

# Escapee Abandons Stolen Airplane

## Authorities Search Holt for Sex Maniac

Holt county authorities Wednesday were ready to give up the search for a 24-year-old escapee from a Minnesota mental hospital who abandoned a stolen airplane three miles northeast of Ewing late Sunday.

Being sought is Earl Ross, whose original home was at St. Paul, Minn. He recently fled from the St. Peter, Minn., mental hospital.

On Sunday he loitered several hours at the Brookings, S.D., airport where his identity was unknown.

Presently one of the airport employees looked up from his work and saw a cub becoming airborne. The plane was owned by a Mr. Nelson. Airport officials throughout a three-state area were advised to be on the lookout for the stolen plane. A description of the man who had been seen at the airport at Brookings compared with the description of Ross, a fugitive being sought by Minnesota authorities.

Howard Montgomery, who lives two miles east and one mile north of Ewing, said he heard a plane circling his place Sunday about 5 p.m. He said he did not give the matter a second thought. About 7 p.m., while rounding up his cows, he noticed the cub parked in his field near a fence close to the road. He entertained the idea that someone had landed to visit his neighbors.

It was that evening while in Ewing that he heard a stolen plane was being hunted. He went to his farm, checked the serial numbers, and advised Brookings authorities he had found the stolen craft.

Ross started walking from the Montgomery place into Ewing. He was seen by Mr. Montgomery Mrs. Sylvester Schlotman and two of Lionel Gunter's boys.

Later, about 7 p.m., he visited with Elmer Bergstrom at an Ewing filling station. He told Bergstrom he thought he'd head for Omaha and find a job. Bergstrom said he assumed he caught a lift because he quickly disappeared.

Descriptions of the man given by Mrs. Schlotman, the Gunter boys and Bergstrom generally matched those issued by the hospital authorities.

Mr. Montgomery said he thought Ross did a good job landing the plane in tight quarters. He barely cleared wires and trees and pulled close to the fence.

Mr. Montgomery said the craft was about out of gas. In alerting operators the Brookings officials advised that the plane had enough fuel to get it as far west as Pierre, S.D. Ewing is about the same distance from Brookings.

Representatives of the Brookings airport were to have come Tuesday for the plane.

Officials described Ross as a sex maniac with criminal tendencies. He is to be regarded as extremely dangerous, they said.

He is described as weighing about 155 pounds, five feet nine inches tall, thin brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a tan jacket and blue jeans when last seen at Ewing and was hatless.

Authorities said they had no idea how he learned to fly.

Omaha police late Monday were questioning a man answering generally to the description of Ross.

## 7 from O'Neill Area Nebraska 'U' Grads

Among those receiving degrees from the University of Nebraska during commencement exercises Monday, June 2, were:

Rex A. Coffman, of Stuart, and Thomas D. Lambert, of Ewing, bachelors of science in agriculture; John Berigan, of O'Neill, bachelors of music in education; Nanette F. Cowles, of Stuart, and Clifford T. Frederickson, of Spencer, bachelors of science in education; William F. Fuhr, of Spencer, bachelor of laws (cum laude).

### DRIVE-IN TO OPEN

The O'Neill Drive-In theater, located 1 1/2 miles northwest of the city at the junction of U.S. highways 20 and 281, will open at 7:45 p.m. today (Thursday), according to R. V. Fletcher, owner. Bill Hill will be the manager. (See advertisement on page 11.)

### ABOARD SALVAGE VESSEL

Warren W. Klinetobe, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Klinetobe, of Page, is serving with the Pacific fleet aboard the rescue and salvage vessel, USS Coucal.

### Idahoans Here

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McKie arrived here Friday from Emmett, Ida., for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Laura Wyant, and other relatives.

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## METHODIST PASTOR NOT YET NAMED

### Successor to Rev. V. R. Bell Will Be Made 'Very Soon', Official Says

The annual Nebraska Methodist conference closed Sunday evening, June 1, with the reading of the appointments for the new year. The parley was held at Grand Island.

