



Rohrer . . . improvised mobile chair for newly-trained shoe repairman.—The Frontier Photo.

## Overcomes Handicap; Launches Shoe Shop

### Takes Dim View of Bright Lights

#### Parole Violator in 100-MPH Escape

Holt county authorities are looking for Bill Beiermann, 20, who a few months ago was released from the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Beiermann is being sought for violation of a parole and for theft of two automobiles. Beiermann, apparently, hit north Nebraska during the weekend, driving a car stolen from L. F. McCord of Billings, Mont. Authorities believe he stopped at the Dean House place at Bassett and helped himself to three firearms (including two loaded rifles), insurance papers and a movie camera, which bore Rouse's name.

On the open highway near Atkinson, at night, Beiermann slipped on behind State Game Warden Fred Salak of O'Neill, switching his lights off-and-on bright in Salak's rear view mirror, and finally passed the warden.

Salak started pursuit and flashed his red signal, intending to reprimand the passing motorist for discourteous blinking of his lights. The situation turned into a 100-mile-per-hour chase into O'Neill. Beiermann finally crossed the railroad tracks in the residential section and abandoned the car stolen in Montana and containing the tell-tale loot. He hit for the tall weeds.

Salak went for help to comb the area and, later, Beiermann helped himself to a 1952 Chevrolet grey club coupe, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson of Sarles, N.D. The car was parked in front of the Woodrow Melena residence on Clay street. The Nelsons were visiting the Melenas.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack traced Beiermann through the Platte county sheriff at Columbus, who told Tomjack Beiermann was wanted for parole violation there and for bad checks issued in Madison county.

Beiermann's wife lives at Madison. The couple recently lost a baby. The investigation was bogged down when McCord could not

## William Hartland Succumbs at Lynch

REDBIRD—Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) for William H. Hartland, 71, Redbird resident who died about 10:30 o'clock Sunday evening, August 8, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

He had been in failing health for several years and had previously been hospitalized at Omaha. He entered the Lynch hospital July 26.

Orvin Taylor will be speaker at the funeral rites to be held in the Lynch American Legion auditorium. Burial will be in the Scottville cemetery.

The late Mr. Hartland was born at Chelsea April 23, 1883, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hartland. He was reared in Holt county. On April 23, 1906, he married Martha Melzer of Redbird. They became the parents of three sons and five daughters.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Lloyd of Winner, S.D.; Floyd of Niobrara; Orval of Weaverville, Calif.; daughters—Mrs. Alice Whetham of Niobrara; Mrs. Hazel Crawford of Carter, S.D.; Mrs. Ethel Schmidt of Atkinson; Mrs. Virgie Ressel of Marshall, Tex.; 23 grandchildren; two brothers; two sisters.

One infant daughter died July 1, 1919.

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## Vet Auto Dealer Is Stricken

Charles Gonderinger Rites Held Tuesday; Born Near Atkinson

ATKINSON—Charles N. Gonderinger, 67, veteran Atkinson automobile dealer and a lifelong resident of Holt county, twice Saturday morning, August 7, was stricken with heart attacks—the second attack proving fatal.

He died about 10:30 a.m., in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He was conscious when taken to the hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 8, from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The late Mr. Gonderinger was born August 15, 1886, on a farm about four miles west of Atkinson.

His parents were pioneer settlers in western Holt county. The late Mr. Gonderinger farmed until 1919, when he moved into Atkinson. For a time he was a grain and livestock dealer.

In 1927 he launched the Gonderinger Motor Co., one of north-east-Nebraska's best-known Hudson dealerships, and was active in the business until his death. For 20 years he was a member of the city council.

On October 15, 1907, he married Josephine Coufal of Atkinson. They became the parents of two sons.

Survivors include: Widow—Josephine; sons—Norman of O'Neill and Gerald of Atkinson, who has been associated with his father in the automobile business; brother—Peter of Atkinson; sister—Mrs. Mary Meals of Atkinson; seven grandchildren.

A rosary was offered Monday evening at the Seger funeral home.



Gonderinger . . . Atkinson city official 20 years.

