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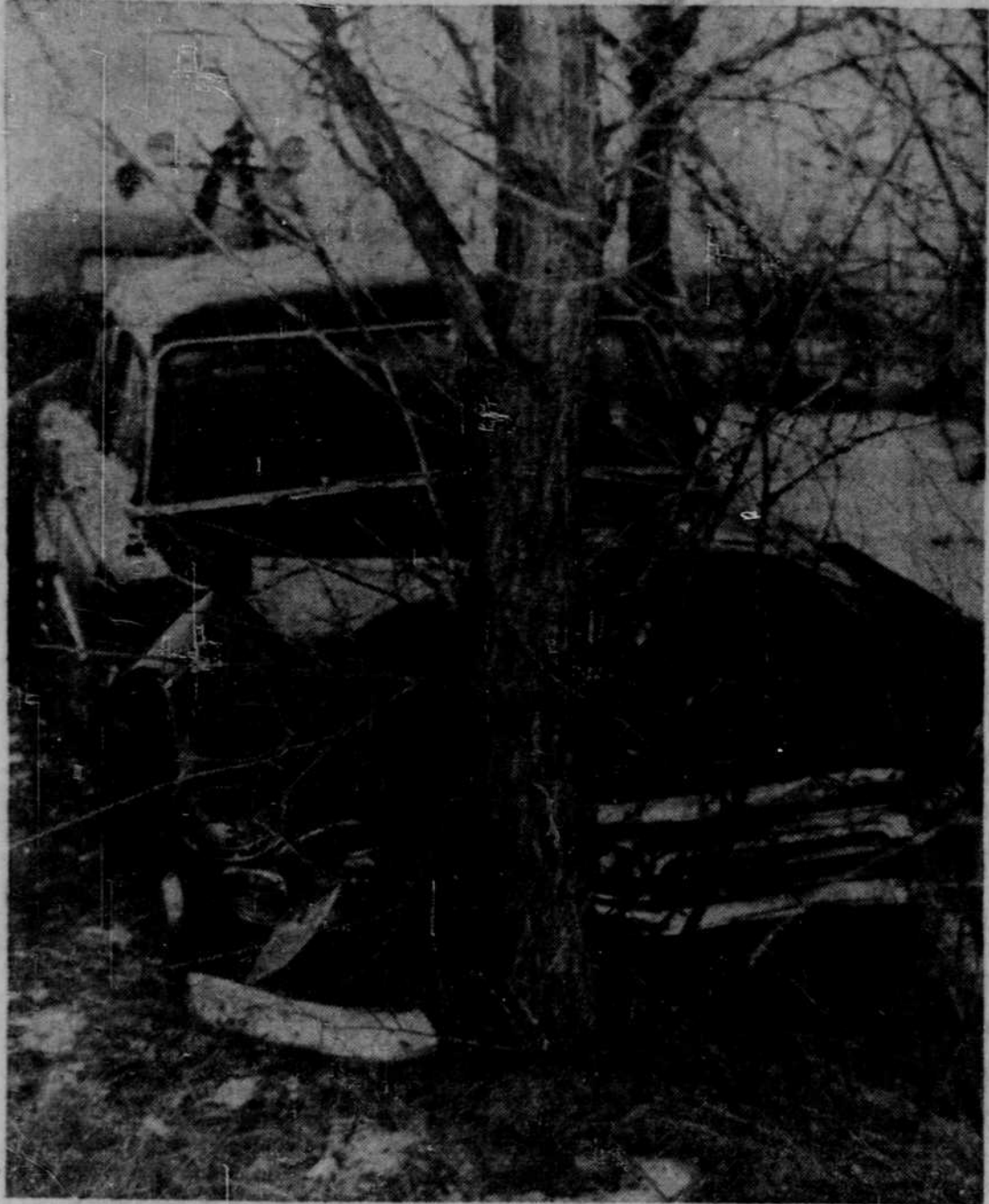
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Mows Small Trees, Finally Stops

This westbound auto driven by Ray Lienhart left the U.S. highways 20-275 roadbed five miles east of here late Thursday night, mowed down a half-dozen smaller trees in a shelter-belt and finally came to a stop when confronted with a man-sized tree (above). The car travelled about two hundred feet on an angle into the shelter-belt before coming to a stop. The Lienhart machine was struck from behind by a westbound-1953 model car driven by James Earley and owned by Charles Fox, jr. No one was hurt.—The Frontier Photo.

