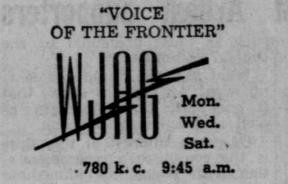
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Engineer Burdick Answers Questions in Informal Session

A variety of cold statistics in the comparisons between irrigated and dry land farming were pointed out to a group of Holt countyans Monday night in a meeting held here. The session, held in the base-

ment of the courthouse' annex, was labeled as an informational public meeting.

Area Reclamation Engineer Clyde Burdick of Ainsworth aptly fielded a barrage of questions, mostly from persons in the audience who are in support of the move.

Burdick's fingertip answers, as well as comments from officials of the Niobrara Basin Development association, left little doubt in anyone's mind that: 1. With reasonable support

on the part of the basin residents a development of the Niobrara

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Information Unwanted Meters Leave City



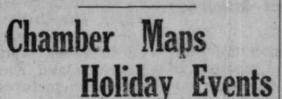
Frightened Child Dislocates Jaw

Bruce Ann McKamy, 2¹/₂-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McKamy, suffered a dislocated jaw last Thursday afternoon. Bruce Ann was visiting an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sherer, on a farm near

Orchard when she was frightened by either the bellow of a cow or a rooster jumping at her, causing her to scream, dislocating her jaw. The exact source of fright is not definite. She could not close her mouth and five hours later was taken to an O'Neill doctor, who had to reset the jaw three

times before it would stay in position. It was then taped in place.

She is recovering without any other effects.



however, will not be open.

and Mrs. Georgia Rasley.

in charge of arrangements.

in the history of the city.

Saturday, December 20,

Legal Battle Brews, Game Is Called Off; Machines Shipped

O'Neill has just experienced a shortlived relationship (if you can call it that) with parking neters.

The mechanized money swal-lowers were loaded onto a truck which trundled out of town late Monday. And two law suits on the docket at the courthouse are soon to be withdrawn by mutual agreement or simply die a natural death.

Feeling in the city was mixed as finis was written on the meter story-one of those chapters. of modern living that come along once in awhile to break the routine in small city civic life.

There were those who were a bit enthusiastic with triumph following five days of sparring and melodrama. Included in this group were sincere people who thought there was no room or need for the machines here.

On the other hand, there was a well-meaning handful who died hard when the meter



Mother of 11 Came friends could greet her and extend birthday wishes.

to Holt in '09

widow of the late Henry Way- her parents in 1866. In 1880 they man, died about 5 p. m., last came to Holt county in covered Thursday, November 20, in St. wagons. Anthony's hospital here where she had been a patient. The late to Joseph Axtell in 1887 and Mrs. Wayman had been in fail- they made their home in the ing health since last August South Side neighborhood on the when she suffered a light stroke. Niobrara river where they ex-Death was attributed to a perienced drouths, blizzards, heart ailment and climaxed 10 prairie fires and all the pioneer days of serious illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Saturday, November 22, from the Methodist church here with Rev. Wallace B. Smith, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under direction of Biglin Brothers.

The pallbearers were five grandsons — Floyd Hershiser, Francis Hershiser, Ralph Wayman, Ivan Wayman and Walter Schmer, and one grandson by marriage, Bennett Heriford.

The late Alvina Sophia Kloepper was born in Gage county, county. Nebraska, April 4, 1874, a dauguter of Henry and Elizabeth Backy Kloepper.

On February 25, 1892, in Gage county she married Hen-ry J. Wayman. The Waymans farmed for many years 21/2 miles west of O'Neill, where Mrs. Wayman made her home until her fatal illness.