No successor was named, however, for Rev. V. R. Bell, retired O'Neill pastor, who this week moves to Sergeant. Reverend Bell became ill in March and could not complete his term because of a heart condition. He has been residing for several months with a son, Robert, in Grand Island.

Rev. J. Lavern Jay, of O'Neill, superintendent of the Northeast Nebraska district, said Wednesday Reverend Bell's successor would be named "very soon."

Appointments in the O'Neill region of the northeast district include:

Rev. E. G. Hughes, Atkinson; Rev. Homer B. Hix, Bassett-Newport-Kirkwood; Rev. L. R. Hansberry, Chambers - Amelia; Rev. Henry L. Cole, Clearwater; Rev. Charles C. Chappel, Ewing-Inman; Rev. Charles E. Mitchell, Lynch-Monowi; Rev. Lowell D. Jones, Neligh; Rev. Chester E. Wilcox, Page; Rev. Marjorie R. Johnson, Spencer-Bristow.

Former ministers from this area who received appointments were: Rev. Carl B. Rayburn, formerly of Greeley; Rev. Roy M. Wingate, formerly of Inman-Ewing, to Belgrade - Pinnacle Hill; Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, formerly of O'Neill, to Clarks-Pierce chapel.

## M. L. Harkins, Wife Wed Half-Century

**INMAN** — In observance of their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harkins were at home on Sunday, June 1, at a 12 o'clock dinner at which the members of the LL club and their husbands were guests.

The table was laid with a lace cloth. A three-tier wedding cake decorated with yellow roses and bearing the figure "50" was the centerpiece, with tall yellow tapers and bouquets of yellow roses on either side. Each lady present received a yellow rose.

Members of the club present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Renner and Mrs. Anna Clark.

Members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith and Miss Hildred. Mrs. Smith and Hildred, daughters of the honored couple, were the hostesses.

Miss Ella Martin and Marshal L. Harkins were married June 4, 1902, by Reverend Miller at the home of the bride's parents at Griswold, Ia. They became the parents of three children — one son and two daughters. They are:

Forest R. Harkins, of Turlock, Calif., who was unable to be present for the occasion; Mrs. H. E. (Maurine) Smith and Hildred, of Inman.

The Harkinses, who have been residents of Inman since 1933, have one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Harkins has been a lumberman for 55 years. Nineteen years ago he became manager of the Finkbine lumber yard here.

The couple received a gold colored wool blanket as a gift from the LL club, a platform rocker from the members of their family and many cards.

### Receive Creighton 'U' Diplomas

Thomas Hartly, son of Mrs. P. B. Hartly and the late Mr. Hartly, was among the Creighton university graduates receiving bachelor degrees at commencement rites Thursday morning, June 5. Hartly graduates from the college of commerce. He plans to enlist in the air force following graduation.

Among those attending the graduation rites was his mother, who was accompanied by Miss Geraldine Cronin, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin and Julius D. Cronin.

John McDonald, son of Mrs. Marie McDonald, of O'Neill, received a bachelor of science degree. He is employed by an Omaha funeral home.

### Recording to Be Aired on KRVN

A recording was made by members of the Holt county 4-H clubs who attended 4-H club week at Lincoln. Station KRVN, Lexington, will broadcast the recording Monday, June 9, at 6:45 p.m.

Those who participated in making the recording were: Tommy Christon, of Ewing; Robert Tams, of Ewing; Melba Dobrovoly, of O'Neill; Alice Young, of O'Neill; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill; Alouris Kaup, of Atkinson; Benton Melior, of Atkinson, and Caroline Skopec, of Atkinson.

## \$20,000 RURAL CHURCH STARTED

### James Gibson Heads Group Erecting New Bethany Edifice

**EWING** — The construction of the new rural Bethany Presbyterian church was begun Tuesday, May 20, at the new location, two miles south and two miles east of the junction of U.S. highway 281 and state highway 91 which is five miles east of Chambers.

