

# Big 'Copter Soon to Reach Test Site

A large, latest-type helicopter is hopscotching across the U.S. from Bedford, Mass. enroute to O'Neill and is scheduled to reach here sometime Friday.

The 'copter is considered an integral part of the air force-sponsored wind research field test which is to get underway August 1.

In original plans more than one 'copter were to be employed here. But the latest word received here Wednesday afternoon told of the dispatch of a single machine.

The "flying windmill" will be used to hover over the test site with certain types of equipment and launch balloons.

Reaching O'Neill early Wednesday was Ben Davidson, who is the official coordinator for the test which has been officially designated as the "Great Plains Turbulence Field Project."

Mr. Davidson, a New Yorker and a graduate of New York university, told The Frontier he was extremely pleased with preparations that have been made and with the reception that has been accorded the personnel who have been on location here several weeks.

A meteorological scientist himself, Mr. Davidson is enthusiastic about what the next seven weeks have in store for the group.

"Some meteorologists study weather by the day, week and month and take into consideration vast areas of land. In this test, we are interested in minute wind turbulence by the second. We will photograph instrument readings at intervals of every second and we will photograph illuminated balloons in flight each six seconds.

"Our study will concern evaporation, moisture, heat, constant wind and many other factors. This is a culmination of four years of research that has been carried on, for the most part, on various college campuses throughout the U.S. We are seeking the answers to certain phases of scientific problems and phenomena.

"Congregating in O'Neill during these next few weeks will be a very fine representation of the top meteorological scientists in the U.S. A smaller test of this type was conducted in a limited way in 1951 and several foreign countries participated, including Britain, which has pioneered this particular field of science."

Mr. Davidson emphasized that little of the activity at the site, located six miles northeast of here on the Opportunity highway, will be classified information. However, he said it would be the policy to have sightseers stay north of (or behind) the battery of lights. He said it would be necessary to discourage the public from congregating elsewhere and along the nearby roads.

Winds to be studied, he said, will be southerly.

A three-fourths section of land has been leased for the summer from the J. B. Ryan estate. Much of the observation will be done from the R. L. Van Buren quarter, located in the same section.

A C-47 transport plane from Tinker base at Oklahoma City, Okla., landed Tuesday, bringing in equipment and personnel for the air force weather detachment. The photo theodolite cameras and rayinson equipment (the latter for use in gaining upper wind information) will arrive by C-47 today (Thursday) or Friday from Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Two other members of the Air (Continued on page 4)

## Carl F. Andersen to Witness Meeting

Carl F. Andersen, presiding minister for the Watchtower society in the O'Neill area, is in New York City this week attending the international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses. More than one hundred thousand persons packed Yankee stadium for the eight-day conference, Mr. Andersen advised The Frontier. The delegates came from 91 countries.

Mr. Andersen is staying in a 90-acre trailer camp in New York, situated about 40 miles from the stadium. He said delegates from Clearwater, O'Neill, Stuart and Newport reached New York safely.

## Hereford Breeders to Stop Here—

Plans for the North Central Nebraska Hereford Breeders' tour August 17-20 are nearing completion.

W. W. ("Bill") Derrick, extension beef cattle specialist at the University of Nebraska, says that over 35 stops will be made on the tour, starting at the W. H. Schudel ranch near North Loup, the tour will cover an area from starting point to Ord, Loup City, Ansley, Broken Bow, Sargent, Taylor, Bassett, Springview, Jamison, Butte, Spencer and O'Neill.

Printed circulars showing the tour route and telling about the cattle to be seen may be obtained by writing to Mr. Derrick, college of agriculture at Lincoln. The breeders will spend one night here at O'Neill and they'll be entertained at a luncheon at the Country club by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Murel McClure spent the weekend in Sioux City and with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Conrod in Sloan, Ia.



Frank J. Biglin... intimate with hundreds of families. Frontier Photo (story at right.)

