

Carl Asimus . . . a builder. (Story at right)

O'Neill Farmer  
Dies in HospitalDavid A. Johnson, 54,  
Ill 4 Days

Brief services were conducted at 10 a.m., Monday, September 21, for David A. Johnson, 54, O'Neill farmer-rancher since 1951. The rites were held at the Biglin Brothers funeral chapel with Rev. R. W. Olson of O'Neill in charge.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., the same day from the Free Mission church, north of Newman Grove, and burial was in Rose Hill cemetery in that locality, with Reverend Hoffmeister officiating.

Palbearers were W. O. Jarman, Conrad Score, Mandy Rasmussen, Kenneth Jensen, Sam Broberg and Lee Blake.

The late David Alfred Johnson was born May 9, 1899, at Petersburg, a son of Swan Johnson and Emma Freding Johnson. He died at 4 a.m., Thursday, September 17, having been ill only four days at St. Anthony's hospital.

On October 27, 1927, at Petersburg, he married the former Neva McKay. They became the parents of one son—Marine P. Leroy Donovan Johnson, stationed in Japan.

The family resided in the Chambers and Stuart localities for a number of years before moving to the Dr. H. L. Bennett place, northeast of O'Neill, in 1951. Earlier the Johnsons had resided in Garfield county.

Survivors include: Widow; son—Leroy Donovan; brothers—Paul H. of Denver, Colo.; Lawrence of Petersburg; Jewell of Newman Grove; sisters—Mrs. Edward (Hannah) Broberg of Newman Grove; Mrs. Marie Smith of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Ruth Pilews of San Marino, Calif.

Private Johnson was flown to Nebraska from Japan by the air force to be here for the funeral.

Firemen Roused  
for Grass Blazes

O'Neill firemen answered three alarms this week—two rural and one in the city. All three were grass fires.

Last Thursday at 8:05 p.m., they answered a summons from the Dewey Schaffer ranch, southwest of here. Haystacks had caught fire during the afternoon while workers were doing some bulldozing. When the wind came up that night, an alarm was sounded to check the spreading blaze.

At 6:15 p.m., Tuesday a grass fire in the North Heights addition prompted a call to the department but the blaze was under control before the firemen could reach the scene at the Bill Gallagher residence.

Wednesday afternoon an appeal for help came from a farm 16 miles south and 7 miles east, near the Lone Tree school. Chambers Gremen also appeared to help bring under control a prairie blaze burning up about a mile of prairie.

Band Does Stunt  
on Gridiron

The Municipal band, under the direction of Charles B. Houser, staged the band's version of the famous O'Neill wind test. Maj. Oscar Tibbets and A/3c Joe Bangs of the air force fired rockets during the blackout routine. This was a half-time feature at the Bassett-O'Neill grid game here Friday night.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES

ATKINSON—Lightning early Wednesday touched off three separate grass fires north of Atkinson and two south of town. A single call from each side of town brought out the rural fire department in the wee hours. No rain fell. Damage was small.

## BACK FROM KOREA

Pfc. Harlan E. Petersen arrived home from Korea Tuesday. He was separated at Camp Carson, Colo., after having been in the army for two years. He spent 16 months with a military police unit. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petersen of O'Neill.

Weather Transmitter,  
Balloon Remains Found—

Art Pelletier, a farmer residing 2½ miles northeast of Orchard, late Tuesday brought into The Frontier office a radio-sound-device modulator, which had descended in a field. He was drilling eye in a cornfield about 5 o'clock when he found the plastic case, the radio mechanism attached and remnants of the rubber balloon and paper parachute.

Mr. Pelletier now has a good remembrance of the O'Neill wind test. The air force officials do not use these tiny weather transmitters a second time. Apparently, maintenance on them after they have done their job is more costly than a new outfit.

Nonagenarian  
Dies in AtkinsonOlinger Rites Set for  
Saturday

ATKINSON—Michael Olinger, 92, died at 1:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been ill since the first of the month.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 26, from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Palbearers chosen are grandsons: John Olinger, Michael Schmitt, Nick Schmitt, Jr., Richard Schmitt and Raymond Schmitt.

The late Mr. Olinger, whose wife died a number of years ago, was born in Luxembourg. He resided on a ranch near here for many years.