Angus Sale Here Hits \$25,000

Sharp Price Decline Noted in Sale of 53 Bulls, 36 Females

A sharp decline in prices was evident in Tuesday's annual spring sale sponsored by the Holt County Aberdeen Angus Breeders' association. The traditional sale was held at the O'Neill Livestock Market with 53 bulls and 36 females being offered.

Twenty-four animals went to South Dakota buyers, who have been purchasing in increasing quantities from Holt breeders.

The sale grossed \$25,040. The 10 top bulls in the offering averaged \$557. The bulls grossed \$18,710, averaging \$353, and 31 cows grossed \$6,580, averaging \$212. Five 4-H or FFA heifers brought \$750 or an average of \$150 each.

Grand champion honors in the show went to a partnership bull, Steel Creek Bandolier 94th, entered by Glen Lorenz and Ray Siders. The buyer was Ben Vonasek of Star and the purchase price was \$600.

Fora L. Knight showed the reserve champion bull, Bandolier of Star 6th, sold to Dale Peterson of Bonesteel, S.D., for \$500. Boyd Ressel exhibited the grand champion female, a cow. Purchaser of Bandolier Barbara was Marvin Lau of Delmont, S.D., and the purchase price was \$200.

Fora L. Knight's reserve champion female, Bando's Quality Good Kai 2d, a 4-H or FFA entry, went to Ivan Lau, also of Delmont, for \$165.

Charles Reece, jr., of Simeon, veteran Angus breeder, was judge of the show.

The top selling bull in Tuesday's sale was Erica's Bandolier 5th, consigned by E. L. Miner and Son, Frank Beelaert of Page paid \$800. Top selling cow was Bandolier's Barbara 15th, entered by Boyd Ressel, and purchased by R. L. Lapsley of Carter, S.D.

Mr. Lapsley bought 10 head out of the entire offering—the largest single purchaser. A large crowd was on hand for both the show and sale.

On the eve of the event the annual Angus banquet was held at the American Legion auditorium. James W. Rooney of O'Neill was toastmaster. Ray Siders of Inman, president of the Holt Angus group, made a few remarks followed with response by Claire McVay of O'Neill, president of the Nebraska Hereford Breeders' association.

McVay stated that the livestock industry should embark on an extensive "eat meat" advertising campaign. The advertising should be conducted on a grand scale in a high-type, organized manner. He predicted such a campaign would help stabilize livestock prices.

Marvel Baker of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture was principal speaker.

Following the show the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce cup was awarded to Mr. Lorenz for the grand champion entry. The cup must be won three years in a row to retain permanent possession. Mr. Lorenz also will receive The Frontier's trophy for the best three bulls exhibited.

The John Deere entertainment will take place at the Legion on Friday, February 20, starting with a free lunch at noon. The program will start at 1:30 p.m.

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Dual-Murder Suspect Once Owned .32 Pistol

Hereford Breeders' Sale February 11

61 Lots Are Entered; Farms to Sell

The annual spring sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association is next on the registered livestock auction agenda. Sixty-one head will be offered at the O'Neill Livestock Market next Wednesday.

The show, which will be judged by Wilford Scott of Chadron, will begin at 10 a.m. and the sale will commence at 1:30 p.m.

