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J. H. Davis and wife... 50 years.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## J. H. Davis, Wife in Golden Wedding

### E. C. Carlson, 51, Dies Suddenly

#### Creamery Manager Is Heart Victim

E. O. ("Swede") Carlson, 51, manager of the Harding Creamery company's O'Neill branch plant for the past 18 months, was stricken with a heart attack Sunday afternoon, March 21, and died within a few minutes after arriving at St. Anthony's hospital. He had not been ill.



'Swede' Carlson... resident here only 18 months.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Funeral rites also will be conducted from the Rudge Memorial chapel in Lincoln, at 4 p.m., with burial in Wyuka cemetery there.

The late Mr. Carlson was born April 13, 1902, in Lincoln, the son of Edwin C. and Laura Backdahl Carlson.

On August 27, 1923, at Aurora he married Fern Travis. They became the parents of three children. The Carlsons resided in Lincoln and Ord before coming to O'Neill. Mr. Carlson had been employed by Harding's (Sugar Creek Creamery company) for about six years.

The Carlsons recently moved into a new home here. Survivors include: Widow—Fern; son—Cpl. Erwin O., who has been stationed in Korea; daughters—Mrs. Jean Neff of Lincoln and Mrs. Darlene Blocker of Lexington; brothers—Clifford L. of Grand Island and Francis A. of Santa Monica, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen, 1933, and Lorraine; also by one brother, Lawrence, 1948.

### 44 Attend School Caucus at Ewing

EWING—A school caucus was held Monday evening at the Ewing public school with M. B. Huffman, chairman of the board of education, presiding. Members whose terms expire this year are Lionel Gunter and J. L. Pruden, who have served three years, and Alfred Napier, who has served for two years. Candidates nominated for a three-year term were Lionel Gunter, Alfred Napier, William Spence and Charles Rotherham; nominated for the two-year term were W. A. Spangler and Jerry Tomjack. There were 44 present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis of O'Neill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open-house observance at their home on Sunday afternoon. The couple was married on March 23, 1904 in Clarinda, Ia. They spent the first year residing in Missouri and from 1905 until 1934 they were residents of the Clarinda and New Market communities. The Davises moved to Holt county in 1934 where they farmed until 1949, when they moved into O'Neill.

Mrs. Raiph Stowell, Mrs. Raymond Stowell and Wade Davis of Amelia are their children. Wade and his wife celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on the same day as the elder Davises marked their golden wedding date.

Eighty-five persons signed the guestbook. The couple received many gifts and cards from their relatives and friends. An anniversary cake and refreshments were served to the guests.

Out-of-town people present included: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Philmalee of Loreto; Mrs. Maude Crosby of Loreto; Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kemering of Melmo; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crosby and sons, Charles and Loran, of Grand Island; Twylla Tibbs of Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tuttle of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. James Schindler of Omaha; Don Moran of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dexter of Amelia, and Mrs. Davis' brothers, Clint Crosby of Ottumwa, Ia., and Lee Crosby of Morgan Hill, Calif. Lee was the bestman at the Davis wedding a half-century ago.

Both Mr. Davis and his wife, the former Minnie Crosby, were born near Clarinda. Mr. Davis is 73 and his wife is 71. They both observe birthday anniversaries on January 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis enjoy good health and have resided since 1949 at 203 W. Douglas street in O'Neill. They attend First Presbyterian church.

The Davises' count five grandchildren. Mrs. Wade Davis is the former Arlene Wright of Chambers.



### Senator Nelson to Council Meeting

State Sen. Frank Nelson went to Lincoln Tuesday to attend sessions of the unicameral legislative council Wednesday and today (Thursday). Senator Nelson presided in a hearing concerning the care of senile old people.

## New Basin Director Visits Area

Walter, Former Field Engineer, Gets Air View of River Basin

Two Holt countyans spent Monday with Rudolph Walter, newly-appointed director of the bureau of reclamation's district seven with headquarters at Denver, Colo.

James W. Rooney of O'Neill and Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, who are directors of the Niobrara River Basin Development association, joined with other association officers, directors and civic leaders in an all-day session with Mr. Walter. The meeting was held at Ainsworth.

Mr. Walter has been an engineer in the field and heading the vast district seven, which includes two tiers of mountain and plains states, is "primarily an administrative job," he told the group.

