

6 Die in 'Copter Crash Near O'Neill

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craft is dramatic and to an extent a crisis, most of the personnel at the research site, a half-mile south, were watching the big whirlbird on its descent.

James M. Corke and Neil Ryan, O'Neill businessmen, were in the pasture rounding up some cattle preparatory to moving them out of the vicinity at the request of the researchers.

"I'm not familiar with helicopters and judging altitudes," Corke said, "but I'd guess the plane was 75 to 100 feet in the air when it went completely out of control. Parts began falling everywhere. One blade landed about a hundred yards from the point of impact for the main part of the fuselage.

"We hurried over there, but it was too late. I'm satisfied the personnel died instantly. The bodies were badly broken and charred."

Mrs. Boyd Boelter, farm woman residing along the Opportunity highway, phoned the word to the downtown air base office. She had witnessed the crash from her place.

O'Neill firemen, a doctor and an ambulance sped to the scene. The air force fire truck, standing by to extinguish any grass fire started by the smoke bombs, sped from one field to the other to reach the scene and air firemen put out the fuselage blaze with foam.

Dr. J. E. Vincent, who recently had been separated from the air force, having served as a flight surgeon, was one of the early arrivals on the scene and unofficially helped Major Tibbets direct disaster operations. Captain Vincent is an O'Neill native who was visiting here at the time.

Bodies were covered with blankets until Offutt air base officials, nearest air force general headquarters, authorized their removal. A cordon of military police surrounded the area and roads approaching the scene.

The Frontier was permitted to photograph the wreckage at 1:30 p.m.—after the bodies had been removed by Biglin Brothers. Later that evening the bodies were transferred to Sioux City under escort of air base personnel from there.

The Air Force-Cambridge research center at Cambridge, Mass., and Bedford (Mass.) air base officials were notified of the tragedy and given the tentative identification of personnel who were killed. That night dental records were flown by jet plane from Bedford to Sioux City and positive identification was completed at 2 a.m.

Thursday afternoon a board of inquiry was formed at the Sioux City base and flew to O'Neill to make a preliminary investigation of the crash. Colored flags were used to indicate where various portions of the 'copter landed. The patterns were photographed and were studied by the board. Offutt personnel also participated.

WILEY IS 81
DORSEY—James Wiley, oldest resident in Steel Creek township, Saturday observed his 81st birthday anniversary.

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Back from Front

Marine Cpl. Donald Robertson arrived home Saturday to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Robertson of Wagner, S.D., after serving 12 months in the front lines in Korea. He was met at Grand Island by his parents. Corporal Robertson entered the service on January 27, 1952, and at the end of his furlough he will report to Idaho where he will be assigned to guard duty. Upon his arrival, he spent Saturday evening visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Yusten, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yusten, all of O'Neill.

Ewing News

Mrs. Anna Savidge, who has spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. James Tomjack, and family in Montana, returned home last week. Mrs. Tomjack and family accompanied her for a visit with friends and relatives in the Ewing vicinity.

Mrs. Keith Biddlecome, who had a week's vacation from her duties at the state hospital at Norfolk, which she spent at her home near Ewing, returned to Norfolk Sunday evening.

Vlanda and Milton Biddlecome are vacationing at Moline, Ill., this week where they are guests of relatives and friends.

Hans Peterson and daughter, Mary Etta, accompanied by Earl Billings, made a business trip to Grand Island the first of the week.

The Neiderhede family held a reunion at the Riverside park at Neligh on Sunday. Those attending from Ewing were Mr. and Mrs. William Wulf, Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies and Bonnie Jo, Mrs. Wilma Daniels and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and children and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff and family of O'Neill.

Gerald D. Potts
Back from Far East—Pfc. Gerald Dale Potts arrived in the middle of July from Japan to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Potts of Chambers. On August 16 he will report to Camp Carson, Colo., to finish the remainder of his enlistment. Private Potts spent 23 months in Japan and Korea with the First cavalry division, Eighth regiment. While overseas he received four campaign stars, Korean occupation ribbon, and combat infantry medal. He is a 1948 graduate of O'Neill high school.

Visit at Polk—
Mrs. Clarence Sullivan and family spent the weekend at Polk visiting Mrs. Lois Woods and family. Nancy and Rodney Sullivan remained there for a two weeks' vacation.