Series of Auctions  
on Frontier's List

A series of auctions—ranging from 3,200 acres of hay land to a registered Angus sale—have been booked on The Frontier's auction calendar.

Wednesday, September 30: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bridge, residing 3½ miles north and 2½ miles west of Page, will offer 160-acre farm and personal property, including 40 head of cattle; Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneer; O'Neill National Bank, clerk.

Friday, October 2: G. H. Adams will offer 3,200 acres of Southfork valley land belonging to the estate of the late Louise B. Perkins. The offering will be made at the Chambers State bank front door, starting at 1:30 p.m. There are nine tracts, five of them improved.

Wednesday, October 7: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peters, residing 10 miles east of O'Neill, will offer their 480-acre farm and personal property at auction. (Advertisement on page 4.) Sale is being conducted by Thorin-Bowker Auction Service.

Friday, October 23: Holt County Aberdeen Angus Breeders' association will offer 21 males and 23 females in its first annual fall registered Angus sale to be held at the Atkinson Livestock Market. Catalogs have been printed by The Frontier and may be secured by writing Secretary Freeman Knight, O'Neill.

Thunder Rumbles,  
Clouds Brood but  
No Moisture Falls

There was rumbling of thunder during the early morning hours Wednesday and dark clouds brooded in the western skies through the early part of the day but no rain fell.

The area is considered quite dry and fall moisture is needed. High winds characterized the weather Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Week's weather summary:

	Hi	Lo
September 17	97	54
September 18	82	46
September 19	83	48
September 20	75	51
September 21	64	34
September 22	76	41
September 23	83	57

Mrs. M. J. Golden left Saturday for Kansas City, Mo., where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Owens, and family.

Prominent  
Resident  
Dies at 59Carl Asimus, Retired  
Businessman Here,  
Failing for 9 Years

A prominent and colorful retired O'Neill businessman, Carl Asimus, 59, died at 1:30 a.m., Thursday, September 17, in St. Anthony's hospital. He had been ill about nine years.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Saturday, September 19, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Kenneth Carl officiating. Burial was in the Asimus family plot in the Ord cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Palbearers were Harry Sullivan, John Lansworth, Orville McKim, Robert Larson, Claude Neal, Earl Hunt, Thomas Thompson and Gay Hodgins, all of O'Neill.

The late Carl Asimus was born on a farm 15 miles northeast of Ord in the "sandhills locality," son of Adolf Asimus, a native of Stuttgart, Germany, and Ellen Anderson Asimus, a native of Sweden.

Carl and his younger brother, Tony, the only children in the family, followed their father in the purebred Duroc-Jersey hog business for many years, exhibiting their show and breeding swine throughout the nation.

In 1934, Tony came to establish the Asimus Brothers enterprises. The next year, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Asimus moved here. Mrs. Asimus is the former Anna Dahlsten of Ericson. They were married October 5, 1925, at Ericson.

The late Carl Asimus figured prominently in the success story of the Asimus brothers who grubbed out bushes and trees in the then thinly-populated west end of the city. Their first venture was the construction of their New Deal filling station.

This was followed with the Nu Way cafe, the Outlaw grocery store and a produce station. Later, they moved in and remodeled a large dwelling, converting it into a hotel. After World War II, the partnership constructed a food locker building and residential units.

Meanwhile, they enjoyed a large following in the petroleum, grocery, farm implement and automobile business, becoming one of the best-known business institutions in north Nebraska and southern South Dakota.

Because of Carl's declining health, the two brothers dissolved their partnership with Carl and his wife devoting their time to looking after property rentals and building and Tony operated the active businesses.

A seven-unit housing project was built by Carl and Ann in the southwest section of the city; they built several homes including the famous "goat shack," and business properties they have constructed since the end of the late war include a building housing a plumbing shop and a medical clinic—all in West O'Neill.

The Asimus brothers also owned real estate at Butte and Plainview.

In 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Asimus donated a 40-acre tract of Elkhorn valley land, southeast of O'Neill, to the Boy Scouts of America. The land frequently has been used by local Scouts and Scouts from nearby towns.

The late Mr. Asimus' hobby was building and relatives say he would have continued to sponsor building and construction projects except for his deteriorating health. In the early years here he did considerable amount of the carpentry work himself.

