

# Again a \$64 Question: Who'll Win Derby?

## Ex-Deputy Sheriff Dies in Wyoming

### Lloyd Bergstrom, 60, Long Ill

Lloyd Bergstrom, 60, formerly a farmer in the Page community and longtime Holt county deputy sheriff, died Monday, December 28, at Newcastle, Wyo. He had been long ill, suffering from a lung cancer.

Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday afternoon, December 30, at Newcastle and burial was to be made there.

The late Mr. Bergstrom was born on a farm in the Stafford community November 12, 1893, a twin son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nels Bergstrom. He was reared in that community and attended the Stafford school.

While he was still single he operated a farm north of Page for several years.

At Page he married the former Mary Cullen. They became the parents of four children.

Shortly after his marriage he was appointed Holt county deputy sheriff by the late Sheriff Peter Duffy. Later, he returned to his farm north of Page where they reared their family.

In 1929 they sold out on the farm and moved to Newcastle, returning to Holt county after a few years. Between 1942 and 1948 he resided on farms in the Page community. Returning to Newcastle in 1948, he had employment in the oil fields until his fatal illness.

Survivors include: widow; sons—Loren and Max; daughters—Mrs. Loretta Wilson and Mrs. Bud Wolfe; brothers—Floyd of Newcastle, Wyo. (twin brother), Clarence of Omaha, Claude of Salem, Ore., Sherman of Omaha, Stanley of Hastings, N. A., Lester, Elmer and Cecil, all of Ewing; sisters—Mrs. Jesse Bishop of Flawineau and Mrs. Hazel Munn of Ewing.

## Enlistments in Army Air Force Announced

Nine recent enlistments have been announced by the army-air force recruiting station here, according to Sgt. James R. Lyons.

For regular army: Bruce L. Kennedy of Ainsworth and James J. Hamik of Stuart. These two men have been sent to Ft. Riley, Kans., and later will receive special schooling—Kennedy in guided missile repair and Hamik in preventive medicine.

For air force: Dennis A. Lindquist of Wausa, Paul J. Mohl of Futte, Leonard R. Branstiter of Niobrara, Joseph L. Permenter of Stuart, Gail R. Muller of Creighton, Donald D. Reynolds of Niobrara and Richard W. Pickinpaugh of Newport.

All airmen were sent to Lackland air base, Texas, except Permenter, who is an ex-service man. He was assigned to Offutt air force base, Omaha.

## P-T-A Plans January Meeting Next Week

The next regular meeting of the O'Neill Parent-Teachers' association will be held Monday, January 4, at 8 p. m., in the public school band room.

A spokesman for the group urged all persons interested to attend with the suggestion they might find answers to some of the following questions: "Are we spoiling our children?" "What about temper, jealousy, obstinacy?"

"How strong is a child's conscience?" or "Is this a time of conflict?"

Reports will be heard by the park and safety committees. Parents of kindergarten pupils will serve following the meeting.

## Demonstrations for Leaders Planned

Demonstrations for extension club leaders on the low calorie diets will be held at the following places and on the following dates from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.: O'Neill—January 7, Thursday, Mrs. Helen M. Kreyenborg.

Atkinson—January 8, Friday, Mrs. J. B. Mellor.

Stuart—January 11, Monday, Mrs. Fred Zink.

Page—January 13, Wednesday, Mrs. Harry Harper.

Chambers—January 14, Thursday, Mrs. Hattie Tibbets.

## BOARD TO REORGANIZE

The Holt county board of supervisors will convene in a special meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 1954, to reorganize for the new year. Only routine business was transacted at the December sessions of the board.

## Recent Winners

Winners of the Holt county first baby contest since the gift shower idea was inaugurated in 1947 include:

1947—Kathleen Wanser, 4 a. m., January 2, 1947

1948—Nancy Elaine Harshfield, 6:35 a. m., January 1, 1948

1949—James Michael Beha, 7 a. m., January 1, 1949

1950—David Lynn Tracy, 1 a. m., January 1, 1950

1951—Betty Jean Knoell, 9:10 a. m., January 7, 1951

1952—Linda Lee Tolbert, 11:59 a. m., January 4, 1952

1953—Randy Joseph Schaaf, 5:25 a. m., January 1, 1953

Come the stroke of midnight tonight (Thursday) and the official arrival of the new year, The Frontier's eighth annual Holt county baby derby will be underway.

Speculation already is rampant regarding the \$64 question: Who will be number 1 in 1954?

A host of O'Neill merchants again are cooperating with The Frontier in showing the lucky little king or queen with gifts. It's a jackpot, first-class, when O'Neill merchants bestow valuable gifts on the first baby of each year.