Loeser Wagered on Moon Trip

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cept military to successfully probe interplanetary problems because of a lack of financing.

Doctor Loeser was a bundle of energy, always on the go and always wrapped up in a hundred and one things to do. One evening George Hammond and I slowed him down long enough to talk about space flights.

"There is no atmosphere on the moon. Space ships will have to be pressurized. We'll have to have elaborate and complicated equipment in those ships.

"I think we already have the knowledge to build robot space ships in which we can send animals. All phases of the flight can be recorded and studied until we've got all the data we need."

One of the joys of Doctor Loeser's life was the fact that his oldest son, Rudolph, 14, had manifested a keen interest in science. The boy's reading habits and thinking for several years have been along scientific lines. He came to Nebraska with his father and was an assistant to Sergeant Ashforth on the test site.

Rudolph was enroute to the test site at the time of the 'copter accident. Major Tibbets intercepted the boy about half the distance between the road and the charred wreckage.

Rudolph was visibly shaken. He returned to his hotel with Ashforth, and the following day Friday, Ashforth accompanied him to Bedford for a special flight arranged by the air force. A German scientist friend of the family met the two at the Bedford air base.

On the weekend preceding the crash, Doctor Loeser proceeded into The Frontier office to advise us that he and his son and one or two others were taking a trip to the Black Hills.

They returned to O'Neill several hours earlier than we expected them to and we "scolded" him for trying to do the Black Hills in a couple of hours. Doctor Loeser touched on high spots in his brief report, but to him the visit to the Bad Lands was the important thing.

"I think the composition of the Bad Lands something like that which will be found on the back of the moon," he speculated.

Doctor Loeser had made two trips to O'Neill in making original preparations for the wind test. Back in the 1930's he had participated in the now-famous Leipzig wind profile, which is referred to in most meteorological textbooks.

Every waking moment in O'Neill the short (5 ft. 7 in.) dark-haired German scientist was bent on the successful culmination of the O'Neill test.

"We're going to make your town famous in scientific circles," he told us with his crisp German accent. (His choice of English words was excellent and strictly academic.)

The doctor had been in the U.S. about 21 months. His wife and five children came over at Christmas time last year. Application had been made for citizenship and he had received his first papers. Twice during his short time in the States he had made trips back to Europe.

He has done considerable scientific writing and has collaborated on articles. Doctor Loeser had a tendency to keep himself in the background—probably because his mind was occupied with the projects he had laid out for himself.

Mrs. Loeser is a well-educated German lady, friends of the family say, and is content to stay behind and look after her children. German is spoken in the household in deference to their youngest, age 4, who the father said, sometimes got confused with multiple languages.

Doctor Loeser's friends here watched the progressive darkening of his skin under the Nebraska sun. When he first arrived he was rather fair-complexioned. As weeks wore on he acquired a dark brown skin. He wore a black beret and bounced around the town and country roads in an air force blue jeep. He hoped for an opportunity for Rudolph to spend some time on a nearby ranch when the actual tests got underway.

He was a regular fella in our book. He could move in top social circles in the U.S., or abroad, and he got along right well with lowliest GI's on one of the research details.

On his third—and last—trip to O'Neill he flew into Omaha with about 10 - thousand - pounds of equipment. He told us he was a bit disappointed because arrangements had fallen through to have laborers load and unload the stuff.

Open-House at Test Site Planned

An "open - house" has been scheduled for Sunday, August 23, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., at the Air Force-Cambridge research test site located two miles north of O'Neill (on the Opportunity highway) and four miles east.

This was announced Monday by Ben Davidson, project coordinator, and Maj. Oscar Tibbets, air force unit commander.

In the event actual testing operations are in progress these hours, the officials ask the public to understand that all personnel on the site will have been in action about 30 hours without sleep, but there will be no alteration in the invitation.

If the public desires a subsequent day set aside, a second date will be set, Mr. Davidson said.

Crash Sidelights

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of the work at O'Neill. No acknowledgment has been received as yet. Major Tibbets, who holds a bachelor of science degree from West Texas Teachers' college and a master's degree in electronics from New York university, will "try to replace Decker" Saturday afternoon.