The basement has been excavated and the footing laid. It is hoped that the new church will be finished before this winter, said James Gibson, who is chairman of the building committee.

Members of the building committee are: James Gibson, chairman; Mrs. Henry Wood, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. P. W. Sumner, Mark Gribble, Stanley Lambert, Irwin La Rue and Carl Sommerer.

The church will be built at an estimated cost of \$20,000 with the majority of the work to be done by the members.

James Genzler, of Plainview, will do the mason work on the exterior, which will have a permanent likeness done in stucco. The edifice will measure 54 1/2 feet by 28 feet, and will have a seating capacity of 150.

The chancel will measure 10 by 14 feet, and there will be a choir room to the right and a sacristy to the left. A window in the form of a huge cross will form the background of the chancel above the communion table. The window will be made of glass brick in two colors.

A bell tower will be erected on the side of the entrance of the church.

The architect who drew up the plans for the new building was Noel E. Long, formerly of O'Neill.

Rev. Samuel Lee, of O'Neill, is pastor.

## Calls on Material, Spiritual Resources

Memorial day was observed in O'Neill Friday with a 10 a.m. parade from the American Legion auditorium, near the corner of Sixth and Douglas streets, west on Douglas and return and a special memorial program at the auditorium, starting at 10:45 a.m.

The colors led the parade followed by the O'Neill marching band, the American Legion and other servicemen, auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and flower girls.

The program in the hall began with everyone rising as the band played the national anthem. Rev. Robert W. Olson offered a prayer, after which Rahe Johnson sang "The Lord's Prayer."

John G. Stuitberg, Legion post commander, introduced District Judge Lyle E. Jackson, of Neligh.

Judge Jackson reviewed the history of the war between the north and the south, and pointed out that today the states are unified. Present day problems, political, social, and world tragedies that the nation now faces were dwelt upon. Judge Jackson expressed his faith in the ability of the American people, with their matchless resources, both material and spiritual.

Ex-servicemen and citizens visited the cemeteries throughout the day to decorate graves with flowers, and to place flags at the graves of soldier dead.

### 30 Former St. Marians Attend Banquet

The Omaha chapter of St. Marians alumni held its annual banquet Sunday evening, May 25, in the jade room at the Rome hotel. Thirty former St. Marians and their guests attended the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Miss Beverly McCarthy was toastmaster. Allen H. Martin gave the toast, "To Our Alma Mater."

Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ira George, formerly of O'Neill. Mr. George gave a short address.

After Miss Mary Massie's rendition of the ever popular "Believe Me If All Those Endering Young Charms," and the appropriate vocal selections, "It's Just a Lonely Street Where Old Friends Meet" and "The Bells of St. Mary's," by John O'Neill. The program was concluded with the traditional "Hail, Hail, Our Alma Mater" by the alumni.

### To Cedar Rapids

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Gamel moved recently to Cedar Rapids where Mr. Gamel has employment.



**COLORADO 'U' GRAD** — Miss Joann Burgess, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, of O'Neill, will graduate from the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo., Saturday, June 7. She will receive a degree in arts and science. Doctor and Mrs. Burgess left Wednesday, June 4, to attend the commencement exercises.

## STAUFFER RITES FRIDAY AT PAGE

### Former Resident Dies at Norfolk Whie on Job

**PAGE** — Funeral services for John Stauffer, jr., 54, a former Page resident who died late Monday, June 2, at Norfolk, will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, June 6, from the Methodist church.

Earlier rites will be conducted from a Norfolk funeral home at 10 a.m. Rev. Lemke, of Norfolk, will officiate. The body will lie in state from 3 to 9 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Norfolk funeral home.

He was working on the Otto Ilgen farm west of Norfolk when he was stricken, but had been working at his job with a seed company during the day. Death was caused by a heart attack.