Consignors include: Glen R. Ballagh of Amelia, C. Bar M. Hereford ranch of O'Neill, Clarence Ernst of O'Neill, Ralph L. Ernst of Miltonvale, Kans., Forrest Farrand of O'Neill, Ray Hoffman of Chambers, Emil Klabenes of Ewing, Edward Kruman and son of O'Neill, Harold Melcher of Page, Art O'Neill and sons of O'Neill, S. R. Robertson of O'Neill, George Rowse and sons of Chambers, M. L. Sageser and sons of Amelia, Marvin Synner of Page, H. A. and R. E. Van Horn of Page, Whitaker and Whitaker of Chambers, Elven White and son of Stuart, and Henry Wood of Ewing.

James W. Rooney of O'Neill is sale manager.

Meanwhile, the Oak View ranch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul McBride of Middlebranch, will be offered at auction on Tuesday, February 10.

The ranch is located 17 miles east, 4 miles north and 1 mile west of O'Neill, or 4 1/2 miles north and 1 mile west of Venus. Also to be sold are 150 head of high-grade Hereford cattle. Col. Ed Thorin and William Bowker are auctioneers and brokers. (Details on page 8.)

Mrs. Walter Spangler, whose husband died last week, has scheduled an auction of her 160-acre farm and machinery on Friday, February 13. The place is located 2 1/4 miles north, 5 miles west and 2 1/4 miles north of O'Neill. (Details on page 9). Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill is auctioneer.

Carl Max of Page has scheduled a sale of livestock and farm machinery on Wednesday, February 18. (Details in next issue.)

11 Get Orders for Physical Exams

Eleven Holt county selective service registrants departed from O'Neill Wednesday morning for induction.

Meanwhile, 11 more registrants have been ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations Tuesday, February 10.

They are: John W. Lamason of Page; Raymond H. Sobotka of Inman; Bill J. Timmermans, James R. Hytrek and Kenneth J. Milnar, all of Stuart; Maxie D. Angus of Ewing; Franklin J. Malena of Amelia; Vernon L. Barry of Atkinson; James D. Langan of Spencer; Donald R. Godel and John C. O'Neill, both of O'Neill.

New Chevrolet Dealer Signed

ATKINSON—R. M. Knowles, better known as "Dick" Knowles, soon will open a new Chevrolet auto dealership in Atkinson. The firm will be known as the Knowles Chevrolet company.

Mr. Knowles says he expects to be ready for a grand opening in early February.

Special to The Frontier

OMAHA—It was learned late Wednesday that Nick F. Johnson, 33, suspected of murdering an elderly Omaha physician and his wife, once owned a .32-caliber pistol.

He had three firearms registered and two .22-caliber pistols were in his possession when he was arrested Tuesday at North Platte. The third registered in his name, but not located, was a .32.

Inspector Harry Green of the Omaha police department told The Frontier that Johnson will be questioned thoroughly in connection with the unsolved murder of O'Neill's Police Chief Chet Calkins, which took place in the early morning hours on March 7, 1952. Calkins was killed by an assailant who emptied a .32-caliber pistol into the chief's body on a sidewalk in O'Neill.

Green had taken a personal interest in the Calkins case and said he had assured Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack he would question Johnson about the O'Neill murder.

Johnson was taken from North Platte to Omaha early Wednesday. He continued polite and untroubled even after hours of questioning.

Omaha police plan to conduct a ballistics test on the two .22-caliber pistols, one a revolver and the other an automatic, found in Johnson's possession.

About 10:30 o'clock Monday evening an intruder went into the Omaha home of Dr. Bryon W. Hall, 75, and his 87-year-old wife.

He riddled Doctor Hall's body with bullets then went into a bedroom and similarly killed Mrs. Hall, who was hard of hearing but was disturbed by the volley of shots in the adjoining room that killed her husband.

The murderer then toured the house but overlooked Mrs. Minnie Peterson, housekeeper, who hid behind a door.

Mrs. Peterson said the intruder fired another shot into Doctor Hall's body as the gunman left the house.

