

Test well on Neil Asher farm was going good until bit struck layer of granite at depth of 2,361 feet. - The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## Try for Oil Fails; Drillers Strike Rock

of similar efforts of other years.

Lloyd J. Twibell and associ-

ates, who hold oil leases over an

to find oil. But the try was

abortive at the Neil Asher farm,

At 4:30 a.m. Tuesday the ge-

ologists supervising the Russell,

tled the big derrick to the top.

A new, sharp bit was order-

ed into use. It penetrated the

rock about 22 feet but the res-

idue brought up was sheer

Finally, about 8 a.m., the

engineers signalled that the ma-

chine couldn't stand the gaff

much longer and the shortlived

Orchard and has had consider-

able training and experience in the geological field, and M. E.

Simonson of O'Neill, who has

been active in the movement,

stayed close to the well site

Twibell said instrument checks

throughout the long grind.

dicating there was a pocket.

"Mother Nature plays tricks."

imestone, which was penetrated

In recent years similar tests

south of Bassett encountered granite at 2,960 feet and at

Burwell at 2,600 feet. Contract

at the Asher farm called for

exploiting to 3,750 feet provid-

ed granite or some other ob-

Asher farm early last week. Drill-

The Stearns Drilling company

new to drillers: Only a small per-

centage .of their attempts ever

Promoters in the Burwell

bility of having another go for

"black gold" while the Stearns

parently the negotiation; were

rot getting beyond the talking

Investors in the Holt effort

learned the bad news Tuesday

without wincing. They realized

The legend there's plenty of

all along it was a long shot.

area were toying with the possi-

stacle wasn't encountered.

morning.

business.

low the granite layer.

Twibell, who farms north

try for oil was over.

granite-like shavings from a

41/2 miles northeast of Page.

No soap.

tombstone.

# Lee Roy Sammons,

### Burial Sunday at Chambers

AMELIA — Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September from the Methodist church in Amelia for Lee Roy Sammons, 48, who died early Friday, September 5, at his home near Amelia. Burial was in the Chambers

Rev. L. R. Hansberry officated and a vocal quartet, composed of Stanley Lambert, Leo T. Adams, Ernest Farrier and Ray Hoffman, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lela Corcoran, furnished

The late Mr. Sammons had suffered a lingering illness. He spent his entire life in the Amelia community.

In his youth he became a member of the Methodist church of Amelia, and in later years took great pride in helping to rebuild and beautify this church.

On July 28, 1926, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Alder-

son of Chambers, Survivors include: Widow Marjorie: daughter-Mrs. Marjorie Ann Robak of Endicott, N.Y.; son-William of Amelia; mother- Mrs. Mamie Sammons of Amelia: sisters- Mrs. Hazel Ott and Mrs. Bonnie Watson, both of Amelia; grandson--Lee Robak. Another grandson, James Andrew Robak, died September

His father, Duane Sammons,

died a few years ago. Pallbearers were: Arthur Doolittle, Peter Frahm, Harold Gilman, Lee Gilman, DeLance Withers, Elmer Oetter, Henry Traver and Raymond Wickham. Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Alderson of Tilden; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tibbetts of Omaha; Mrs. R. B. Blackmore of Pickstown, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pierce of Winner, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bligh of Valentine, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn.

### Pancake Day Work Teams Being Chosen

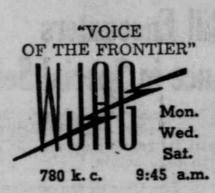
Plans are being advanced for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored pancake day to be held here Tuesday, September 30. Heading the committees in charge of arrangements are Melvin Ruzicka, Burl Munsell

and Marvin Johnson. Three tents will be erected on North Fourth street, near the Fourth and Douglas intersection. Serving of cakes and sausages will start about 1 p.m., and continue until 8:30 p.m., according to tentative plans. Chamber persennel will work in shifts to feed the hundreds of visitors expected that day.

CAR HITS AMBULANCE ATKINSON-A car driven by Mrs. Elisa M. Ganis of Gordon struck an ambulance driven by A. W. Hengstler of Creighton Friday at the corner where the city route joins U.S. highway 20 on the north side. Damage to the ambulance was negligible. Grill and radiator were damaged on the passenger car.

State Sen. Frank Nelson returned from Lincoln late Friday Lightning Strikes where he had been for 10 days participating in a special session of the Nebraska legislature. He was accompanied to O'Neill by Romaine Saunders, author of garage at the Clifford Wells place "Prairieland Talk," a Frontier Wednesday, September 3, while feature. Mr. Saunders visited they were at the Spencer fair. here until Monday.