They became the parents of six sons and five daughters. Mr. Wayman died six years ago. Survivors include: Sons-Ed-Boulder, Colo.; daughters-Mrs. center over eastern Oklahoma John (Elizabeth) Nickel of O'-Neill; Mrs. William (Alma) from the Gulf of Mexico into Schmohr of Emmet; Mrs. Clyde cold air moving in from Canada. (Jennie) Hershiser of O'Neill; Miss Linda of O'Neill, and Mrs. Kenneth (Anna) Ellingston of O'Neill; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

3 Registered Stock Sales on Calendar Three registered livestock sales are listed on The Frontier's auction calendar. In addition two ranch closeouts are booked. Schedule: Wednesday, December 10:

George Atkinson & Son, 41/2 low as 15 early Wednesday. miles west of Chambers, farm From two- to three-inches of prove the point even with adcloseout sale; 43 head of cattle snow had fallen here until 6 verse figures. including 10 registered Here- p.m. Precipitation for the past Harry Thorley, Ainsworth chinery; some household goods; of an inch.

is within grasp. Miss Alice Butterfield was 2. Comparisons between irriborn in St. Lawrence county, gated farming and dryland farm-Mrs. Alvina S. Wayman, 78, N.Y., and moved to Iowa with ing in Nebraska weigh heavily in favor of irrigation. Mr. Burdick offered these bureau statistics based on the 20-Miss Butterfield was married year span between 1925-'45:

afternoon in order that her many

Corn, bu. per acre__18-20 50 Small grain, bu. per hardships.

First Snow Comes

Tuesday.

Alfalfa, tons per acre 1-11/2 3-8 Mrs. Axtell has seen Holt Potatoes, bu. per acre county develop from a treeless, Sugar beets, tons per fenceless prairie to a land of acre well-improved farms and ranches with many trees. The ox teams Burdick explained, as he has

acre

she drove have been replaced by numerous times before, that Holt cars and trucks and the candlehas approximately 66-thousand light has given way to electricity in towns and on farms.

vanced age of this woman who eau figures down through the will receive their friends at their was told, back in 1866, that she years show 18 to 20 inches aver- home between 2 and 5 o'clock should go West for her health. She does much of her own housekeeping. Mrs. Axtell is believed to be

the oldest person living in Holt ings called in the basin by Gov.

she and her daughter have lived ber 16. in Stuart for the past 36 years.

If there is enthusiastic support from the majority of the residents at these hearings, irrigation districts will be formed. The reclamation bureau's in Blizzard Form reports and recommendations, if all goes smoothly, will go to the next congress for appropriations.

The first real snowstorm of the season was borne into north-Nebraska and the O'Neill region

work will be needed to ready the est in the basin.

He estimates the ratio between benefits and costs at O'Neill will be \$1.04 to \$1.00. At Lavaca flats, Strong winds up to 30 and 35- for example, a much smaller miles - per - hour caused some project requiring only about a remained open. project requiring only about a year to complete, the estimated

drifting. Highways, however, ratio is 3.54 to 1.00 At Ainsworth, a three-year proposition, the ra-tio is 1.94 to 1.00.

Costs on the above figures. Burdick said, are based on prices of construction, materials and labor in January, 1952, while the benefits are calculated on per The mercury hovered around acre dollar production between 1939 and 1944. While the ratio 20 to 25 degrees most of Tuesday, in each instance justifies irriga-By 8 p.m., it had dropped to i8 tion, the standards are not curand was expected to reach as rent. The 1939-'44 prices were used purposely, Burdick said, to

large for the basin group, em-

Game of Pool Follows Wedding

my engineers in Korea from April, 1951, until Frontier Photo. last month, laying fuel pipe lines. The bride and

Cpl. Donald Snowardt of O'Neill and his bridegroom are shown enjoying refreshments

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George Whitney of Ainsworth, be and her daughter have lived Val Peterson will be held at O'-who was a member of the wed-ding party that November day in 1902, expects to be here for

Both Mr. Gillespie, 77, and his wife, 75, enjoy "good health." Miss Bertha Fawkes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fawkes, and Lloyd G. Gillespie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gillespie, were married by Rev. Amos Fetzer, Methodist pastor, at O'Neill. Mr. Whitney and Mr.

and one-half to four years of were attendants.

ward, Ben, Roy, Harvey and Harry, all of O'Neill; Clarence of Harry, all of O'Neill; Clarence of storm was caused by a storm the O'Neill area being the larg-2, 1877. She was reared and ed-moved the family to Oak creek

ters were Mabel and Florence.