Johnson was arrested by state patrolmen in North Platte while driving Doctor Hall's car, which had been reported missing.

Johnson was discharged from the navy for "nervousness" and told authorities a rambling tale of wanderings "to get away from prying people."

He was served with a first degree murder warrant Tuesday night at North Platte in connection with the Hall shootings.

Johnson has steadfastly denied any connection with the double-slaying and told officers the car he was driving had been "given" him in Sioux City.

Extensive Loss in Creighton Fire

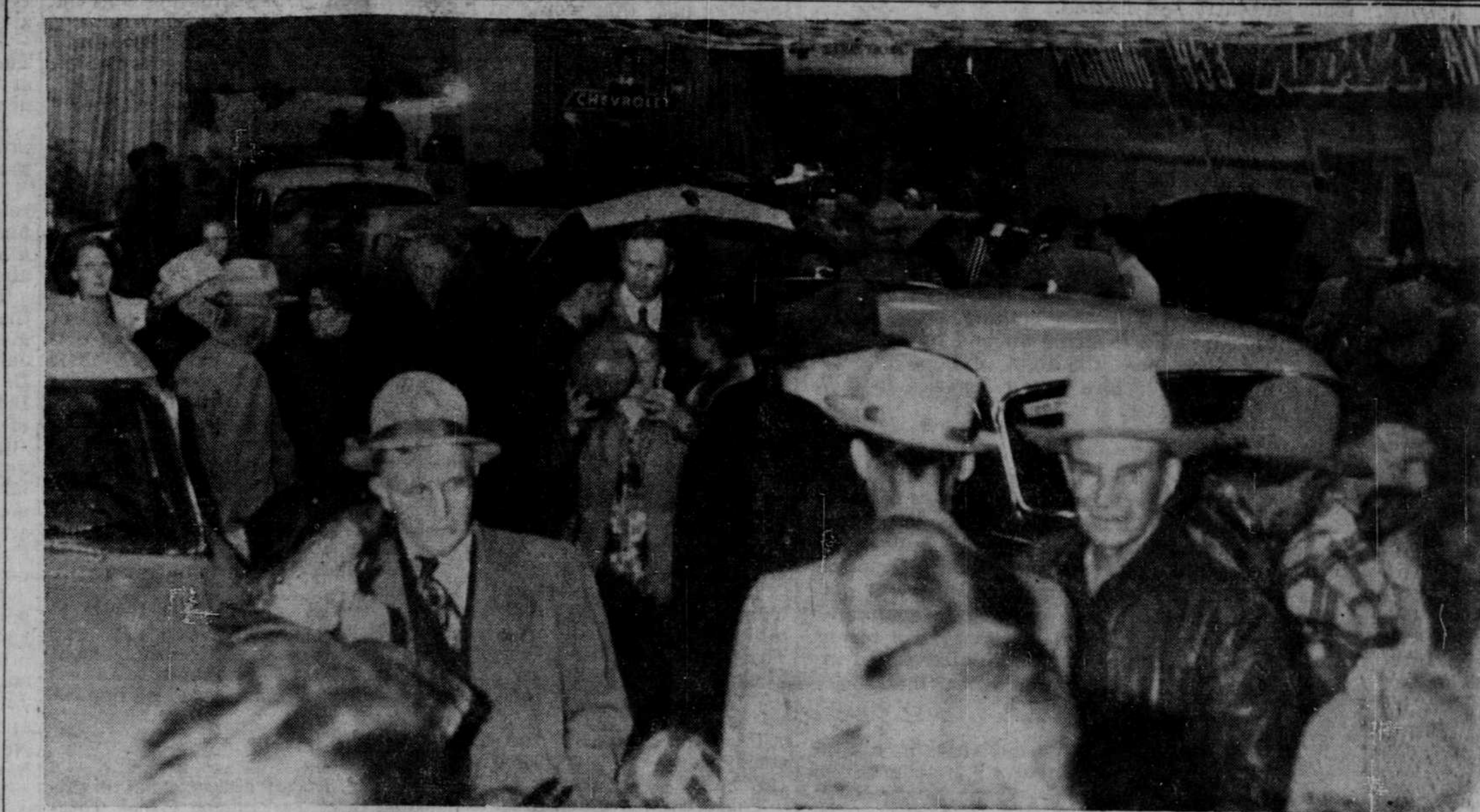
The Leo Finn Hardware store building and contents were destroyed by fire on Tuesday at Creighton.