He suffered a stroke November

Dempsey Twins  
Hit Jackpot

Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey of O'Neill at 4:17 a.m., Wednesday, September 23.

Arrival of twins is big news any day, but the multiple birth on September 23 paid special dividends. Their birthday coincided with the nationally-advertised Westinghouse "blessed event day." Earlier it had been announced in The Frontier that Westinghouse, in cooperation with Consumers Public Power district here, would unveil their new laundromat and electric clothes dryer on September 23 and the arrival of twins in homes throughout the land would mean the free presentation of a laundromat and dryer.

Westinghouse called it, "twins for twins."

Mrs. Dempsey sent word to The Frontier late Wednesday the new daughters have not yet been named. One weighed 6 pounds 12½ ounces, the other 6 pounds 1½ ounces.

The father is in Denver, Colo., and expects to return to O'Neill around October 1. The babies were born in St. Anthony's hospital.

There are three boys in the family: Jackie, 5; Mark, 4; and Thomas, 2.

When advised by his mother, Mrs. Harry Dempsey, that he had become the father of twins, Jack retorted: "Mother, are you sure you're not fooling me?"

Mrs. Dempsey is the former Carlene Rudy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rudy of Omaha.

Lone Airman  
Remains Here

A/3c Joe Bangs is the only remaining member of the wind test complement—military or civilian—remaining the city.

Maj. Oscar Tibbets, who supervised the dismantling, departed Monday.

Airman Bangs will depart within a few days when a C-47 arrives to remove the last of the test equipment.

MacNeills Leave  
Japan for U.S.

EWING—Capt. and Mrs. F. W. MacNeill have left Japan for the United States. On their arrival they plan to spend a furlough with Mrs. MacNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rockey.

Capt. MacNeill has been stationed in Japan for the past two years.

Four Couples  
Mark Anniversaries—

PAGE—Four elderly couples of Page celebrated wedding anniversaries within four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Snells' 53rd anniversary was Saturday, September 19; Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer's 61st was Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder's 55th was also Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. Downey celebrated their 55th anniversary Tuesday.

Miss Mary Hickey of Hollywood, Calif., and Mrs. J. F. Conway of Pender arrived Saturday to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David Upp of Omaha were weekend guests in the home of Mrs. John C. Gallagher.

John Obert of Omaha was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallen.

br 1, 1944, and he never completely recovered.