Mr. Walter was escorted on an aerial tour of the proposed Ainsworth project, Merritt reservoir and canal areas. Mr. Walter assured the Niobrara basin enthusiasts of "continued support and encouragement from the bureau of reclamation, which has

ASKS CONGRESS Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Nebr.) Fourth district congressman, Tuesday asked congress to provide funds for construction of the Ainsworth, Lavaca Flats, Grape Flats extension and O'Neill irrigation developments.

been so capably headed by Avry Batson, a former Nebraskan." Speakers on Monday's program included Leslie Smith, acting mayor of Ainsworth; Everett Copes, president of the Ainsworth Chamber of Commerce; J. Hall Dillon of Long Pine, chairman of the Brown county board of commissioners; Clyde Batson of Ainsworth, area engineer for the bureau of reclamation; William C. Smith, jr., of Ainsworth, attorney for the basin group; Wallace Thornton of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Reclamation association.

## Eva Addison Is 'Best Actress'

Atkinson High Grabs Most Superiors

ATKINSON—Eva Addison of Atkinson was judged best actress and Bob Arnholt of Bassett was named best actor in the district speech and one-act play contest held here Friday.

John Wiley and Frank Koch, University of Nebraska speech teachers, judged the events. Atkinson, a class B school (less than 150 students), moved up to class A competition and won more superiors than any other school in the contest. Springfield dominated the class B competition.

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## Norfolk Woman Hurt in Accident

An automobile bound for O'Neill Sunday morning went out of control near the T. J. Davis service station at Inman, injuring Mrs. Thomas Knoell, 74, of Norfolk. The injured woman was taken to St. Anthony's hospital by ambulance. She suffered mostly from shock and bruises.

Her husband and one daughter, also in the car, escaped injury.

## Jury Out 6½ Hours on Speeding Suit

Galven Is 'Guilty'; Fined \$25

The spring term of the Holt county court convened Tuesday. A jury was called to hear three cases.

In the matter of Edward Grace, plaintiff, versus Herbert Gray, defendant, the jury found for Grace in the amount of \$200.00. The controversy grew out of a truck collision which occurred on the Holt-Rock county line in August, 1952. Grace is from Casper, Wyo.; Gray from Chadron. The damage suit originally was in county court and the appeal was upheld by the jury. Grace was represented by Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill and R. R. Perry of Lincoln; Gray by Leo Clinch of Burwell, John R. Gallagher of O'Neill and John Jamieson of Bassett.

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin of O'Neill was prosecutor, and Francis D. Lee of Atkinson was the defense lawyer on Wednesday when the jury heard the arguments in a speeding charge against Wayne Galven of Atkinson. The jury went out at 2:05 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m., with a verdict of guilty. The court immediately fined Galven \$25 and costs. Galven was arrested by State Patrolman Robert Guido, over a year ago. Galven was ordered to appear in justice court, asked for a change in venue and the original complaint was filed in district court.

Today (Thursday) the jury will hear a third and final jury case on the docket—Martin Van Conent, plaintiff, versus Mark Muff, defendant. This is a suit growing out of a dam construction contract.

There are nine other actions on the docket, but they are not expected to be tried this term.

