesday, October 30, from the hospital. Later in the week he reentered the hospital, submitted once more to surgery and died unexpectedly.

The body was removed to Biglin Bros. funeral home in O'Neill where it lay in state until 10 a.m., Monday, November 5, when funeral rites were conducted at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

A rosary was offered Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Biglin chapel.

The late Mr. Sladek was born at Verdigris on February 24, 1921, a son of John and Julia Kaleno Sladek. He came to Holt county from Knox county in 1931. His father preceded him in death.

Survivors include: Mother—Mrs. John Sladek; brothers—Lod, of Chambers; Stephen, of Atkinson; George, of Chambers; sisters—Mrs. Helen Pokorny, of Atkinson; Mrs. Cecelia Peters and Mrs. Marie Peters, both of O'Neill.

Pallbearers were Richard Lehman, Lawrence Tangeman, Robert Koci, Larry Fribil, Louis Peters and Frank Peters.

Ag Class Ownership Averages About \$400

The O'Neill vocational agriculture class of 39 boys took an inventory of their livestock and crop ownings. The result was impressive. The list of their ownings follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Quantity/Value. Items include Beef cows, Beef calves, Beef heifers, Sows and litters, Barrows, Beef steers, Breeding ewes, Dairy cows, Dairy heifers, Chickens, Corn, Oats, Rye, Wheat, and Bees.

The value of the crops and livestock is estimated to be \$16,000, making an average of about \$400 per boy. Some of the upper classmen have a net worth of over \$3,000.

The main objective of this course is to develop and increase a farming program that will enable the boys to begin farming after they graduate without borrowing a large amount of money, an help develop their ability to make the business of farming a success.

While developing farming programs the boys obtain technical knowledge of agriculture and the practice necessary to make it work. The boys receive the latest approved practices and put them to work on their home farms.

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Senator Nelson Makes Charges Friday in Lincoln

O'Neill's State Sen. Frank Nelson tossed a grenade into the squabble between state school land leaseholders and the board of educational lands and funds Friday in Lincoln.

He doggedly charged supervisors of school land lease auctions with "threatening bidders"—and the statement touched-off reverberations in the state press.

Senator Nelson, himself a school land leaseholder until an attorney-general's opinion a few months ago held that legislators were not eligible lessees, said the "threat" was in the form of warnings that \$1 and \$5 bids would not be approved by the board of educational lands and funds.

"I don't think that's right," he said.

The board has rejected bids which it felt were too low. John Kleckner, supervisor of sales, has told the board there had been evidence of collusion in some counties to hold down the size of the bids. In Cherry county, bidders offered only \$1 per lease as "buyer resistance."

Gov. Val Peterson, chairman of the board, said he did not care to comment on Nelson's remarks.

Senator Nelson said the auctioning of leases—in compliance with a supreme court decision invalidating leases written after 1947—had created "neighborhood grudges." He said that some farmers had maliciously "run up the bidding" against holders of the void leases "because they knew the poor fellow couldn't operate without that school land."

Nebraska, observed the senator, "can't afford neighborhood enmity."

The school land dispute is "such a mess," he said, "that if I were to vote again, I'd seriously consider voting for selling the land."

Senator Nelson voted against a bill offered in the 1949 session providing for the sale of the land. "I did that against my own self-interest and in the interest of the state," he said.

A solution to the whole problem, Nelson believes, is a complete reappraisal of the school lands' value. Renters pay 6 percent of the appraised value each year.

"We gave the board that right in 1949," Nelson said, "I think it should use it more."

He said that he felt "wheat land in the panhandle is quite a little under-appraised," but that land in his area in north-central Nebraska "is often higher than I would pay for it from my business experience."

Nelson Represents Boyd, Holt, Keya Paha and Rock Counties

Nelson represents Boyd, Holt, Keya Paha and Rock counties which have extensive school land acreage.

He said his mail has been heavy with bitter letters from lessees.

"I tell them the legislature can't override the supreme court but the supreme court can override the legislature," he said. "I've advised them to get themselves a lawyer smart enough to break the decision."

Henry Bartling, secretary of the state board of educational lands and funds, Saturday denied Senator Nelson's charge that potential bidders were being "threatened."

"To the best of my knowledge," Bartling said, "no person conducting a sale has 'threatened' any one."

Senator Nelson, having held school land for many years and having been interested in state government for sometime, is probably one of the best students of the lease problem. He has covered the state and attended school land hearings in most sections.

The O'Neill salon-farmer was in Lincoln over the weekend for committee hearings when he sounded-off on the "threatening bidders" matter. And what he had to say was given generous space in the metropolitan dailies. He is a member of the education committee.

Kelleys Plan Open-House

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kelley, sr., of Inman, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 11.

They will receive their friends between 2 and 5 at the IOOF hall at Inman.

L.D. Putnam spent from Sunday until Tuesday in Martin and Pineridge, S.D., on business.