## Mrs. Flora Bright, Long Ill, Expires

Funeral Held Sunday at Orchard

ORCHARD—Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 8, from the United Brethren church in Orchard for Mrs. Flora Bright, 74, an Orchard resident for many years.

The late Mrs. Bright was born October 4, 1879, at Walnut and died early Friday morning, August 6, in a Norfolk hospital, following a lingering illness.

She was married October 4, 1897, to Harry J. Bright of O'Neill and lived her entire life in the Venus and Orchard communities with the exception of three years spent at O'Neill.

For many years, the Brights occupied the Venus postoffice and store and later purchased a store in Orchard, which Mrs. Bright managed as long as her health permitted.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in January, 1941; also by three brothers and one sister. Survivors include: Sons—Ramon of O'Neill; E. E. Bright of Orchard; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers.

Two persons came a considerable distance for the funeral. One granddaughter, Mrs. Bona Jane Schlusser, arrived by plane from Washington, D.C., and a grandson, Cpl. Ardel Bright of O'Neill, arrived from Camp Ripley, Minn., where he was attending national guard camp.

Miss Cullen's Sister Dies—Word has been received of the recent death of Miss Mary Cullen's sister, Neil, of Elizabeth, N.J.

Camp Witness the American Sunday-school Union camp, will be the scene of much activity as campers gather from several adjoining counties for the annual fall roundup Bible camp August 18 to 22. This camping period begins Wednesday evening, with supper at 6 p.m., and closes with flag-lowering ceremonies following the afternoon service on Sunday.

UNDERGOES SURGERY—ATKINSON—Mrs. R. E. Chace is improving after submitting to surgery in the Atkinson Memorial hospital.



Among those taking part in the 4-H club girls' style review, in connection with the annual countywide achievement day program, were these entries in the school clothes division (left-to-right): Alta Lyons, Kitty Clover club of O'Neill; Lorna Marcellus, Kitty Clover club of O'Neill; Jennie Halsey, 212 South Fork club, and Marlene Ermer, 212 South Fork club. Miss Marcellus's entry was judged best in the group.—The Frontier Photo.

# Light Holt Balloting Reflects State Choices

### Crosby Wins Senate Nomination

The temper of the Holt county voters, both republicans and democrats, proved to be a fair measuring device for the bivy of candidates running on the national and state tickets.

Holt county voters gave Congressman Carl T. Curtis a thumping majority over his nearest rival, Gov. Robert Crosby, in the bid for the long-term GOP senate race.

Terrific Terry Carpenter of Scotsbluff limped in third and David Martin finished fourth—an exact reflection of the overall statewide contest.

Mrs. George Abel of Lincoln in the field of 16 won the short term GOP senate bid on both the state and Holt county levels, and Victor Anderson of Lincoln enjoyed a comfortable margin over Frederick H. Wagener, also of Lincoln, in the GOP bid for the gubernatorial nomination. Anderson won 2½-to-1 in the state; 1½-to-1 in Holt.

Holt county voters liked Keith Neville for the U.S. senate long-term nomination by better than a 2-to-1 margin, and Neville carried the state by a similar ratio. For the demo short-term senate berth, Holt county voters favored William Meier—and so did the democratic voters throughout the state.

William Ritchie of Omaha easily captured the bid of democratic voters in Nebraska and Holt county voters passed 398 votes for him. His closest opponent was P. J. Heaton of Sidney with 180 at the courthouse level.

It was a miserable turnout considering the near-perfect weather and the multitude of candidates. Voting everywhere in the state was light and well below expectations.

The republican side of the election bore the most interest, particularly the heavy-long-term senate race which finished in a mild sort of a flurry. The Frontier learned in a number of random interviews, there were defections of demos to the republican ticket induced by a desire to participate in county and precinct contests, and further, there were some conversions inspired by Terrific Terry, who was a worry to the GOP regulars and a darkhorse.

Only 18 of the county's 43 voting places had reported to County Clerk Ruth Hoffman Baker by 1:30 a.m., Wednesday. Results of balloting at 22 voting places were available at "Voice of The Frontier" broadcast time Wednesday (9:45 a.m., 780 kc).

The trends were fairly well established early and some of the lesser county and precinct races were settled and posted before midnight.