Damage was also listed for the new Dohmen building, housing a bowling alley in its basement, all of Stuart; Maxie D. Angus of Ewing; Franklin J. Malena of Amelia; Vernon L. Barry of Atkinson; James D. Langan of Spencer; Donald R. Godel and John C. O'Neill, both of O'Neill.

Both the Plainview and Winnetoon fire departments aided the Creighton force in preventing spread of the blaze.

No estimate of the amount of loss was known Wednesday because owners of the store live at Wichita, Kans.

Employees declined to estimate the damage.



View of the first annual auto show . . . cars were "perfectly groomed."—The Frontier Photo.

Fall on Ice Proves Fatal

Man, 70, Unconscious 6 Days

EWING—A fall on the ice on Sunday, January 26, was blamed for the death of Frank Belmar, sr., 70, retired Chicago & North Western railroad section foreman. He died Saturday in Antelope Memorial hospital, Neligh, having failed to regain consciousness following the injuries.

The fall was originally thought fatal. A physician ordered Mr. Belmar taken to the hospital where he lay in critical condition for six days. He suffered a brain concussion and skull fracture.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 3, at the Christian church in Clearwater. Burial was made in the Stanton cemetery.

The late Mr. Belmar and his family resided at Ewing for several years while employed by the railroad. Upon his retirement in 1945, the Belmars moved to Clearwater.

Mr. Belmar was born at Neligh but spent much of his life in the Clearwater vicinity.

Survivors include: Widow (second wife); sons—Ralph of Wisner; Frank, jr., of Page; Mick of Iowa; daughter—Mrs. Ruth Matthews of Stanton.

The three sons and one daughter are children of Mr. Belmar's first wife.

Swimming Pool Petition Passed

6 Organizations Back Movement

A petition was being circulated Wednesday and being signed by O'Neill taxpayers and freeholders asking the city council to consider a 40-thousand-dollar bond issue for swimming pool purposes.

The movement has the backing of six organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Lions club, Simonson post of the American Legion, Simonson unit of the American Legion auxiliary, Friends of St. Mary's and Parent-Teachers association.

By statute law cities of the O'Neill class can bond only up to 40-thousand-dollars for park purposes.

James Thorburn, Norfolk engineer, estimates that a 40x80-ft. pool capable of accommodating 225 persons at one time can be erected for less than that amount. However, the 40-thousand figure does not include bath houses and other accessories.

Proponents of the move would undertake to raise the funds for the bath house, walks, fountains and landscaping by contributions and other fund raising means.

The petitioners are requesting that the council call a special election at an early date.

March of Dimes Receipts Doubled

Mothers' Drive Brings in \$778.10

The annual march of dimes campaign in behalf of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has come to a close. Receipts almost doubled those recorded in 1952.

In O'Neill the fund reached \$2,969.76 with almost all receipts tabulated, reported Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve, chairman of the O'Neill push. This is "very close to a dollar per capita," she said.

"I am personally very grateful to the wonderful people who worked so hard to make the 1953 drive a success," Mrs. Gildersleeve said.

"I have never seen anything like the enthusiasm shown by both the workers and the donors. It makes one very proud to be a part of such a fine community."

The incidence of polio in Holt county during 1952 reached near-epidemic proportions and the Holt county chapter was in the red paying hospital and medical expenses for polio victims.