The Fawkes family resided

Mr. Gillespie was born April 10, 1875, near Canton, S.D., and those days Paddock near the fords; complete line ranch ma- seven days has amounted to .01 banker-rancher and director-at- Niobrara river was the county-

bride, the former Clarabelle Fultz of Norfolk, (left) and the bride takes careful aim with her whiled away a few hours Friday in Matt's bil- cue (right). Corporal Snowardt said he often longliard parlor following their marriage. Corporal ed for a "good old game of pool back home" Snowardt operated a crane and cat with the ar- while overseas. (Wedding story on page 5.)-The

Gillespies Planning Open-House

Sunday, November 30, will be acres of class A and B irrigable the golden wedding date for land, possibly more if "fringe Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Gillespie, Her activities belie the ad- areas" are figured. Weather bur- well-known O'Neill couple. They

Sunday's celebration.

Burdick estimates that three Gillespie's sister, Miss Maude,

Tne bride was born at Maro, served as county superintendent,

ucated in Illinois, coming to locality, about 20 miles north of Holt county at the age of 20—in O'Neill. There the head of the 1897 — with her parents, four family farmed 160 acres of land brothers and two sisters. Her and served as postmaster at Sarbrothers were Walter, Herbert, atoga. In 1885 he was elected Raymond and Bud and her sis- Holt county judge. The follow-

for a short time on the farm 41/2 miles north of O'Neill now owned by Frank Burival. Following the drowning of the eldest son, Walter, they aban+ doned the farm for lack of help. The family moved to Sioux City, later to Portland, Ore., but young Bertha remained.



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Gillespie . . . O'Neill their home over half-century .- The Frontier Photo.

> dwellings in the northwest section of town. In 1917 they purfrom Romaine Saunders.

Their eldest child, Eleanor, died in 1928. They have one son, W. Bennett of O'Neill, and one daughter, Mrs. Eldon R. (Marjory) Wood of Alhambra, Calif. There are three grandchildren Noffkes Will Observe

which stood where now the post- | and one great-grandchild. The Gillespies are hoping all The elder Mr. Gillespie was their living descendants will be

born in Ohio; his wife in New with them on Sunday. Mrs. Gillespie's sister, Mrs. Mabel Davies of Portland,

Lloyd's brothers were Harry arrived a fortnight ago to be on and Frank; his sisters were Maude, Ruth, Sue and Letti. During the first six months of their married life Lloyd and his

bride resided with the elder Gillespies. Later they took up housekeeping on the second floor

During the ensuing few seat. His father successively years they lived in several

swan song was sounded. The Window Unveiling courageously thought meters were a solution to the city's Friday Night growing parking problem

Here's a chronology of the The Chamber of Commerce meter story: On January 9, 1951, the city has arranged a busy schedule of council instructed Mayor J. events for the yule season ahead. Davis and City Attorney Wil-The annual citywide unveiling of store windows is scheduled liam W. Griffin to enter into an

for 8 p.m. on Friday, November agreement with the Duncan 28. This is an annual feature that | Parking Meter corporation of Illattracts widespread interest in inois for "150 meters, more-orthe business district. Stores, less" to be placed into service. within "30 to 60 days" on the streets of O'Neill.

The committee in charge of The meters were to cost in arrangements for the unveilthe neighborhood of \$69.50 ing event includes James W. each. One-half of the take was Rooney, Mrs. Winnie Barger to go to the city: the other half to Duncan until the meters. were paid for. In other words, Saturday, December 6, has the city "bought" on a leasebeen designated as the second rental - purchase arrangement annual turkey day in O'Neill. Four trucks will move out si-

about 10 - thousand dollars worth of meters.

multaneously at 4:15 p.m. from the corner of Fourth and Doug-A band of citizens, some mifflas streets. Tickets will be dised by the prospect of meters and tributed to spectators and holdothers unhappy because the con-tract was signed without warners of lucky tickets will receive free fowl. A. P. Jaszkowiak is ing and without giving the people a voice, promptly took the will be the date for Santa's annual matter into court. Sumner Down-

ey et al petitioned the Holt O'Neill visit. He'll arrive as uscounty district court for a tempual by plane, ride into the city orary injunction against the meaboard a fire truck, and distribute fruit and candy to young admirers at the O'Neill public ter firm. This was granted by District Judge D. R. Mounts,

admirers at the O'Neill public school, starting at 2 p.m. John R. Gallagher will help arrange for Santa's appearance. Chamber President William W. McIntosh said Tuesday that W. McIntosh said Tuesday that