## Midwest Motor Sold to Omahan

## To Take Possession Monday Morn

Announcement of the recent sale of the Midwest Motor Co., Ltd., to Lewis A. White and son of Omaha was made Wednesday by C. E. Lundgren and J. E. Davis.

The new owners will take possession Monday morning, July 27. Inventory will be taken this weekend.

Mr. Lundgren said negotiations had been carried on "during the past several weeks."

It is expected the firm will be redesignated and do business under the name of White.

For many years, the traditional Chevrolet garage, at the corner of Third and Douglas streets, operated under the firm name of Arbutnot & Reka. In 1934 it was purchased and operated by the Miller Bros. Chevrolet company with Mr. Lundgren having an interest in and management of the firm. Mr. Lundgren came here that year from Valentine.

In 1941 the Miller name was dropped when Mr. Lundgren reorganized the business. It became known as the Midwest Motor Co., Ltd., with J. E. Davis, formerly of Inman, becoming a junior partner.

Mr. White, who has had considerable automobile dealership and sales experience in Omaha, will continue to hold Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac franchises.

The Whites have leased through Mr. Lundgren the dealership building, warehouse and sales lots.

Mr. White's married son is now in the air force, stationed at Offutt field near Omaha. He will join his father in the operation of the firm upon completion of his service duty.

Mr. White has indicated he will assume control of the firm with no changes in personnel.

Neither Mr. Lundgren or Mr. Davis has announced future plans.

## Charles Kain, 44, Dies in Dakota

Charles Kain, 44, died about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 22, at Harvey, N.D. A former resident of O'Neill, who left here about 21 years ago, the late Mr. Kain was a funeral director.

Survivors include: Widow and one son.

Mrs. Nora Mullen of O'Neill left late Wednesday to attend the funeral rites for her foster-brother.

## TO ANNAPOLIS

SPENCER — Art Loock has been accepted as a cadet at the U.S. naval academy at Annapolis, Md. He graduated from Spencer high school in 1951 and attended Norfolk junior college for two years.

Judy and Betty Morrow spent several days last week with Mrs. Alice Prewitt of Amelia, He is now serving in Korea.

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Upped to Corporal

Dean Prewitt (above), son of Mrs. Alice Prewitt of Amelia, recently was promoted from private first-class to corporal.

His address: Cpl. Dean H. Prewitt US 55276302, Hq. Btry, First FOP, APO 358, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

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## Frank Biglin Dies at 66; Rites Friday

## O'Neill Businessman Suffers Stroke While Visiting on Street

One of O'Neill's best-known citizens, Frank J. Biglin, 66, funeral director and furniture dealer here for many years, died at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, in St. Anthony's hospital.

He had suffered an apoplectic stroke about 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening while chatting with friends on South Fourth street on a bench in front of the Street-barber shop. Initially it was believed he had fainted, because he walked away from the scene. He was removed to his home where he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Later he was removed to the hospital where his condition was described as "very grave" for several days. He never regained consciousness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., Friday, July 24, from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Rev. Kenneth Carl, assistant pastor, will officiate in the absence of Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, who is out of the city. Pallbearers chosen are Leo Mullen, H. E. Coyne, Dewey C. Schaffer, Norbert Uhl, L. M. Merriman, Frank O'Donnell, Jack Arbutnot and Edward M. Gallagher.

The late Mr. Biglin was born August 23, 1886, at O'Neill, a son of the late Owen F. and Margaret A. McCann Biglin, who were pioneer settlers here.

He attended O'Neill public school and 1903 joined his father in business. His father was a pioneer undertaker, furniture and implement dealer.

As a young man the late Mr. Biglin was recognized as an outstanding baseball shortstop.

He married the former Constance Adams on April 28, 1913. They became the parents of two sons and four daughters.

Following the death of his father, the late Mr. Biglin and his brother, William J., carried on the Biglin Brothers funeral directing and furniture business in partnership. They became widely-known in their field and became intimately acquainted with hundreds of families in the area. They built the present Biglin building in 1927. William, better known as "Bill," died February 5, 1950.