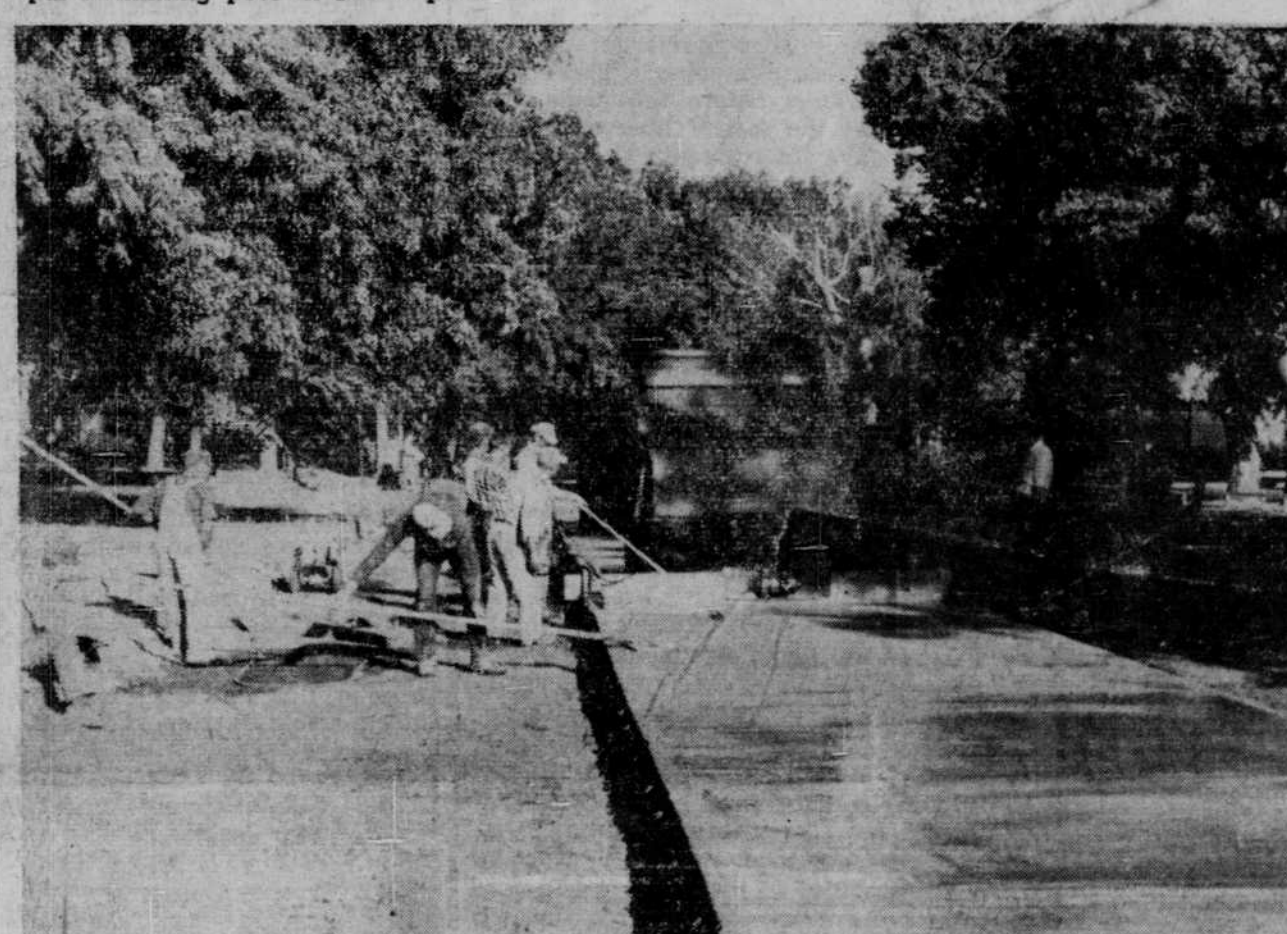
A rosary rite was held Friday evening at the funeral chapel. Large crowds attended both the rosary and funeral services.

Survivors include: Widow—Ann; brother—Tony.

Among relatives here from a distance for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dahlsten and Mark of Ericson and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dahlsten of Clay Center. The Dahlstens are brothers of Mrs. Asimus.



Work progresses on O'Neill's new municipal swimming pool in Ford's park. Portion of bath house scene at right. Camera is looking south.—The Frontier Photo.



Scene Tuesday on Everett street as concrete is being poured in O'Neill's first new paving project in many years. Photo was taken near the Methodist district superintendent's residence—the former J. P. McManus residence near the corner of Fifth and Everett. (Story on additional paving in column 8.)—The Frontier Photo.

## 1,439 Patients Admitted in Year

Today (Thursday) marks the first anniversary of the dedication and formal opening of the half-million-dollar St. Anthony's hospital.

One year ago a large crowd filled the spacious hospital grounds for the special ceremony. Afterward, they inspected first-hand a fine medical center that would do justice to a city many times the size of O'Neill.

It's been a busy year for St. Anthony's—1,439 patients admitted, 177 babies have been born, there have been 173 major surgery operations, 276 minor surgery operations, 58 blood transfusions. Lots of other statistics could be added.

For example, there have been violent accidents and, except for A-1 hospital facilities, some people might not still be alive. There has been urgent need for fine hospital facilities in cases of natural health emergencies.

The hospital staff includes six physicians and surgeons, 11 registered nurses, 10 nurses' aides, plus office and clerical staff, a chaplain, kitchen and housekeeping staff and plant and grounds maintenance employees.

Staff meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the doctors' staff room. Here, pertinent problems are discussed.

A hospital auxiliary was organized as St. Anthony's was being readied for opening. The unit meets on the second Monday

of each month to plan activities such as sewing, mending and working for the hospital.

One hospital official said it was almost impossible to list the benefits St. Anthony's has received during its first year of service through the activity of the auxiliary and other organizations.

These include: A "walking blood bank" provided by the Charles Carroll of Carrollton council of the Knights of Columbus.