Holt county has more than twice as many voting places as Antelope county; nearly four times as many as Boyd county; nearly seven times as many as Keya Paha county.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruhn returned to their home in North Platte last Thursday.

### Write-In Flurries in Boyd County

BUTTE—Two write-in flurries helped stimulate interest in an otherwise dull primary election in Boyd county.

In district seven, which includes the town of Spencer, Clyde Fisher, a farmer, won the democratic nomination for supervisor by a write-in vote. This means there'll be a contest in November with William Braithwait, the republican incumbent, who was unopposed.

In district one, which includes the village of Monowi, J. W. Rihanek received the republican nomination for supervisor, unopposed. He is the incumbent. But Emil Michaneck was the object of a democratic write-in movement, so they'll be opposed in the fall.

Boyd county voters gave Crosby a 144-122 decision over Curtis for the senate GOP ticket; they gave State Sen. Hugh Carson of Ord the nod for the short term, and Mrs. George Abel of Lincoln and N. W. Anderson 49 votes each for the short-term.

On the democratic side, Boyd county voters preferred William Ritchie to A. E. Swanson, 198-39.

### Nelson, Rohde to Vie in Fall

O'Neill's incumbent State Sen. Frank Nelson led the field of three in the 28th legislative district race, but the footings foretell a struggle in the general election. The top two candidates, Nelson and Donald Rohde of Lynch, will do battle in the fall.

S. H. Lyman finished in third place.

	Nelson	Rohde	Lyman
Holt	1388	526	246
Keya Paha	144	226	56
Boyd	271	375	63
Rock	216	124	287
Totals	2019	1,251	652

The O'Neill Saddle club will meet Sunday at 10:30 a.m., at Buck Edmisten's for a trail ride. Everyone is to bring a picnic lunch.

L. G. Gillespie defeated Charles Switzer for the GOP nomination for county supervisor, First district (which includes O'Neill's First and Third Wards). Gillespie got 149 votes; Switzer, 110.

Ed Flood led the three-way race for the democratic nomination with 72 votes. He defeated L. H. ("Deed") Murphy, with 32, and Ed Murray, with 27.

Art Tomlinson was high on the totem pole for the Second supervisor district GOP nomination with 98. He was trailed by Floyd Frahm, 83; Henry W. Walters, 44; N. A. Linquist, 41; E. M. Mines, 36. Winner on the demo ballot was Clarence Don-

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### Manson Defeats Arbuthnot

Considerable interest centered on the bid for the republican nomination for clerk of the district court in which Howard Manson of O'Neill, recently appointed to the post to fill a vacancy, defeated Jack Arbuthnot of O'Neill, 879-673.

Manson grabbed an early lead in the O'Neill wards and gradually stretched his margin. After 18 precincts had been tabbed, Manson owned a 100-vote lead. The democrats had no one entered on the opposite side of the fence, meaning the showdown was in the primary.

Kenneth Waring of Page rolled up 1,285 votes for county clerk, GOP ticket, unopposed, compared to 615 for Homer F. Mullen of O'Neill, demo candidate, also unopposed.

J. Ed Hancock of O'Neill, incumbent treasurer, registered 1,365 votes on the republican ticket, while Lloyd Cork of O'Neill and Page, a newcomer in county politics, picked up 575 on the demo ballot.

County Sheriff Leo Tomjack, unopposed on the democratic ticket, counted 765 votes, while his opposite, Al Sipes, republican, also unopposed, received 967.

County Attorney William W. Griffin of O'Neill, republican, unopposed, was given 1,254 votes while John R. Gallagher of O'Neill, running without opposition on the demo slate, received 701.

George Collins of Atkinson, incumbent county surveyor, received 1,134 votes on the GOP ballot. He was without opposition, and has no demo foe to face in November.

Fay Britzell of O'Neill was the darkhorse in the bid for republican nomination for county assessor, throwing a real scare into William F. Tabbang of Atkinson, incumbent. Tabbang was well down the line before Wefso pulled away, finishing 683-507. Joe Winkler of Emmet had 401.

Wefso had no counterpart on the democratic ticket.