The late Mr. Stauffer was born September 21, 1897, at Wisner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, sr., who now live at Page. He was 13-years-old when he moved to Page.

On June 27, 1928, he married Della Marie Dorr. They resided at Page for 19 years, moving to Norfolk six years ago.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, who died at the age of three months.

Survivors include: Widow—the former Della Dorr; sons—Bernard, who is now in the navy, and John Ronald, of Norfolk; daughter—Marilee, of Norfolk; parents — Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, sr., of Page; brother—Edgar Stauffer, of Page; sisters—Mrs. Harry Tegeler, of Page; Mrs. Clifford French, of Lamberston, Minn.; Mrs. E. E. Allen, of California.

## Stockgrowers Meet Next Week, Gordon

The 63rd annual convention of the Nebraska Stockgrowers' association will meet in Gordon, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12, 13 and 14.

Devey C. Schaffer, of O'Neill, is vice-president of the association.

The convention will close with a banquet at city auditorium on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Among the speakers on the convention program will be: Congressman Charles B. Brownson, of Indiana. Mr. Brownson has been described as "energetic and dynamic," a "getter from the old school." He has been termed one of the most "economy-minded" members of the house.

Sam C. Hyatt, president of the American Cattlemen's association, will explain the work of the association.

Jerry Sotola will speak on his journey "From Israel to Ireland." He is an expert on livestock feeding and nutrition.

Jeff H. Williams, of Chickasha, Okla., will be the banquet speaker. Mr. Williams has been referred to as "A One Man United Nations" and "Oklahoma's Ambassador of Good Will."

### NEWS, FEATURES OMITTED

Because of a late volume of advertising considerable news-matter has been necessarily omitted from this issue. Notably absent are notes from country correspondents, The Frontier Woman department, feature stories and pictures.

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## AG COLLEGE TEAM SEES TEST PLOTS

### Takes Special Interest in Holt County Grassland Research Program

A tour of Holt county grasslands and pastures was made by a group of men from the University of Nebraska agricultural college Tuesday, June 3. This was in connection with the Holt grassland research program.

Ed Janke, W. V. Lambert and E. M. Brouse inspected 10 plots of ground which have been treated with fertilizer composed of nitrogen and phosphate. These plots are:

Frank Peter ranch, 1 1/2 miles south of O'Neill, on U.S. highway 281, low wet meadow fertilizer test.

L. D. Putnam, 8 miles northeast of O'Neill on Opportunity road, native pasture study.

Clarence Ernst ranch, three miles west and 1/4 north of O'Neill cemetery, reseeded native grass pasture.

Claussen Brothers ranch, 2 1/4 miles north of Emmet on gravel road, upland native meadow test.

Lawrence Packa ranch, six miles south and seven miles west of Atkinson, native low wet meadow test.

E. E. Gotschall ranch, six miles south, seven miles west, and six miles south of Atkinson, low wet meadow fertilizer test.

Robert Clifford ranch, 16 miles south, two miles west and 1/4 mile north of Atkinson, bluegrass production on native meadow.

The inspection disclosed that there has been a definite improvement in the grazing land that has been treated. Where cattle had a choice, it was found that the heaviest grazing was on the pasture that had been fertilized.

The bluegrass has responded very favorably to the nitrogen phosphate application, they found.

Even brome and wild oats grown in the treated soil were eaten by the cattle.

The plots are six feet wide and 60 feet long. Each treatment is repeated four times. The plots have been put out and staked by the state. Two bluegrass plots were put out in April and will be harvested in early July.

Mr. Lambert is dean of the college of agriculture.