From Coyne's Hardware will be the gift of a triple-coated, white porcelain diaper pail.

The Apparel Shop in O'Neill, the shop of finer fashions, will present to the mother of the first baby a nice bed jacket.

The McIntosh Jewelry every year participates in this gift shower, and they have set aside an infant's beautiful 10-karat gold ring.

The Western Auto store wants to make first baby's tender years more pleasant by supplying brand new wallpaper for the nursery.

The Midwest Furniture & Appliance store will provide the first-born 1954 baby in the county with a wall lamp for the nursery, regular value — \$7.95

Again this year the Spelts-Ray Lumber Co. is interested in keeping baby warm — hence, they'll donate to the parents 500 pounds of coal, choice of kind or size for whatever the heating purpose.

Shelhamer Foods have set aside one case of Heinz baby food—a favorite baby food of the champions everywhere.

The Elkhorn Flower Shop joins the shower parade this year and will prepare and present to the new king or queen their finest, fresh-cut hospital bouquet.

McCarvilles, a men's clothing store here with shoes for all the family, again this year want to present a pair of Red Goose infant's shoes to the winner—first pair of shoes.

Stannard's proudly present a colorful baby book and some Menmen's baby powder and lotion.

The O'Neill Photo Co. will gladly photograph first baby, at the early convenience of the parents, and make up a dozen 3 1/2 photographs, mounted. The O'Neill Photo makes a specialty of portraits and wedding photographs.

Gambles, O'Neill's big store, takes pleasure in presenting to the new king or queen, hand-painted, chrome-plated high chair with duran plastic back and seat, yellow and silver trim, removable plastic tray, full standard size. The regular price on this chrome chair is \$19.50.

To the mother of 1954's first baby, the O'Neill Photo Co. will present a Cosco utility cart, America's finest. This is an ideal serving cart and ever-ready work center on free-rolling casters.

Gilligan's Rexall drug store again joins in the shower in behalf of first baby, as they have been doing for years. Gilligan's have set aside a quick, convenient, sanitary, leakproof stork nurse, made by Rexall, plus a Rexall family thermometer.

These are only a few—there are many more.

Montgomery's Hardware, as they have done for several, will provide first baby with a black-trimmed, large size, porcelain enamel bath tub. The New Outlaw Grocery has reserved a case of Gerber's baby food for the new royalty, and Beatrice Food will supply one case of Meadow Gold vitamin D milk that may be picked up at any grocery store in the county by the parents of the officially-designated winner.

The New Deal Oil Co., again will dump 10 gallons of gasoline into the fuel tank of the proud papa's car.

The J. M. McDonald Co. store has set aside a satin covered, kapok filled infant's pillow in pink and blue for the '54 derby winner.

The Town House wants to fete the proud parents at a chicken dinner on any date convenient for the busy papa and mamma. And, for good measure, The Frontier will issue to the baby a one year's subscription. This gift idea is based on the proposition that even though baby can't read, the rest of the family will derive a lot of enjoyment and information out of the weekly visits of the paper.

Complete contest rules and descriptions of the gifts may be found on pages 4 and 5.

On your marks. Get set. Go!

## Foster Infant Dies at 4-Months

Charles Robert Foster, age 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, died Sunday, December 20, at his home in Milwaukee, Wis. The mass of the angels was offered in St. Mary's Catholic church and burial was in Milwaukee. Mrs. Foster is the former Mary Devine Brennan, daughter of Mrs. F. M. Brennan and the late Colonel Brennan.

## LEAVES FOR MITCHELL

Lyle Green, veteran M&M Cafe and Bakery employee, departed Sunday for Mitchell where he will establish a new bakery "as soon as possible." Mrs. Green remained here until housing arrangements can be completed at Mitchell. Mr. Green will install all new bakery equipment to be shipped from Omaha January 4. The town has been without a bakery for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright spent Christmas day in Stuart at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

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## Men Resist 3 Officers; Go to Jail

### Barnes, Synovec Give O'Neill Cops Rough Time in Street Fight

Two Neligh men are in the Holt county jail following an incident in West O'Neill Saturday night.

John Barnes, 21, was sentenced to 10 days in jail on charge of resisting peace officers, and Edward Synovec, 23, also was charged with resisting arrest as well as with intoxication. Synovec drew a 10-day jail sentence and was fined \$50 and costs. His drivers' license was suspended for six months.

City police received a complaint from West O'Neill citizens. Police Chief W. Calkins and Patrolman Andy Wettlaufer answered the call. The officers told the court the two resisted being picked up and Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack also experienced some difficulty with the Neligh men after they reached the jail.

Both Barnes and Synovec admitted guilt. They were sentenced Monday by Justice of the Peace H. W. Tomlinson.