## O'Neill Teachers Get Salary Boost

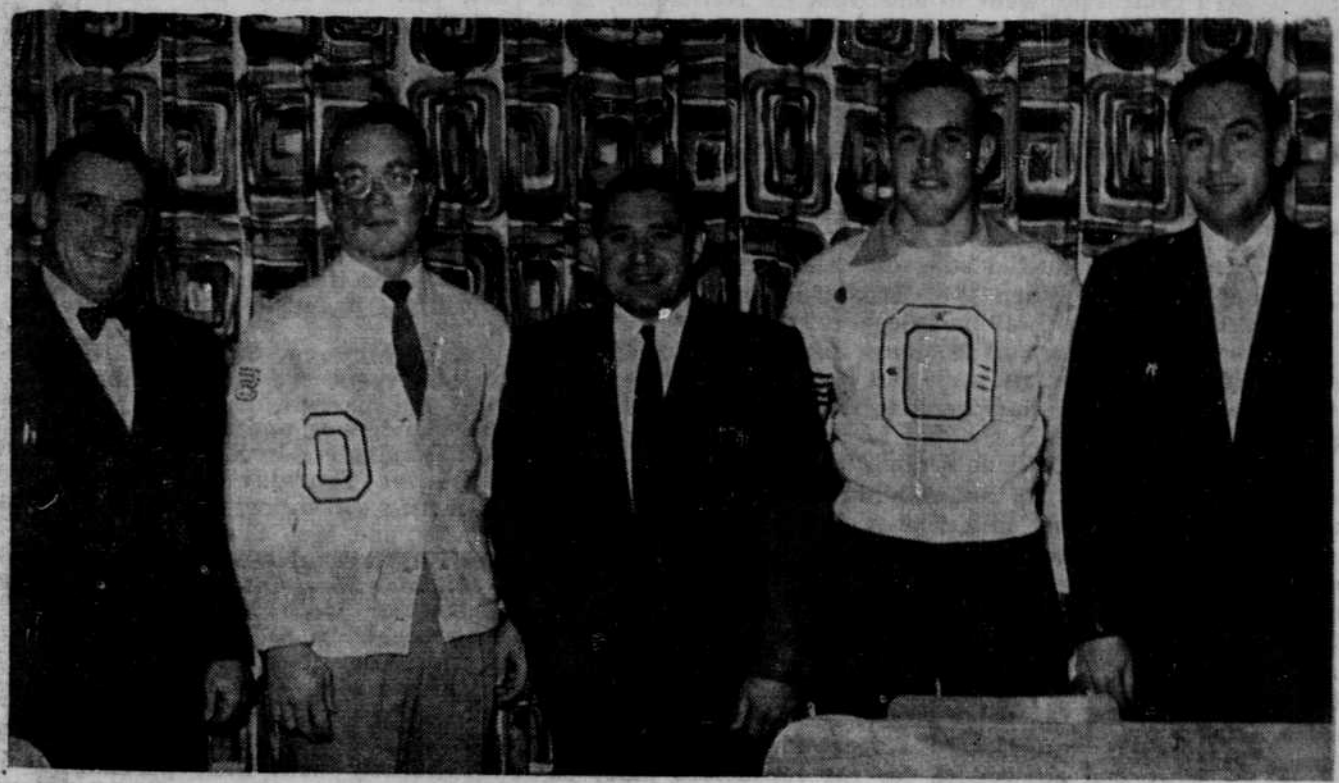
All members of the O'Neill public school teaching faculty were reelected at the March meeting of the board of education, except Supt. D. E. Nelson, who holds a three-year contract, and Mrs. Merwyn French, jr., of Page, who has decided not to teach next term.

The contracts were handed to those reelected and an acceptance deadline was set for April 12.

The teachers were voted a \$150 per year increase in wages.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Roger Johnson, 17, of Stuart and Wilma Webber, 19, of Stuart, March 22.

The North-Nebraska Builders have scheduled an open-house this weekend at a new four-bedroom National Cadet home, 502 North First street in the North Heights addition.



Wayne State Grid Coach Speaks Barney Lewellyn (center), head football coach at Wayne State Teachers college, addressed O'Neill high school "O" club and faculty members at a dinner meeting Monday evening. Football Coach Lyle Davis and Basketball Coach Paul Baker. Booth was named honorary basketball captain, too.—The Frontier Photo.

## Defines 'Musts' to Keep Highways

O'Neill city officials have received a letter (reproduced at right) from State Highway Engineer L. N. Riss.

The letter is self-explanatory and defines the "musts" measures the city officials must take in order to retain U.S. highways 20 and 281 along their present routes through the city.

The state highway department has planned a bypass on the northeast edge of the city for U.S. highway 20 and contemplates extending U.S. highway 281 straight north on Fourth street until it intersects with the highway 20 bypass.

No official action has yet been taken by the council.

## Doctor Burkhardt to Speak at O'Neill

Dr. Allan P. Burkhardt, veteran superintendent of the Norfolk public schools and an educator who has been mentioned for the presidency of Chadron State Teachers college, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Holt County Rural Teachers' association. The meeting will be held Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m., in the O'Neill public school band room.

It will be the final meeting of the school term for the group. Normal training students in the county are to be guests.

Miss Helen Martens of Atkinson will give her report on the delegate assembly. Plans will be completed for the group and county spelling contests and the rural school chorus practice. These are activities sponsored by the association.