Mr and Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh window. went to Lincoln for the weekend and attended the fair. They also Hilderhoff and family.





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## Miner First Korea War Fatality

O'Neill Man, 22, Dies in Far East Action; In Army 10 Months

Pyt. Donald Miner, 22. has been killed in action in Korea, the department of the army announced Tuesday.

Private Miner, who was inducted from Holt county November 1, 1951, by selective service, had resided in O'Neili about three years prior to being drafted. He worked two years as a driver for the O'Neill Transfer and later drove the O'Neill-to-Grand Island bus for nine months for United Motor Ways.

Private Miner was born November 3, 1929.

vember 3, 1929.
Survivors inleude: Widow, who resides in Grand Island; parents
—Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Miner of Ravenna; brother—Evert Miner of O'Neill; and several other

Grand Old Lady' at

brothers and sisters.

Details concerning his death have not been made known by the Far Eastern theater of opera-

### PAGE - A try for oil in the bowels of Holt county's rolling farm country has gone the way III 11 Months, Dies extensive area in the Page and

Orchard communities, made an Funeral Friday for late William Hull on October 7, earnest, sincere and costly effort Farm Woman

Mrs. John Valla, 68, wife of farmer residing south of O'Neill, Kans., drilling crew sounded the died at 2:30 a.m., Wednesday. bad word. After 31/2 days of September 10, after having been to do her own housework and around-the-clock drilling a rock | ill 18 months.

substance was encountered. The A rosary will be offered to giant bit, chewing into the rock, night (Thursday) at 8 o'clock and set up a terrific hammering, funeral services will be conductpounding and vibration that rated at 9 a.m., Friday, September 12, from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O' Sullivan, church pastor, will of ficiate and burial will be in Cal vary cemetery.

The rosary will be held at & p.m. at the Biglin Brothers Pallbearers chosen are Victor Halva, Cyril Peter, John Vitt,

Joseph Sobotka, Arch Densberger, all of O'Neill, and Ed Chudomelka of Inman. The late Mrs. Valla, whose maiden name was Mary Ther-

esa Matousek, was born September 28, 1883, at Braslav, Czechoslovakia, a daughter of Frank and Marie Porazil Ma-

She came to Holt county had indicated there was oil there. The risk, of course, was On October 30, 1904, in St whether the oil was above or be- Patrick's church here, she mar-A survey was made before the M. F. Cassidy performed the site was abandoned to determine marriage rite.

if an oil pocket might not have The Vallas became the parents Gov. Val Peterson's signature. been missed. But there was no of one daughter, Helen. such luck. At one point the wa-Survivors include: Widower ter lubrication (from a nearby John; daughter - Mrs. Helen water well) escaped rapidly, in- Winter of Lincoln; one granddaughter; half-sisters -Frances, Stella Turek of Ansley, Anna one of the engineers explained. Krull of Hemingford; half-broth-At a lesser depth the drilling ers-John, Frank and Raymond equipment encountered a layer of Matousek, all of Orland, Calif.

### "We knew we'd hit pay or C Bar M Grabs we didn't expect to find granite 2d Dakota Honors

The C Bar M Hereford ranch. located five miles south of O'Neill on U. S. highway 281. has added more laurels in the Hereford livestock competition. In the last week of August the having bee. C Bar M won grand champion Twibell's group was betting on honors in the Holt county fair acres as a neighborly deed for tables under the trees in the M. E. Simonson, John Schmitz, getting down 2,800 feet or more. at Chambers in open-class com- Mrs. Leise, widow of the late Sanders front yard. A half-dozen truckloads of drilling equipment arrived at the petition.

Last week at Huron, S.D., the C killed instantly on August Bar M grabbed reserve champion when struck by a bolt of lighting was begun in earnest Friday honors on a summer yearling ning while on a tractor in a bull bred and raised by the C field. prepared Wednesday afternoon in a strong field of contenders. ine Eppenbach. to move out. Abortions are not The C Bar M herd captured four firsts. six seconds and two thirds on 12 trips to the showing at hit pay. That's the nature of the Huron.

CB Baca Lad 14th, a summer yearling bull, appeared at Huron. won his class and became reserve champion of the entire show. This bull, calved May 20, 1951, rig was in the vicinity but ap- had appeared in the show ring only once before, having stood second in his class at a recent show in Douglas, Wyo.