The new rate is 15 cents per thousand gallons instead of 10 cents. The rate applies to water users east of Fourth street for the period including July, August, September and October, 1953, and to water users west of Fourth during June, July, August and September, 1953.

Dr. Lettau, Davidon Speak—
Dr. Heinz Lettau, another famous German scientist helping direct the turbulence field project here, and Ben Davidson, project coordinator, spoke to 60 persons Saturday afternoon at the annual summer meeting of the North - Central Nebraska Press association, which was in session here.

Doctor Lettau, a longtime personal friend of Doctor Loeser's and one who was partially responsible for Loeser's coming to the U.S., told the press about Loeser's background and accomplishments. He was visibly moved in relating personal experiences with the fellow-German scientist.

In a 30-minute question-and-answer session, the press fired the quizzes and two project directors shared the answers. Lettau told in terms laymen could understand, their scientific interests in solar heat, radiation and wind turbulence on the plains. They explained how O'Neill was selected for the site of the tests and what interests the various universities and colleges had here.

It was explained the loss of Doctor Loeser and the five others was a serious setback, but that the project would go ahead.

Doctor Lettau, his wife and three boys are residing in the Mrs. Guy Young residence.

'Voice' Flashes Bulletin—
A three-minute bulletin was flashed on the air at 12:01 p.m., last Thursday night, "Voice of The Frontier" (WJAG, 780 k.c.) The station interrupted its busy noonday schedule to carry the tragic news, which originated in the O'Neill studios. Listeners were told to stand by for further details.

The "Voice" went on the air again at 5:35 p.m., that day, with a 10-minute special broadcast. Identification of the personnel was withheld.

Wreckage pictures and a photograph of Doctor Loeser (taken from The Frontier files) were flown to Omaha and transmitted by the Associated Press around the world. The Frontier's pictures also were televised by WOW-TV (Omaha) at 10:15 Thursday night.

Letter Received—
Besides his wife and five children, Doctor Loeser also leaves a sister, Miss Ilse A. Loeser, of Brighton, Mass.

In a letter to O'Neill she wrote: "You will realize what this news meant for my wife and children and me. He who was so full of activity in each minute of his life, who saw so great plans lying ahead of him!

"He always told us how friendly and cooperative everybody was in O'Neill and he found each kind of help he needed for his preparations for the test.

"We read some of the details in the Boston papers."

Dobson's Enter Low Paving Bid

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These were the bids with the name of the firm, bid on district 7, bid on district 8 and total listed in that order:

Dobson Bros. Construction Co., Lincoln—\$29,737.20 and \$33,171.70—total \$62,908.90.
Diamond Engineering Co., Grand Island—\$21,202.10 and \$34,743.96—total \$55,946.06.

Salyers Construction Co., Neligh—\$31,486.00 and \$34,594.10—total \$66,080.10.
Dugdale Construction Co., Omaha—\$31,812.30 and \$34,902.67—total \$66,714.97.

Missouri Valley Construction Co., Omaha—\$33,050.00 and \$36,283.18—total \$69,333.18.

A spokesman for the Dobson firm told the council he would expect to have equipment moved onto location "within three days." The new rate is 15 cents per thousand gallons instead of 10 cents. The rate applies to water users east of Fourth street for the period including July, August, September and October, 1953, and to water users west of Fourth during June, July, August and September, 1953.

Pushball Drivers Strapped in, Wear Crash Helmets

CHAMBERS— Lots of folks are asking, "What is pushball?" Well, it's a two-team game—each team using three specially-built cars which are made with rollover bars to prevent injury to the driver when rollovers occur.

Drivers are strapped in and wear heavy crash helmets as they struggle to push a 6-ft. ball over goal line.

The drivers are remarkable specimens of courage and skill and there's plenty of action. Pushball is on the agenda at the 1953 Holt county fair at Chambers, which opens Tuesday, September 1, and closes Friday, September 4. The novel crash helmet guys will perform on the final two days with a two-hour show.

Grandstand acts will include V-Ray and Co., with magic acts; Lew Fine and Jeanie, comedy conce, music and impersonations; Mary Jane Trax, acrobatics; The Cut-Ups band.

RETURNS FROM KOREA
Word has been received that Pfc. Harlan Kloepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kloepper of O'Neill is returning from duties in Korea. Private Kloepper has also at Seoul, Korea.

Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, jr., and Mrs. Jack Bowly of Lynch were Friday callers in the Clyde McKenzie, jr., home. Connie Bowly returned to Lynch with her mother after spending a week visiting in the Clyde McKenzie, jr., home.

Earl Bauld arrived Sunday morning from Vancouver, Wash., for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bauld, Sr.

Butterfields to Meet at Columbus in '54

Seventy-five descendants of the late Fred Butterfield gathered at the second annual family reunion at the Tahazuka park in Norfolk on Sunday, August 2. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon. The afternoon was spent visiting and eating ice cream. There were some that were unable to attend.

It was agreed by all to have the third annual reunion at a park at Columbus on the first Sunday of August, 1954.

The officers—Mrs. Francis Boelter, president; Kenneth Eyer, secretary; Elvon Rice, treasurer—were re-elected for another year.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Carl Boelter of Venus and the youngest was Susan Boelter of Craig.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eyer and family of Brunswick; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Boelter of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. Kem Boelter and daughter of Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Boelter and family of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. John Leiding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie Ickler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sivesend, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williamson and daughter, all of Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rice; Mr. and Mrs. Elvon Rice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Rice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Napier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family, all of Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter and family of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boelter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Montgomery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Le Master and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rokahr, all of Venus; Mrs. Elmer Alder and family of Verdigr.

**Mrs. Mitchell, 70,
Funeral Today**
CLEARWATER—Word was received here Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Anna McKim Mitchell, 70, on Sunday at Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Mitchell was born and raised in the Clearwater community, but for the past few years she had been in Los Angeles living with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Alma) Ingram.

The body was brought to Clearwater for burial. Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ingram of Los Angeles, Calif., and a son, Paul Pattee of Marion, S.D. She is an aunt of Lyle McKim of O'Neill.

O'NEILL LOCALS
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heerman went to Sioux Falls, S. D., on Monday, July 27, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Heerman's sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Heerman, 52. Mrs. Henry Heerman is survived by her husband and two sons, Harley and Bernard, all of Sioux Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wildes entertained Mr. and Mrs. Max Larson and family of Lead, S. D., in their home from Saturday to Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wildes and family and Mrs. Claude Hamilton left on Monday, July 27, for Monmouth, Ill., for a vacation, and also to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamilton and family. Enroute home they spend a day in Chicago, Ill. They returned Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Switzer went to Meadow Grove on Saturday to attend a homecoming gathering of old friends. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Horrocks south of Tilden and returned home Sunday evening.

Ressel Again PMA Chairman

Returns on the Holt county PMA committee election held in O'Neill Friday, July 31, show that Harry E. Ressel of O'Neill is leader, met at the Hull home and presented her with many gifts.

Recreation was enjoyed in the basement. Dennis Darnell of Omaha and Johnny Hills of Rushville were guests. Mrs. Hull served pop, sicles and peaches.

FIXING COUNTY LEVY
Holt county officials this week are wrestling with the new tax levy. The problem has been complicated by the state board of equalization's order last week to increase Holt city and town real estate values 433 percent; farm real estate, 207 percent; household goods, 100 percent; and business schedules, 25 percent.

Stays Near Daughter—
REDBIRD—Mrs. Clay Mashino stayed with the Lee Wells family in Lynch last week to be near her daughter, Mrs. Wally Fredrickson, at the Lynch hospital.

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Lynch News

Mrs. Ray Alford was hostess to the Catholic Altar society on Thursday afternoon, July 30. Mesdames Lorrie Micanek and Leroy Purviance were co-hostesses. Games were played during the social hour. A luncheon was served in late afternoon.

Sunday visitors to see Mrs. Mary Langan of Spencer, who is a patient at Sacred Heart hospital, were Agnes Dennis of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peters of Colome, S.D., Mrs. Loretta Stengel of Rock Rapids, Ia., and Mrs. Nora Peters of Colome, S.D.

Work on Line—
Airmen Paul and Wimmer who first reached the scene, are from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Zion, Ill., respectively. They are operators of the big, mobile diesel generator which supplies electricity to the test site.

Wreckage Cleared—
A lone sentry stood guard around the charred wreckage until Saturday when Sioux City air base salvage personnel visited the scene of the crash. Later, remaining bits of salvage were taken to an O'Neill garage.

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