The schedule of events at the office of Miss Alice French, county superintendent of public instruction includes: Group spelling contests, April 5-9.

County spelling contest, April 17, 1 p.m. Rural school chorus practice, April 23, 1:30 p.m. Eighth grade examinations, April 28-30. Eighth grade promotion exercises, May 11, 2 p.m.



## R. V. Lucas Falls from Ladder

Variety Store Owner Suffers Abdominal Cuts in Accident

R. V. Lucas, owner-manager of the Ben Franklin store here, fell from a 10-foot ladder Tuesday afternoon while painting the interior of his store. He landed on a counter containing glassware and glass fixtures and suffered puncture wounds in the abdominal cavity.

Some of the glass penetrated to the abdomen and the injured man was under surgery at the hospital for two hours.

Mr. Lucas was painting the wall near the ceiling, using the roller method. He lost his balance and dropped to the counter. He lost some blood. His attending physician late Wednesday described Mr. Lucas' condition as "doing very well."

## Blank Cartridge Explodes; 2 Hurt

CHAMBERS—Two Chambers high school boys met with a painful accident at the school last Thursday.

Clifford Walter and Arthur Urban touched off a 30-30 blank cartridge to make the round of a shot while practicing the senior class play. Walter's hand was badly lacerated and burned. He was on the operating table at St. Anthony's hospital for two hours. He returned home Sunday.

Urban was hit in the leg with some pieces but the wound was not considered serious.

## Rare Blood Disease Fatal to Mrs. Willson

Funeral services were conducted Friday at North Platte for Mrs. Donald Willson, 21, the former Betty Mills of North Platte. She died Monday, March 15, in a Glendale, Calif., hospital where she had been a patient about three weeks.

Mr. Willson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Willson, formerly of O'Neill.

The late Mrs. Willson had been a sufferer of rheumatic fever since graduation from high school. Later, a rare blood disease set in. The Willsons, who were married about a year ago, had no children.

Among those from O'Neill attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, Charles Fox, jr., Fred Appleby and James Earley.

The widower has been employed as a mail carrier at Glendale. The Willsons left O'Neill in 1951.

## Few Changes as Board Adopts Plan

Only minor changes in Holt county's primary road system were made Wednesday as the board of supervisors conducted a hearing. No one appeared to support or oppose the plan, which has been defined on a map which has been hanging for several weeks in the supervisors' chambers.

The county is required by law to submit the proposed primary road system to the state department of roads and irrigation and also to advise the public a hearing will be held.

## State, Federal Agents Arrest Lynch Hunters

BUTTE—Two Lync hunters, William D. Spencer and Robert E. Kersch, were arrested by four state game wardens and one federal agent and charged with illegal shooting of ducks.

They appeared for trial Tuesday in Boyd county court. Game Warden Fred Salak of O'Neill said the two were fined \$25 each plus costs and made to pay liquidated damages of \$125 each. Four trammel nets were confiscated by the state.

SERVING 10 DAYS Jackie Phillips, 24, of Bartlett is serving a 10-day jail sentence in the Holt county jail in connection with the theft of hubcaps from a car owned by John Shald of Stuart.

Attend Rally—A delegation from Christ Lutheran church, O'Neill, attended a Walter league rally at St. Peter's church in Orchard on Sunday. Lutheran youth from 10 towns, comprising zone N-6, attended.

## Southard Draws 2-Year Sentence

ATKINSON—Robert Southard, 27, former farmer at the Art Kaplan place, has begun serving a two-year sentence at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., having faced charges of transporting a stolen car across a state boundary.

Southard was on Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack's wanted list in connection with a \$200 theft from the Kaplan place, reported in January about the same time Southard disappeared from the Kaplan farm.

Holt county authorities have indicated the theft charges will be dropped. Southard was arrested in Omaha on a traffic charge.

## Oliver Rummel, 68, Dies in California

Oliver Rummel, 68, who spent about 15 years at O'Neill in the barbering business, died Friday, March 19, at El Monte, Calif. Death was caused by a heart attack. The late Mr. Rummel was associated with D. H. Clauson in the Golden hotel barber shop. Burial was made in California.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Julian of El Monte; Bruce of Scottsbluff; Albert of Enid, Okla.; Gene of El Monte.

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