A complete accounting of the fund-raising drive in the county will be published very soon.

The mothers' march, which was launched at 7 p.m., last Thursday, netted \$778.10, several times greater than a year ago. The last in the series of benefits was the Elkhorn Project club's card party and lunch at the Legion auditorium Sunday evening, netting \$76.70.



Gillette & Son of Chambers showed Chevrolet . . . what's under the hood draws interest. —The Frontier Photo by John McCarville.

Walter Spangler Dies in Hospital

Emmet Farmer 111 10 Days

Walter Spangler, a 71-year-old resident of the Emmet community, died about 6 o'clock Thursday morning, January 29, in St. Anthony's hospital here. He had been ill about 10 days.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 31, from the Biglin Brothers funeral chapel with Rev. W. B. Smith, Methodist church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Scottville cemetery.

The pallbearers were Joe Pongratz, William Schmohr, Guy Beckwith, John Kee, Leonard Dusatko and Harold Givens.

The late Mr. Spangler was born November 10, 1881, in Germany, a son of August and Fredricka Henry Spangler.

He came to Holt county in 1894 from Germany and homesteaded northeast of O'Neill. He was reared and educated in that locality and for many years was a well-known Holt farmer.

On August 24, 1935, he married Ada Stahley at O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widow; son—W. A. Spangler of Grant's Pass, Ore.; one grandchild; brother—Awalt Spangler of Star; sister—Mrs. A. Merrill of Geneva.

Physical Inspections for Students Talked

In order that each child may be given every possible advantage of good progress in school work, Parent-Teachers' association here is working on plans for a physical inspection for the entire enrollment of the O'Neill public school, a spokesman for the P-TA said this week. The inspection has been tentatively set for April.

Such a physical inspection is a regular annual procedure in most schools and the association hopes to make it a routine practice here, the spokesman said.

The P-TA committee in charge of working out the details for the inspection met last week and reported it had received the assurance of the cooperation of physicians, dentists and oculists.

The public will be informed of further developments on this project and the P-TA officers ask for the cooperation of the parents so that the children, in which both are mutually interested, may receive the greatest possible benefit.

Ewing Pair Marks 54th Anniversary

EWING—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alden, longtime residents of Ewing, quietly celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, February 1.

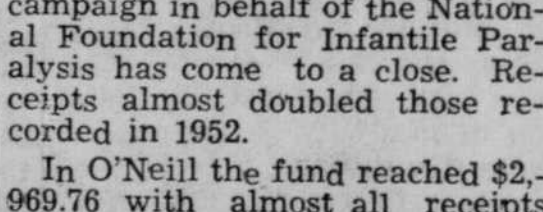
State Sen. Frank Nelson arrived last Thursday night to spend the weekend here, returning Sunday to Lincoln.

Receives Transoceanic Phone Call

Miss Betty Dailey received a long distance telephone call early Monday morning from her fiancée, LeRoy Rossman, FN, of the navy who is stationed in the Far East. At the time he called he was in HongKong, China. He succeeded in getting his call through at 8 p.m. while it was 6:15 a.m. here.

NEW GAMBLER'S MANAGER

Henry Lofflin (above) has succeeded Burl Munsell as manager of Gambles store here, one of the largest company-owned stores in Nebraska. Mr. Lofflin comes to O'Neill from Lawrence, Kans. He has had 19 years of merchandising experience in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.



Grand Champ of Angus Show

Glen Lorenz of Ewing exhibits for the cameraman Steel Creek Bandolier 94th, the grand champion of Tuesday's Holt County Aberdeen Angus Breeders' show held here. The prize-winning bull was calved May 6, 1951. He is jointly owned by Lorenz and Ray Siders of Inman and comes from the Rosemere Antelope family. Pictured with Lorenz and the champ is Charles Reece, jr., of Simeon, veteran Angus breeder and judge of the show. The bull brought \$600. (Story in column 3.)