## School Xmas Parties Held Near Celia

CELIA—School programs and parties were highlights of the holiday season in the Celia community.

Mrs. Milton Andrus, teacher of the Lauridsen school, and her pupils put on a program and furnished treats Tuesday afternoon, December 22, for the patrons and children of the district. Other visitors were the husband and daughter of the teacher, also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Butterfield.

Patrons of Hendricks school, taught by Mrs. Emil Colfack, enjoyed a Christmas program and treats by pupils and the teacher at the school last Thursday afternoon.

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## Benefit Polio Dance Scheduled Monday

The O'Neill Saddle club and the O'Neill Square Dance club are jointly sponsoring a free benefit polio dance on Monday, January 11. No admission will be charged but a collection will be taken.

All proceeds will be turned over to the Holt county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Simonson post 93 of the American Legion will provide the ballroom facilities without charge, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Waddington of Neligh will furnish music without charge.

The dance will feature square dancing, but there will also be conventional dancing, a spokesman said.

## Makes Unique Yule Yard Decoration

AMELIA—Mrs. Ralph Rees, who resides at the edge of town, made a unique yuletide display in the yard at her home here.

She fashioned homemade candles which are lighted at night. The illumined candles line the approach to the house from the road.

The display has attracted considerable attention from passersby.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Andrew Joseph Ramold, 25, of Atkinson and Marie Eleanor Schneider, 24, of O'Neill, December 23.

Wendell Joseph Bahl, 23, of Emmet and Ramona Ann Schneider, 23, of O'Neill, December 24.

Wallace Edwin Wimmer, 22, of Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., and Mary Catherine Graham, 19, of O'Neill, December 24.

Carl Eldon Black 27, of Neligh and Norma Jean Funk, 20, of Clearwater, December 24.

## Martin in Korea

Allen H. Martin, son of Mrs. Henry Martin, has written that he is stationed near Chorwon, Korea. The town is destroyed. He and Pat Hickey, son of P. V. Hickey, arrived in Korea December 17. They are stationed about 10 miles apart near Inchon and attend the same church. His address is Allen H. Martin, US 55406846, 235th F.A.O. battalion, btry. A, APO 264, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

## EXHIBITION GAMES

ATKINSON—In an all-star polo benefit basketball game in Atkinson Sunday evening, the west Holt county all-stars defeated the east Holt county all-stars, 75 to 41. The St. Joseph's hall ex-prep stars defeated the Atkinson high has-beens in a closer game.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Appleby were Christmas dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Appleby, at Imman.

# THE FRONTIER

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Seven Cents



Paul S. Elam, Denver realtor, exhibits a chunk of gold ore taken from a rich vein recently discovered in Boulder county, Colorado. In the photo are (seated); Patricia Elam, 19-months, Mr. Elam, Vic Halva; standing—Mrs. Elam (the former Margaret Halva) and Mrs. Halva.—The Frontier Photo.

## Halvas' Son-in-Law in Gold Strike

Gold, they say, is where you find it.

But, somehow, it's a part of the grain of human nature to seek it out—as with all precious things—beyond the horizons and the familiar fences. Elusive, the seductive temptress of all men throughout all recorded civilizations—gold has seldom been sought underfoot.

Yet, a newly-organized Colorado corporation, Gold Range, Inc., of Denver, has done just that—and, apparently, has hit color in quality and quantity.

What makes the story especially interesting in these parts is the fact that a partner in the venture is Paul S. Elam, 48, Denver, Colo., realtor and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva of O'Neill. Mrs. Elam is the former Miss Margaret Halva, O'Neill high school graduate in 1942.

Gold Range didn't seek gold in unexplored territory—in the wild brambles of uncharted country. It returned to Ward, one-time gold capital of Colorado—a proven producer, but ignored

the last several decades and re-discovered almost through want of attention and affection, to a great town. There, it found new gold last August, almost with the first turn of the spade.

Gold Range, Inc., headed by Elam, a slender-figured native Missourian who dares to dream the dream of a miner bent on discovery, has described new life into almost-senile Ward.

The operation is new-born. But its potential, if the series of analysis assays are indicative, is staggering. Already the corporation has some 55 claims under lease, including five old familiar mines with their thousands of tons of stockpiled "low-grade"—and it has opened the new producer, the Comstock. By early spring, Gold Range will have its own mill in operation. And Elam and company are visualizing a one-day potential operation with a payroll of between 2,500 and 3,000 men.

The new Comstock, a property just north of Ward, produced an assay of \$46.20 in gold a ton in the first explorations, last August. By November, it had been sunk some 50-feet plus. During November, more assays were taken. They showed a production potential of \$186.65 a ton. Another one assayed at \$143.20.