Herdsman Art Engel was in charge of the C Bar M offering at Huron.

oil down there still persists. Get- Plan Observance ting it out remains the oroblem. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter and Mr. and Mrs. Clvde McKenzie, jr., plan to go to Lincoln on Friday to attend the silver wedding Clifford Wells' Garage anniversary celebration on Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard

LYNCH-Lightning struck the Matthews. The Mesdames Streeter and Matthews are sisters. CAR HITS CALF The bolt splintered several boards and shingles and broke the

ATKINSON- Francis D. Ratliff, 21, of Atkinson was driver of a car which struck a calf on Mr and Mrs. Gerald Hansen U.S. highway 20 east of Inman visited their daughter and son-in- left Tuesday morning on a two Friday about 1:30 a.m. The calf law. Mrs. Ed Hilderhoff and Mr. | weeks' vacation trip to Southern | was killed. The calf belonged to



This is a view of the new home of Leidy's, L-P Douglas, facing south, and will be landscaped. with tile front and is located near the corner of Frontier Photo.

LEIDY BUILDING NEARS FINISH . . . Seventh and Douglas streets. It is situated on gas and appliance firm, now nearing completion. Owner Ralph Leidy said this week moving into The 36x72-ft. building is of steel construction the new building is already underway. - The

## 'Grandma' Hull Has

97th Milestone

(Picture at right)
"Grandma" Sarah Hull, the
grand old lady of northeast Holt
county, celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary Saturday. There was the usual family dinner at noon, followed by picture taking and visiting. A five-generation group was represented. Mrs. Hull was born near

Boone, Ia., in 1855, married the 1876, and came to Holt county She has a host of descendants

in northeast Holt and each year her birthday anniversary celebration is a big event. She continues climbs the stairs several times daily. Mrs. Hull is hard of hearing but enjoys remarkably good health in view of her advanced

In discussing his mother's health one of the sons explained: "Mother's health is good-just good. But she's beginning to wear out."

The birthday party always is held at the home place. Three years ago her oldest son Elmer, and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and "Grandma" Hull, of course, was

### **Blanket Tax Refunds** May Be Claimed

islature in special session last that other committments prevent week approved a refund on 1951 him from taking part. Patrick's church here, she mar-ried Mr. Valla. The late Rt. Rev. cent nullified four-mill blanket gin with a banquet starting at tax law. The law became effec- 12:15 p.m. The banquet will be tive Friday, September 5 with served by a special community-

Persons in rural school districts in Holt county (except Emmet vil- promptly at 2 p.m. on a specially Amelia) must file a claim within grounds. like all other claims against the pital.

Mrs. Leise is the former Paul-



"Grandma" Hull . . . "health good but beginning to wear

## Bishop Will Dedicate New Hospital Here

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, dedication. archbishop of the Omaha diocese dollar St. Anthony's hospital here on Wednesday, September

also invited to participate in The Nebraska unicameral leg- the rite, has expressed his regret

wide committee. The dedication rite will begin

lage school and district 228 near erected stand on the hospital

27 teer crew were:

streets. Meanwhile, Gov. Val Peterson, This is in the general area ex- lied to help fight. tending from the St. Anthony's east of the O'Neill public school.

MAJORETTES TO NELIGH O'Neill high school band majorettes are planning to participate in the annual band clinic at 240 days from the date the law The balance of the afternoon Neligh on Monday, September 15. with the emergency clause went will be devoted to open-house Director Charles B. Houser said into effect. Claim must be filed and inspection of the new hos- Tuesday the eight majorettes houses and another small building

The men put up hay on 160 ladies served the meal on card T. J. Knoell. Vernie Johnson, Albert Marsh, Mr. Leise. Her husband was Among the men on the volun- Estel Thomas, Phil Allendorfer, Lyle Eppenbach, Dale Eppen-Rev. John Thomas of the bach, Laurence Dobrovolny, Church of Christ, Thomas Widt- Earl Storjohn, Ben Johring, feldt, Shorty Laird, Earl Strong, Lewis Storjohn, Don Johring,

Try FRONTIER WANT ADS!

### 35 Men at Haying Bee Thirty - five good neighbors | Neighborhood ladies gathered | George, Norris George, Louis gathered at the Harold S. Leise at the C. B. Sanders farm, ad- Bartos, James McNulty, Lloyd hayfields, 13 miles northeast of joining the Leise place, and Whaley, Kenneth Wrede, Merrit O'Neill, Friday for an all-day prepared a big dinner for the Pierson, Earl Eppenbaugh, Orhungry hay crew. Seventeen ville Eppenbaugh, Walter Young,

Melvin Johring, Harry Lans- Vern Wrede and C. B. Sanders. worth, Clyde Streeter, Lee



Emmet Slaight, R. L.