Frank continued to operate the firm until his fatal illness. On two previous occasions he had suffered slight strokes.

He was a member of St. Patrick's church, served as a church board member for many years, and he was a member of the board of trustees of St. Mary's academy until his death. He was an original member of the Holt county selective service board formed immediately before World War II, and was a veteran member and president of the Grattan township library board. The library will be closed all day Friday.

Mayor J. E. Davis said O'Neill business firms will be closed from 9 until 10:30 a.m., on Friday.

The late Mr. Biglin was a longtime member of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association, Knights of Columbus, and various civic organizations. He was a member of the St. Anthony's hospital planning board.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Dr. Robert F. of Chico, Calif., and T. Joseph of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. George (Betty) Curtis of Novato, Calif.; Mrs. Louis (Jean) Zastrow, Mrs. O. D. (Constance) French and Mrs. James (Alice) Earley, all of O'Neill; brother—Ambrose of O'Neill; sisters—Mrs. F. N. (Renaeia) Cronin of O'Neill; Sister M. Eugene and Miss Genevieve Biglin, both of Sioux City, and Sister M. Calista of Imogene, Ia.

He also leaves 13 grandchildren.

All members of his immediate family, except his two sons and one daughter—Mrs. Curtis—were near Mr. Biglin at the time of his death. Mrs. Curtis had left a fortnight ago following a month's visit here. Robert and Joseph are to reach O'Neill today (Thursday).

## Creighton Mother in Polio Center

A Creighton mother has become the fourth patient at St. Joseph's hospital's new polio rehabilitation center in Omaha.

Mrs. Margaret Becker, 30, arrived Monday paralyzed from private first-class to corporal.

His address: Cpl. Dean H. Prewitt US 55276302, Hq. Btry, First FOP, APO 358, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Becker, the first woman patient at the center, is also the first patient not in need of an iron lung.

## Man, Wife Die an Hour Apart

Fred W. Dieckman, 73, died Sunday evening at Aurora after a several months illness, and his wife, 68, died a few hours later as the result of a heart attack. She had been in failing health also.

The Dieckmans were uncle and aunt of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz of O'Neill, who departed for Aurora to attend the funeral services, which were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday from the First Christian church.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

## FIRE GUTS HOME

ATKINSON—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keithly of Atkinson was gutted by fire Saturday about 3:15 p.m. The cause is not known. They are the parents of Mrs. Harold Colfack of this city.

## Harvey Shaw, 83, Ex-Merchant, Dies

## Church Rites Today in Atkinson

ATKINSON — Harvey Shaw, 83, veteran merchant, died about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, July 21, at his home here. He had been in failing health about two months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) from the Presbyterian church with Rev. F. E. Payas officiating. Burial will be in Wood Lawn cemetery.

Pallbearers chosen are William W. Griffin of O'Neill, Roy Johns of Bassett, Roy Griffin, A. G. Miller, Dr. N. P. McKee and Otto Gloer, all of Atkinson.

The late Mr. Shaw was born July 12, 1870, at Kankakee, Ill., a son of Silas and Jane Mooney Shaw. He came to Atkinson in 1911 and was engaged for many years in business—operating an elevator, store and a hotel.

His wife, Minnie, has operated the Mary Jane shoppe in recent years.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Ned of Bassett and Jack of California. Jack reached Atkinson 24 hours before his father's death.

The late Mr. Shaw was a member of the Elks lodge.

## 7 to Be Drafted; No August Quota

The following Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for induction on Monday, July 27:

Dean McConnell and George Ramold, both of Atkinson; Gerald D. Fahnenholz of Chambers; Anton B. Kaczor and Albin E. Tramer, both of Ewing; Richard D. Flynn of Stuart and John E. Wallen of O'Neill.

Wallen was ordered to report earlier but his induction was postponed a month because of a neck injury.

Mrs. H. H. Hart of O'Neill, chief clerk for the Holt board, said Wednesday Holt county will not have an August quota to fill.