Forty-two men in Holt county contributed \$1,000 to launch the grassland research. They are:

Rudy Dvorak, Earl Coxhill, Lyle P. Dierks, Albert Lemmer, Lloyd Giesed, Dvorak Brothers, F. E. Boettcher, Lawrence Pachta, Vern Sageser, Stanley Lambert, Elvin White, Charley Tasler, Joe Brewster, Charles M. Mulford, L. D. Putnam, Edgar Jungman, Harold Shaw, Frank Brady, Irvin Parsons, A. Max Karo, Elmer Vogel, Raymer Funk, Holt Co. Hereford Breeders, Holt Co. Angus Breeders, Future Farmers of Atkinson, O'Neill National Bank, Spencer Chemical Co., Simplot Co., Skrdla Brothers, Ray Siders, Ernest Gotschall, Harrey E. Ressele, James Allyn, Jim Berigan, Tony Asimus, Clarence Ernst, Rudy Clifford, James Dobrovoly, Vernon Thompson, C. E. McClurg, Fred MacGregor.

The agreement means that four tests over a period of four years will be made in Holt county plus three extra tests not to be made in any other counties. These are pasture, upland and bluegrass studies.

The plots under treatment throughout the county are marked and residents are invited to look them over.

A crop improvement association tour will be conducted on July 1 in southeast Holt county. Anyone who is interested is invited to join the tour, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

A contributor to the research project this week was the Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben, which sent a check for \$100.

J. J. Isaacson, general manager, and Jess Thurmond, chairman of Ak-Sar-Ben public affairs committee, said, "The movement in Holt county by your folks for the improvement of the grasslands through fertilization, struck both of us as a very fine example of midwestern independence in solving our own problems."

### RETURNS FROM KOREA

**EWING** — Carl B. Schrad, of Ewing, was aboard the navy transport, Gen. M. C. Meigs, when it docked this week at San Francisco, Calif. The ship carried 4-193 Korean war veterans.

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# Half-Inch Rain Boon to Corn

## Lyle G. Moss, 31, Drowning Victim

AMELIA—Lyle G. Moss, 31, of Omaha, was a memorial weekend drowning victim.

The tragedy occurred on a lake north of Omaha near Louisville. A boat from which Mr. Moss was fishing capsized. Although he was a good swimmer, the heavy boots he was wearing dragged him down and he was unable to make the shore.

His wife and small daughter were standing on the lake shore and witnessed the drowning.

Lyle Moss was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cheever G. Moss, former residents of Amelia, and a nephew of Ira H. Moss, of O'Neill.

Funeral services were conducted in Omaha Monday, June 2. Burial was in Hillcrest cemetery, Omaha.

Among those attending the funeral from Amelia were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen White, Harry White, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Madsen.

## 7 Inductees Will Report June 18

Seven Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces on Wednesday, June 18. They are:

Joseph Walnofer, of Stuart; Roland G. Green, of O'Neill; Lewis L. Vandersnick, of Ewing; James D. O'Donnell, of Atkinson; Duane A. Blair, of Chambers; Estel Cary, of Ewing; Henry C. Lange, of Ewing.

Meanwhile, 10 went to Omaha Tuesday, June 3, for preinduction physical examinations. They were:

Robert H. Schneider, of Stuart; Robert L. Retke, of Page; Mike Wenner, of Atkinson; Benedict Schmit, of Atkinson; William L. Singkofer, of Amelia; Robert W. Wallace, of O'Neill; Edward A. Scott, of Atkinson; Louis A. Sojka, of Ewing; Eldon D. Harley, of Ewing, and Ralph H. Sholes, of Inman.

## Heart Attack Fatal to James Harding

James E. Harding, 84, former resident of Holt county, died at his home in Whiting, Ia., of a heart attack Wednesday, June 4.

Mr. Harding came to Holt county in 1880 and homesteaded a west of O'Neill. He moved to Iowa in 1929, where he lived until his death.

Funeral rites have been tentatively set for Friday, June 6, at Whiting.

Charles L. Harding, a brother, and Mrs. Alice Bridges, a niece, live in O'Neill.