Volunteer workers take out time for lunch John Thomas, Carl Widtfeldt, Earl Eppenbach, . foreground (left-to-right): Emmet Slaight, Lee Blake, McKinley Simonson, Kenneth Wrede Lloyd Whaley, Earl Strong, Henry Laird, Orville and Louis Bartos.-The Frontier Photo. Eppenbach, Melvin Johring, Clyde Streeter,

### 3 Youths Hurt in 2-Car Accident

STUART—Three persons were injured in a two car collision three miles west of Stuart on

U.S. highway 20 late Saturday.
Injured were:
Shirley Vanderbeek, 16, who
suffered a head concussion. John Barnes, 17, who received a fractured wrist and broken

Donald Dickau, 14, who suffered the loss of three front teeth and lacerations.

All three were taken to the Atkinson Memorial hospital by Stuart Marshall Gene Gesierich. Vehicles driven by LaVern C Kramer, 18, and Robert Philbrick, 18, both of Stuart, were headed west. Kramer slowed

down to make a righthand turn. According to Patrolman Robert Gude, who investigated, Philbrick, driving behind Kramer, tried to slow down and follow Kramer, but Philbrick's ing for the socalled easterly car had defective brakes. When Philbrick realized he couldn't stop, he attempted to pass Kramer on the left, struck the left rear of Kramer's car and nose-dived into the ditch.

The three injured were all pas-sengers in the Philbrick machine. None in Kramer's car was

# 17 Haystacks Burn

Firemen Battle For at a point north of Spencer the 3 Hours

O'Neill and Atkinson firemen Monday battled a grass fire on the D. C. Schaffer property, three miles southwest of here, for three hours. Seventeen haystacks were destroyed and the fire swept across about 100 acres of grass-

The O'Neill firemen were summoned at 1:10 p.m. The blaze was caused possibly either by a trash fire or spontaneous combustion in a manure pile at the Tri-State farm, Fire Chief G. E. Miles said Fanned by a strong south and southwest wind, the flames threatened the Tri-State turkey at the invitational gathering and farm buildings and also the im- strongly sought O'Neill's support provements on the R. D. Yusten for the westerly route. Highway

Harlow Schwisow, who lives rearrby, plowed furrows to help

refilled with water. At one point, connect with highways 12, 20 The city council in session when only three stacks had been and 275. of the Roman Catholic church, Tuesday night authorized a purafire, the firefighters thought has accepted an invitation to chase agreement with Consum- they had the conflagration under Chamber meeting, it was pointed dedicate the new half-million ers Public Power district to in- control. But dry grass and the stall the "white way" type light- strong wind caused the blaze to already had signified their prefing system on Adams and Bent- break out anew. Many neigh- erence for the new 281 and this on streets from Second to Fifth bors, some from as far away as prompted the Chamber also to Emmet, saw the smoke and ral- take a stand.

'The fire spread in a "V" shape hospital grounds eastward to the from its point of origin. It Adams and Benton intersections stopped at the section line on the will be a federal highway and with Fifth street immediately north but extended across the 281 already is regarded as an inroad on the east. At this point it ternational highway. Number of light units going had traveled about a mile from

into the project is not determined. the point of origin.

Fire Chief Miles suffered minor burns when riding aboard the new truck being driven by Norbert Uhl. His hair and an eyebrow were singed and his left eye was injured.

A fire destroyed two chicken able at the county treasurer's ofwould be admitted to the hosfice.

Would be admitted to the hospital on Friday following the day, October 11.

Would be admitted to the hosday, October 11.

Started by the light plant motor easterly route.
housed in the small building near

The ideal, it

guish the fire.

Fire in Wash House Causes Damage -

morning badly damaged the 281. department.

Lightning Saturday afternoon struck and burned five stacks of hay southeast of town in the easy. It requires work." Charley Walters community.

to Meet Monday-The Friends of St. Mary's will-

Friends of SMA

hold their first meeting Monday, Septeber 15, at 7:30 p.m. in St. faculty and get your year book for the coming term," a spokesman said.

and light refreshments will be served.