As the operators followed the vein downward—it is now at 70-foot-plus—subsequent assays were taken. The most recent and the highest—\$16.36 ounces, color valued at \$572.00 a ton. The authority: Root & Simpson, Denver assays.

That is promising diggin'—and bids fair to change the way of life a bit for O'Neill's motor and generator wizard—Vic Halva—and his wife.

This story goes back to the 1920 observation voiced by Prof. P. G. Worcester, Colorado geologist, after he made an intensive survey of potentials in the Ward district.

He wrote: "There are thousands, and probably millions, of tons of sulphide ore in the Ward region which carry values in gold and silver of from \$6 to \$15 a ton."

He suggested that more prospecting would be advisable—that mines should be deepened to get at the heart of ore bodies. Elam agrees. He views the potential as "staggering."

Elam left O'Neill early Wednesday after having spent several days with his wife and their small daughter, Patricia, 19-months, at the Halva home. In an exclusive interview with The Frontier (broadcast Monday, December 22, on the "Voice of the Frontier" program—WJAG, 780 k.c.), Elam spoke freely about the momentous venture which might transform him into one of the really wealthy men in the U.S.

Gold Range operations are centered around full explorations of the new Comstock vein. It's an east-west horizontal vein, said Gold Range. (Continued on page 3)

## Make Aerial Trip to Denver

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spragg flew to Denver, Colo., last Thursday evening to visit friends and relatives. They returned Sunday afternoon. Lester is employed at the Council Oak store here. Mr. Spragg says:

"I cordially invite you into our store to see our fine display of fruits and vegetables.

"After January 1 we will have them for you by the peck or by the ton."

## Former Priest Here Dies in Massachusetts

Rev. Martin J. Brady, 60, pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church in Omaha and formerly assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill, died Monday, December 28, in Taunton, Mass.

He suffered a stroke last spring and in May went to Taunton, his boyhood home.

Father Brady was ordained in 1922. He served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Angels and St. Patrick's churches in Omaha before going to O'Neill.

Since 1932 he had held the following pastorates: Genoa, Platte Center and St. Agnes of Omaha. He became pastor of St. Agnes in 1947.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. today (Thursday) at St. Mary's church in Taunton. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery there.

A memorial mass also will be held at 10 a. m. today at St. Agnes church in Omaha. Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan will preside.

## Center Union Young Folks Go Caroling

Several carolers of young people from the Center Union church, near here, accompanied by their pastor, Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, Christmas eve visited the homes of the older people in that area. At each home, they stopped and sang a group of Christmas hymns. Caroling has been a popular custom in towns and cities through the ages, but the rural families have seldom experienced caroling as often as city dwellers.

It was sub-zero weather and the side roads were almost impassable. The carolers traveled quite a distance to the several homes.

All the persons visited have expressed deep appreciation for this rare yuletide treat. One elderly lady visited exclaimed, "I have lived here 55 years and nothing like this has ever happened to me before."

Mrs. Grosenbach and the little Grosenbach girl also were on the trip.

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Each was fined \$25 and costs and dismissed.

Charles C. Browns of Ainsworth, state liquor inspector, brought the charges. Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said the youths—all in the 18- and 19-year-old age bracket—had gotten the beverage through a 13-year-old boy who had access to supplies at a tavern.

The charges grew out of verbal complaints filed by Ewing village officials.

(The Frontier does not publish names of minors involved in first offense misdemeanors.)

Griffin said three similar cases are pending concerning O'Neill minors and illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

## 2 Recent Accidents at O'Neill Airport

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swanson of Valley recently escaped serious injury when they made a forced landing of their light plane at the airport near O'Neill.

The Swansons were enroute to Atkinson to visit friends. Dr. and Mrs. James E. Ramsay, when their plane ran out of fuel, the runway at the airport had not been cleared of snow, and the plane nosed over in landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, who received only minor cuts and bruises, continued to Atkinson by car and spent the day with the Ramsays. The propeller and fuselage of their plane was damaged. That evening they returned to their home with Dr. Chester Waters of Omaha, who was guest speaker at a medical association meeting at Ainsworth.

About a month ago a young pilot from Lincoln crashed at the O'Neill airport and he was grounded for two years.

## Cardinals Defeat Alumni, 46-37

In an unofficial holiday game exhibition played Wednesday night, December 30, on the O'Neill public school court, the St. Mary's academy Cardinals defeated the SMA alumni, 46-37.

The game was tied up—25 all at halftime.

The Cardinals will go to Hartington Monday evening to face Holy Trinity's hot Trojans, who hold a win over St. Joseph's hall of Omaha and formerly assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill, died Monday, December 28, in Taunton, Mass.

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