Uhl was an outspoken oppo-O'Neill stores are brimful with yule merchandise, foretelling nent of the meter plan from the outset. In April of that sameone of the biggest retail seasons year several board members retired and new members came on the board. The reorganized board on May 1, 1951, voted 3-2 to "cancel, rescind and annul" the **Retired Blacksmith**,

pact with the Duncan firm.

Wife Wed 50 Years Meanwhile, the meters and in the city and were placed in storage by the city. Months passed.

Quiet Anniversary

EWING-Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noffke, sr., quietly will observe their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, No-

vember 30. No celebration is hand for the celebration. Mr. planned because Mr. Noffke is Gillespie's sister, Sue (now Mrs. George Whitney of Ainsworth), also will be here. Expected Wed-"not well." Mr. and Mrs. Noffke were married in Germany and came nesday were Mr. and Mrs. Eldto America with their 8-year-old son, Herman, in 1904. They set-

on R. Wood of Alhambra and possibly their daughter, Mrs. Paul Robinson, and husband and tled in the Clearwater vicinity. daughter. Mr. Robinson is in the The family engaged in farming for one year, then moved to

navy. They have one child. (Continued on page 5)

Ore.,

Early last summer an informal meeting of business and professional men at the American Legion auditorium produced a 33-14 vote against the meters. The verdict was offered as guidance for the council.

In September, this year, the Downey petition was dismissed by the court.

Early last week the Lions club posted a petition with the mayor urging acceptance of the meters. A. E. Bowen was an outspoken supporter of the meter movement.

The Chamber of Commerce, meanwhile, remained neutral on Clearwater where Mr. Noffke the matter. But feelings were mixed.

On Wednesday, November

drill on Douglas street, punch-

ing holes in the sidewalks, set-

up reverberations that were-

heard from Chicago to the

Rocky mountains. As the holes,

went down tempers flared up.

Coffee hurriedly filled the

lice court here was last Thurs-.

ing year he moved his family to O'Neill, residing in a house office is located. York.

his parents settled in Holt coun- of the Campbell Implement when he was 2-years-old. In store.

Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auction-eer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. Consumers Publuic Power re-ported disturbances about 7:45 stabilize the feeding problems in Friday, December 12: Niobrara p.m. south and east of here this region, pointing out that Valley Hereford Breeders asso- where more snow was falling. farmers and ranchers frequently ciation show and sale, Butte Livestock Market; 35 bulls and line trouble. A 4¹/₂-minute pow-tions to ship in supplemental six females; W. G. Sire, Butte, er interruption occurred shortly feed.

Trains and busses were run-ning behind schedule except for the O'Neill-to-Norfolk bus

due out of here Tuesday after-noon at 5 o'clock. That bus

was held up pending a break in the weather.

secretary - manager. (Catalogs afterward. published by The Frontier now The Deloit community receivavailable through Mr. Sire.) Saturday, December 13: Will week - the first in more than Sitz, Burwell, registered Aber- two months.

lots, Atkinson Livestock Market. 24-hour periods ending at 5 p.m. (Catalogs being published by daily follows: The Frontier.)

Wednesday, December 17: Wayne Standage ranch closeout; 2 miles southeast of Amelia: 85 head of cattle, including registered bull; complete line of ranch machinery, household goods, fram dwelling; Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk.

Monday, December 22: Fritz Bros. and Kenneth R. Meier, both of Niobrara, annual registered Hereford production sale, 52 lots, males and females, Norfolk Livestock Sales Pavilion. (Catalogs being published by The Frontier.)