Jacobson's Will Move to IOOF Building-Jacobson's electric appliance

store soon will move from 405 Douglas street to the mainfloor senger-mail train on the North of the Odd Fellows building. The IOOF building is being behind schedule reaching O'Neill remodeled and redecorated to Wednesday morning. The train is accommodate the Jacobson firm, due at 6:30 a.m., but arrived at which features Hotpoint, Gener- 9:30. Engine trouble was blamed al Electric and Maytag appli-

Black Hills, and have visited at afternoon. No damage was rethe home of his parents, Mr. and ported. Mrs. John Berger, and with other relatives. Mrs. Max Berger is nesday morning.

## C of C Ok's **West Route** for New 281

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Seven Cents.

O'Neill Civic Body Takes Stand on Disputed Highway

In quarterly session Tuesday noon the Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted w support the socalled westerly route in the future developments of U.S. highway 281.

For months Boyd county has been divided on the issue. Many eastern Boyd countyans (and some western) have been pushroute, the shortest distance between the new Niobrara river bridge (near Spencer dam) to the big Ft. Randall, S.D., dam,

Following a meeting at Bristow over two weeks ago, resolutions were forwarded to Gov. Val Peterson requesting the new U.S. highway 281 to veer east from the junction of highways 281 and 12, bend northward and skirt Bristow on the west, go northward through Gross and then slant northeast to the Ran-

in Monday Blaze Proponents of the western route want the new 281 to angle 281-12 along Ponca creek, join present rightofway of Nebraska 18 (running due north from Spencer to the South Dakota-Nebraska line). A half-mile inside Dakota the westerly route would connect with South Dakota highway 18, which runs mostly west and slightly south from Randall. Dakota highway 18 is a new road.

> At an informal meeting held last Thursday evening at the American Legion club, approximately 25 persons voted to recommend to the Chamber support of the westerly route.

Fourteen U.S. Highway 20 association delegates were present 20, they said, had a stake be y, plowed furrows to help crease of traffic entering Ne braska if traffic is routed east to Both O'Neill fire trucks re- Randall and then expected to sponded and twice had to be double back west and south to

Points brought up to support the westerly route were these: Only one north-south highway

The easterly route, while variously estimated from one to five miles shorter, is not as favorable for inducing traffic into Nebraska as the westerly

The westerly route, which will encourage Dakota west river have not been named. Mean- on the Fred Jansen farm, north commerce and Black Hills tourcounty in writing with the coun- Mother Bertrand, head of the while, the band has received an of Atkinson, Wednesday, Septem- ist traffic to use the Nebraska ty clerk before warrants can be Sisters of St. Francis hospital invitation to participate in the ber 3. The origin of the fire is highway system, can demand drawn. Printed forms are avail- staff said Wednesday patients annual band day exercises at the not known but it may have been hardsurfacing quicker than the

The ideal, it was pointed out, is to have both roads. But inas-The Atkinson firemen respond- much as hardsurfacing for 281 ed to the call and helped extin- has been bitterly yet unsuccessfully sought for so many years, the C of C sided with the Boyd county supporters of the westerly route and the U.S. highway CHAMBERS - A fire which 20 enthusiasts, who have pledged started in the wash house at the all-out unified support for hard-Glen Taylor residence Monday surfacing for the controversial

building and destroyed some of Chamber President William the equipment. The blaze was McIntosh said: "Even if all perbrought under control by the fire sons concerned agreed on a route, it wouldn't mean we're going to see a hardsurfaced road built right away. It isn't that

Robert E. Evans reported on a national U.S. highway 281 meeting held Sunday and Monday at Aberdeen, S.D., attended by Evans, Julius D. Cronin, President McIntosh and Paul Beha, representing the chamber. Six states were represented: North Mary's gymnasium. "Everyone is invited. Come and meet the Kansas Oklahoma and Texas Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Delegates reported 281 is hardsurfaced from Mexico City, Mex., man said.

A short program is planned to Greeley, Nebr. The principal stretch not yet hardsurfaced fies between Greeley and Redfield S.D. The conference went on record pressing for more hardsurfac-

> TRAIN IS TARDY The westbound mainline pas-Western railroad was three hours

O'Neill firemen were summoned to the Dalton residence, in the Mr. and Mrs. Max Berger have northeast section of O'Neill, to ust returned from a trip to the help fight a grass fire Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hemelthe former Miss Dorothy Rod- strand and family of Denver. gers of St. Louis, Mo. They left | Colo., departed Monday morning for their home in Omaha Wed- after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John Dalton.