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## Suspended Auto Falls on Youth

REDBIRD—Walter Kruse, 18, son of Mrs. Letty Kruse of the Redbird community, is recovering from injuries received Saturday while repairing his car at the Bill Alm place near Redbird.

The jack, which was supporting the car in the air, slipped. The car fell on Kruse, who was in a sitting position. His back and legs were paralyzed as a result of the accident.

Young Kruse is in the Lynch hospital.



Eickhoff . . . lifelong Nebraskan.—The Frontier Photo.

## Henry Eickhoff Dies Suddenly

### Marshal Is Stricken with Heart Attack

PLATE—Henry Eickhoff, 74, village marshal and water superintendent here for the past four years, died of a heart attack about 8 o'clock Monday evening, August 9, while seated on the porch swing at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) from the Methodist church here with Rev. Leslie Mewman, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers will be Alton Braddock, Cordes Walker, Melvin Smith, Anton Nissen, Carl Max and Lester Riege.

The late Mr. Eickhoff was born April 30, 1880, on a farm near Tilden. His parents were Henry and Christina Eickhoff.

He farmed for a time near there, later near Page for several years. Upon moving into Page, Mr. Eickhoff was engaged in the trucking and drayage business for many years.

On June 15, 1904, at Newburgh, south of Ewing, he married the former Lucy Catherine Steele. This past summer they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an afternoon and evening open-house observance.

Survivors include: Widow—Lucy; son—Donald H. of Page; daughters—Mrs. Earl (Viola) Anderson of Fremont and Mrs. P. H. (Eileen) Gallagher of Long Beach, Calif.; brothers—Emil W. of Tilden; sister—Mrs. Emma Wagner of Tilden.

## State Legion Post to Stanley Huffman

DELOIT—Stanley Huffman of Deloit was elected senior vice-commander at the state American Legion convention held in Omaha last week.

## New Pastor Here

is the new pastor of Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill and St. Paul's Lutheran church in Atkinson. Reverend Smith was installed Sunday, July 18, by Rev. Walter Hartman of Ainsworth. He was a June graduate of the Lutheran seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

## Returns After 65 Years

Oscar R. Kirschke, 75, retired architectural engineer now residing in San Diego, Calif., Tuesday revisited scenes of his childhood, having been away from Holt county for 65 years.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kirschke, and their five children—Leo, Oscar, Edward, Ella and Della—came to Holt county in 1882 from Michigan City, Ind.

Two children, Henry and Cora, were born on the quarter-section homestead located 10 miles north of O'Neill and one-half mile east (or a half-mile west of the old Joy postoffice). The Kirschkes also had a timberclaim.

Mr. Kirschke spent a few hours trying to look up old neighbors (he was only 10-years-old when the family abandoned Holt). He remembered the Hag Hagensick blacksmith shop and the Ernsts—Metz, Jake and several sisters—who lived west of the Kirschke place.

Mr. Kirschke said he lived in Grand Island 40 years after leaving the O'Neill community. From there he moved his family to San Diego. His wife, Georgina, and one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Rankin, live in San Diego.

Another daughter, Carolyn, mother of five children, died several years ago. Her husband and two of the children now reside at St. Paul where Mr. Kirschke has been visiting.

"I've been threatening to come back to O'Neill and to the old homestead for 25 years," Mr. Kirschke told The Frontier. "I'm delighted with the community—it's prosperous and very nice."

Mr. Kirschke was a bit disappointed he couldn't locate people with whom he had something in common.

"I talked to Ed Gallagher at the bank. He was born the year we left this country. P. C. Don-

choe is too young to remember the people I knew.

"The year we pulled stakes our cash crop was critter bones. We used to scour the country in the spring of the year, after the snow had disappeared, pick up all the bones and ship them to Michigan. Somehow lime was extracted from the bones. We used to get \$4 per ton.

"Times sure have changed," reflected Mr. Kirschke as he climbed into his car and headed for the old homestead on Honey creek.

BACK FROM KOREA—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh and Mrs. Henry Kufahl met A/3c Marvin E. Cavanaugh in Grand Island last Thursday. He will spend a 30-day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh. Airman Cavanaugh has just returned from Korea, where he spent one year.