Donations of kitchen equipment—the equal of which it would be difficult to find in older, well-established institutions.

Generous and regular donations of fruit and vegetables, newspapers, magazines, gladioli and blossoms.

There have been countless other gifts, including a chime clock, lawn chairs and other useful items.

The "walking blood bank" is a story of its own. Although many blood donations come from relatives and friends of the patients, it is with assurance and a sense of safety the hospital looks upon this service. Robert Shoemaker, grand knight, and Lyle Benda, deputy grand knight, are ready to serve day-and-night.

Mr. Benda has his Knights at the hospital at the right moment when an emergency arises.

"We know that, if relatives are not available, we have the

Knights of Columbus as ready tandbys," an official explained.

St. Anthony's opening was the culmination of five long years of planning and giving. A large amount of the initial cost was contributed by community effort, some gifts came from former residents, and many organizations resorted to fund-raising drives of many types in order for he hospital plan to qualify for a government grant.

Tea Planned at Hospital—To show their appreciation, the Sisters of St. Francis, owners and operators of St. Anthony's hospital, and the St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary invite the public to attend a tea on Sunday, October 4.

The tea will be held between 2 and 4 p.m., at the hospital.

Below School Age  
Survey Is Planned

Members of the senior class of the O'Neill public school are going to conduct a survey of the school district to determine the number of children below school age residing in our district.

The information needed will be the parent's name and address, the names of children below school age, birth dates, and which school, O'Neill public school or St. Mary's academy, they plan to attend.

The information procured will be used by both schools in planning the number of classrooms that will have to be provided to take care of these children for the next five years.

"Your cooperation in giving this needed information will be greatly appreciated," school officials explained in a joint statement.

Members of the class will be calling Monday and Tuesday, September 22 and 29.

SVATOS DIES  
VERDEL—John Svatos of Verdel died Saturday in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, in Verdel. Survivors include: Widow; three sons and one daughter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES  
Robert J. Gutchevsky, 22, of Omaha and Miss Lois Jeanne Troshynski, 22, of Atkinson, September 19.

Frank J. Murphy, 25, of Stuart and Edith M. Goldfuss, 22, of Atkinson, September 22.

7 Paving  
Districts  
CreatedRequests to Council  
for Districts in SW  
and NE Sections

Seven new street improvement districts to include paving, curbing and guttering—were established in a special city council meeting at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The new districts, created in response to requests from real estate owners in the southwest and northeast sections of the city, will mean 24 lineal blocks of additional paving in addition to the eight blocks now under construction.

(Publication of the ordinance establishing these districts appears on page 7. Detailed description of the boundaries may be found there.)

Unless there is sufficient opposition to obstruct one or more of the districts, the improvement machinery will roll ahead with legal technicalities. The council will then seek bids.

It is a matter of conjecture whether work can be done on any of the additional districts before the snow flies. City Engineer James Thornburn said weather in north Nebraska often has permitted pouring cement as late as December.

When the ground freezes, however, the laying of concrete ceases.

Thumbnail description of the newly-formed districts:

District 9: Madison street from the south line of Douglas to the south line of Everett street; Everett street from the east line of Madison to the west line of Third.

District 10: First street from the south line of Douglas to the north line of Fremont; Fremont street from the west line of Madison to the east line of Fourth.

District 11: Second street from the south line of Douglas to the north line of Fremont.

District 12: Third street from the south line of Everett to the north line of Fremont.

District 13: Madison street from the south line of Everett to the north line of Fremont.

District 14: Fourth street from the north line of Benton to the north line of Adams; Adams street from the east line of Fourth to the east line of Seventh.

District 15: Clay street from the east line of Fifth to the west line of Eighth street; Eighth from the north line of Benton to the south line of Everett.

In general terms the new districts include two blocks of paving south from Douglas on Madison, First and Second and one block on Third between Everett and Fremont; also four blocks on Fremont, between Madison and Fourth and three blocks on Everett, between Madison and Third; also one block on Fourth north from the St. Patrick's Catholic church—O'Neill public school corner, then three blocks east on Adams; also three blocks east on Eighth street, between Everett and Benton and three blocks on Clay between Fifth and Eighth.

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St. Anthony's hospital . . . first birthday. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.