### Johnson's Father Dies; Successor Named

Otis Johnson, 66, father of Larry Johnson, of O'Neill, died suddenly Wednesday, May 28, of a heart attack. Funeral rites were held Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson were in Scottsbluff when they heard the news.

The Johnsons will be moving to Scottsbluff between June 9 and 15, where Mr. Johnson has been transferred by Consumers Public Power district. They will move into a new home now being completed.

The Johnsons plan a sale of household goods on Saturday at 2 p.m. They have sold their residence, the former Brennan estate, to Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Gilderleeve.

Mr. Johnson's successor here will be Glenn Miller, of Columbus, veteran Consumers employee who formerly resided at Orchard.

### Visits Denver

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowler, of Atkinson, to Denver, Colo., on Tuesday May 27, where they planned to spend a week with friends and relatives. They returned Tuesday.

### Visits Parents

Mrs. J. C. Reynolds and children, of Twin Falls, Ida., came decoration day to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jansen, and other relatives.

## Northern Portion of Holt Welcomes Moisture

Rainfall netting 41 of an inch of moisture was welcomed during the early morning hours Wednesday by north-Holt county farmers. The rain was a boon to the farmers who had just replanted corn.

Prior to the rain many complaints were heard that corn was having a tough time breaking through the hard crusted soil.

The rain was accompanied by a severe electrical storm and was general over the O'Neill region. No serious damage was reported.

Viewing the Holt county agriculture picture in early June, one is confronted with a peculiar situation. In northern Holt there has been a need for rain to give peeping corn a boost, while in the south a good dry spell would do wonders.

"Where the corn has been planted in the territory north of the Elkhorn, the ground is dry and hard and the corn can barely break through," said Harry Ressel, of O'Neill.

The land south of the river is so wet that in many places replanting of corn has been necessary.

The Holt county ag agent, A. Neil Dawes, noted, "The bluegrass north of the river looks very promising. The grass has excellent vegetative growth. To the south the stands of bluegrass are thin and sparse."

People in the south county have also noticed an increase of undesirable grass which is crowding out the bluegrass. "It makes for greater tonnage but at the same time poorer hay," said Mr. Ressel.

In the small grain category, the wheat is noticeably better and there is more of it than there has been for many years. The rye is poor and there is very little to be found throughout the county.

On a trip from Grand Island recently, Lyle Dierks noticed an agricultural rarity, unique for this part of Nebraska. Mr. Dierks says that as he progressed northward he saw corn in all stages of development. "Some farmers were plowing the fields for planting, some were planting and replanting, others were cultivating, and when I reached Holt county I could hardly believe my eyes. I saw some of last year's corn being picked!"

It could not be picked last year because of high water and too much wetness, he said.

In many places the farmers are battling the elements with grim determination. After a day's work of replanting corn and a series of contests with the mud, which caused his tractor to bog down several times, Paul Harley, of Chambers, had this to say:

"If you don't plant any, you won't have any."

Trying to solve the corn growing problem is Henry Murray, who rigged up a homemade ell to aid the sprouting corn in breaking the hard surface of the ground. Mr. Murray said, "I hampered a lot of nails in a board so they stuck out the other side and dragged it over the ground. I don't know how much good it will do, but I'm hoping for the best."

Mr. Murray lives 12 miles northwest of O'Neill.

Axel Borg, who lives 18 miles north of O'Neill, said that the corn is slow on his farm, but wheat and oats look good. He started cutting alfalfa Saturday and expects a good crop.

One who has an optimistic outlook is Guy Johnson, whose farm is 25 miles northeast of O'Neill. Mr. Johnson has a good stand of wheat, oats and rye. "And the corn is just coming up," said Mr. Johnson. "I believe in planting my corn late, it comes up better."

Week's weather summary based on 24-hour periods ending at 5 p.m. daily follows:

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May 29	78	47	
May 30	75	49	.05
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June 1	76	42	
June 2	87	57	
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