DIES OF WOUND

NELIGH-The accidental dis- Mary Lou Foreman. charge of a gun has cost the life The attendants to the king and Clareton, Wyo. of 4-year-old Dennis Joseph queen were Marlene Waring and Gene Krause of Elgin. The acci- ger, and George Kilcoin, juniors; formerly lived at Wayne. dent occured Sunday and the boy Dwaine Alton and Sharon Handied Monday in Antelope Me- cock, sophomores, and Marilyn morial hospital, Neligh.

Mrs. Richard Kazda and baby were guests from Thursday, No- held in the new recreation room. vember 2, until Sunday at the Archie Bright home. The Frontier for printing!

"After irrigation arrives we'll have all the supplement we ed over an inch of moisture last need right here in the valley," he declared, "I think ranchers up-and-down the valley should deen-Angus production sale, 49 | Weather summary based on have more enthusiasm than they have-if only for roughage reasons." Hi Lo

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Hull, Foreman

'Victory' Royalty

A victory ball was held in the O'Neill public school in the new recreation room Tuesday evening, sponsored by the Eagle Cadettes, O'Neill's pep club. Crowned king of football was

Carroll and Russel Borg, fresh-This is the first dance to be

THE FRONTIER IS EARLY

Verne Lindholm of Ainsworth president of the association, also was present and spoke. Lindholm recently was elected to succeed E. R. House of Ainsworth, veteran Niobrara development enthusiast who has been

ill. Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, James W. Rooney of O'Neill, John Dick of O'Neill and Walter Ries of Atkinson are members of the board of directors.

Former Residents of Page 'Strike Oil'-

PAGE - Relatives here have received word that on oil well Gaylen Hull, Queen Victory was has come into production on the Lloyd Bergstrom property at

It has a daily output of 100 Krause, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis, seniors; Carol Se- barrels. Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom

This issue of The Frontier went to press 24 hours ahead of schedule in order that most mail patrons would receive their copy before-instead of after-Thanksgiving.

AGT GOO

opened a blacksmith shop, a trade he learned in his native Germany. 19, the rattle of a pneumatic-

In 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Noffke, sr., and their family moved to Ewing which has been their home since.

Mr. Noffke continued in the blacksmith work and in later years was assisted by his son, Frank, jr. This partnership was dissolved in 1946 when the elder Coffee, Duncan engineer and Mr. Noffke retired because of ill head of the hole - digging and health. His son, Frank, has con- meter-erecting detail, into citytinued to serve the Ewing com- police court on charges of demunity in the shop which his fa- facing sidewalks and creating ther founded.

Cronin of Pierre S.D.

PURCHASES DRUG STORE

Bertolini had graduated in June from Creighton university school of pharmacy. Mrs. Bertolini's original home was at Tecumseh. Bennett Gilligan said Tuesday he would name a successor soon.

CAR BURNS

releasing gas on the exhaust.

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Truckers Roy Johnson (left) and Bob Davidson . . , start meters on way to Arkansas. -Frontier Photo.

S. Bertolini, a pharmacist at Gilligan's Rexall store here since July, has purchased the McPher- a novel way in the event the city son pharmacy at West Point and will take possession December 1. cept the contract made by O'Neill from Omaha where Mr.

Firemen were summoned Sat- Island, buzzed into town in an urday evening to extinguish an airplane.

A private citizen hailed Mr. obstructions. Police Judge H. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Noffke have six Tomlinson ordered Mr. Coffee living children-Herman of Su- and his party to desist. perior, Carl of Albion, Mrs. Amelia Owens of Norfolk, Frank, newly-created holes with sand jr., of Ewing, Harold of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Margaret lest some petite ankle meet with a mishap and a law suit of a dif-

ferent sort rear its head. The po-day at 2 p.m.

That evening the city council voted 5-0 to meet the "crisis" in found itself legally bound to acadopted to space the meters in every fifth parking stall in 11. blocks instead of in every stall in. two blocks, as was orally agreed back in January, 1951. Bright and early Friday morn-

automobile fire one block east In the absence of Judge of the Burlington depot. A gaso- Mounts they filed a petition with line sediment bowl had broken, County Judge Louis W. Reimer,

ng M. Zelen of Lincoln, Duncan salesman who carried out the original liaison, and an attorney, larry Grumminger of Grand