## Attend Meeting in Norfolk

J. Ed Hancock, county treasurer, and William F. Wefso, county assessor, attended a meeting of northeast Nebraska county treasurers and county assessors at the Norfolk auditorium on Monday afternoon.

This meeting was called to change certain procedures as a result of new legislation passed by the last session of the legislature.

Representatives of the state auditor's office and motor vehicle division discussed the bills and attempted to answer many questions from the floor.

Capt. John Lewis, who is stationed with the Air Force in Arizona, visited in the D. H. Clauson home last Thursday enroute to Bayard where he will spend his leave with his wife and two children, Captain Lewis and Mr. Clauson are cousins.

## Sprinkler Irrigation Tour Set

The group next will leave the courthouse at 1:15 p.m. From there they will go to the Frank Brady farm, two miles southwest of Atkinson, from the Brady farm to the Bob Leisge farm, located eight miles north and two west of Atkinson. Leisge's well is reported to be one of the best, according to the well drillers.

Eighty acres of corn are being irrigated, also alfalfa. The final stop will be at the Marion Davis farm, located one mile south of steel bridge west of Stuart. He is irrigating corn and alfalfa.

Jack Steele, extension engineer from the college of agriculture, and County Agent A. Neil Dawes will be on hand to point out advantages and problems. This is the first irrigation tour in Holt county.

"Everyone interested in irrigation for Holt county be sure and be present to join in on the tour," Mr. Dawes says.

## WARNING INSTALLED

STUART—A flashing signal light is being installed at the Chicago & North Western railroad crossing on Main street. View of the tracks is obstructed by the depot and Krotter's elevator. Several serious accidents have occurred at this crossing.

Frontier for printing!

North-Central Nebraska's BIG Newspaper

O'Neill, Nebraska, Thursday, July 23, 1953.



Among the youthful bike owners on hand Tuesday evening for safety tests and free Robert Wheeler (largest boy), Clarence Hill, "scotch-lite" were these cyclists. The four bike Larry Petersen and Gary Sanders.

## Vernon David Poster Winner

Another bicycle safety meeting was held Friday at the American Legion hall. Highway Patrolman Ray Shorney showed another film and talked about safety rules.

The winners of the poster contest were announced. The winners and prizes given are as follows:

Above 10-years-old:

First—Vernon David, bicycle light.

Second—James Richter, basket.

Third—Gary Elsberry, kick stand.

Fourth—Larry Porter, seat cover.

Fifth—George Fuller, horn.

Sixth—Larry Peterson, reflector.

Below 10-years-old:

First—Larry Dawes, light.

Second—Gary Jeffrey, basket.

Third—Jim Brown, kick stand.

Fourth—Elizabeth Fritton, seat cover.

Fifth—Gary Brewster, horn.

Sixth—Georgetta Clyde, reflector.

Tonight (Thursday) is the last night to take the bicycle safety tests. Children are urged to come to the school corner at 7 o'clock in the evening and they will receive "scotch-lite" and "little license."

The third safety meeting will be Friday morning, July 24, at 10 o'clock at the Legion hall. There will be fun, songs, a skit, "Meeting of the Ghosts." The winners of the three new bikes will be announced.

The big bicycle parade will be held Friday evening, July 24, at 7 o'clock.

It will assemble near the courthouse annex.

The bike safety campaign is sponsored by the Willing Workers 4-H club.

## Thunder Shower Settles Dust

A thunder shower Wednesday evening brought 15 of an inch of precipitation—enough to little more than settle the dust in O'Neill.

The need for moisture has reached the near-critical stage. Week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p.m., daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
July 16	85	61	
July 17	83	62	
July 18	94	64	
July 19	93	62	
July 20	87	61	
July 21	86	63	
July 22	91	51	15

An organizational meeting of the Holt county chapter of the Young Republicans is scheduled at 8:15 p.m., today (Thursday) at the assembly room of the courthouse.

The meeting has been arranged by John ("Shane") O'Neill, who has been active in state young GOP circles.

Adults 35-years-old and under are eligible to become members, O'Neill said, and persons over 35 may become associate members.



Mrs. Charles Crook registers Bicycle Owner Clarence Hill while William Herman, bike repair specialist, checks the brakes. —The Frontier Photos by John H. McCarville.

## Auto Pushball Signed for Fair

CHAMBERS—An auto pushball show troupe has been signed as feature entertainment for the 1953 edition of the Holt county fair. This was announced Friday evening by Vern Sageser of Amelia, president of the Holt county Agricultural society board of directors, following a board meeting at the Ned Alderson residence in Chambers.

The pushball show features bumper-equipped autos in speedy and thrilling pursuit of an elusive ball. The pushball game is new in the Midwest and is wowing audiences everywhere it shows.

Fair dates this year are September 1, 2, 3 and 4. Entry day is September 1; judging day, September 2, and the final two days will be packed with programming and entertainment.

The rodeo entertainment is being abandoned this year in favor of the new pushball performances, which will last two hours each day on September 3 and 4. The Stuart band has been signed to furnish music and there will be baseball attractions, too.

## Dorsey Marine Among Wounded

Marine Pfc. Marvin A. Ruzicka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto D. Ruzicka of Dorsey, has been wounded in action, according to word received this week by the parents from the navy department.

The wounds are not serious, the message stated. Young Ruzicka has been in Korea only a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ray Vequist and girls drove from Omaha on Sunday evening for a two-day visit with their parents and other relatives and friends.

## Angus Breeders to Tour County

The automobile caravan will congregated Saturday morning at Page, leaving at 10 o'clock. First stop will be at the Rolland Miller farm north of Middlebranch. Second stop will be at L. D. Putnam's Muleshoe ranch and from there the group will proceed to the E. J. Revel & Son farm where a basket lunch will be served at the lake. First stop after lunch will be at the Ray Siders ranch, operated by Art Benash.

Enroute back to O'Neill, the Angus breeders will stop at the air force research test site for a brief tour and then proceed to the For Knight farm at the northeast edge of O'Neill. Next stop will be at the C Bar M Hereford ranch, south of O'Neill, and a hay crew in action will be watched at the Dewey C. Schaffer ranch, southwest of here.

A picnic dinner in the evening will be served at Ford's park. Ben Davidson of Cambridge, Mass., coordinator for the air force test project, will make a 15-minute talk to the group.

Beginning at 8 o'clock there will be a two-hour entertainment provided by the O'Neill Saddle club in the club's arena.

The caravans will meet at 10 a.m., at Amelia on Sunday. First stop will be at the A. J. Pospichal ranch west of Amelia. The group will cross John Moore's pasture land and view his herd of commercial cows, arriving at the Blaine Garwood ranch for lunch. The Immanuel Lutheran church ladies aid will provide the meal.

Afternoon visits will be made at the Asa Sherman, Glen Garwood-Gerald DeGroff and Ray Garwood ranches. At the latter place the Sand Hill Billies Saddle club will perform and stage an amateur 4-H steer riding exhibition. This will be done at the edge of Swan lake and W. W. Derrick, University of Nebraska college of agriculture animal husbandry, will review the two-day activities.

Caravanners are asked to bring along fishing gear.

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## 2 from Area Dock Tuesday at Seattle

Two soldiers from the O'Neill area docked Tuesday at Seattle, Wash., aboard the USSN Gen. C. C. Ballou, a transport bearing 2,679 passengers from the Far East.

They are: Cpl. Walter B. Johnson of Walnut and Cpl. Leonard L. Svatos of Chambers.

## Sunday-School Group Gathering—

The annual Holt county Sunday-school group gathering will be held at the Home: Ernest farm nine miles northwest of O'Neill on Sunday, July 28. Sunday-school will begin at 10 o'clock, followed by an evangelistic message. Rev. F. W. Marts of