

10- to 14-Inch Deluge Hits Celia Community

Christensen Rites Held Wednesday

Retired Farmer Dies at Omaha

EWING—Nels C. Christensen, 77, longtime resident of the Ewing community, died Saturday, August 28, in an Omaha hospital. He became seriously ill in July and went to South Sioux City to be near his son, Percy, and later was transferred to the hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, September 1, from the Methodist church in Ewing. Rev. W. J. Boner, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, officiated and burial was in the Ewing cemetery.

The late Mr. Christensen was born April 24, 1877, at Perth Amboy, N.J., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nels C. Christensen. As a child he came with his parents to Blair.

On February 28, 1898, he married Miss Lydia Kinsey at Blair. The couple moved onto a farm near Ewing where they became the parents of five children—two of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Christensen died May 27, 1935.

Survivors include: Sons—Percy of South Sioux City and Harold C. of Omaha; daughter—Mrs. Helen Sholes of Buhl, Ida; brothers—Walter of Park City, Utah, and Andrew of Casper, Wyo.; sisters—Mrs. Anna Deaver of Omaha and Mrs. Emery Epling of Casper, Wyo.; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

3 Public Sales Are Scheduled

Three public farm auctions are listed on The Frontier's sale calendar.

Wednesday, September 8: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whiting, who reside 22½ miles south of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, will offer 43 head of cattle, farm machinery and equipment and some household goods. Feature of the sale will be the disposal of dairy cattle. Col. Ed Thorin will be auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 8.)

Friday, September 10: Floyd Crawford, who resides four miles east of the Midway store, two miles east, two miles east and one mile north, will offer his 640-acre ranch, 50 head of cattle, ranch machinery and some household goods. Sale will be conducted by Thorin-Bowker Auction Service of O'Neill; Col. Ed Thorin, auctioneer; Bill Bowker, clerk. (Consult advertisement on page 11.)

Wednesday, September 15: Henry W. Durre, who lives 16 miles south of O'Neill, will offer 64 head of cattle, including both milk cows and stock cattle; also farm and ranch machinery and some household goods. Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State bank, clerk. (See advertisement in next issue.)

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford plan to retire, Mr. Crawford, who will be 79-years-old this month, has spent his entire lifetime within a three-mile radius of his place. He vividly recalls many events in the early history of northern Holt county.

He tells the story about an Indian scare in which a "Paul Revere" raced through the countryside warning settlers of approaching Indians.

The redskins never came, he remembers, and the people who gathered at a farm home spent the evening dancing and rejoicing. He recalls having made the trip to Scottville to see a famous outlaw, Kid Wade, who was being held pending arrival of authorities. A few days later Wade was hanged on the crossarm of a telegraph pole near Bassett.

Mr. Crawford is reluctantly selling his place, he reckons it's about time to move out and let some younger man take over.

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Hailstones Large as Golf Balls Reported; Joe Hendricks Dazed

A narrow east and west belt south of the Niobrara river was struck Thursday night by a cloudburst. And varying reports of the amount of rain falling have reached The Frontier.

The Frontier's Celia correspondent, Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg, quoted the Mark and Joe Hendricks families and the Emil Colfack family in reporting 10 to 14 inches of rain between 8 and 10:30 o'clock that evening.

Mrs. Emil Colfack said wash tubs in the front yard were overflowing with water from the deluge.

Atkinson and O'Neill received none of the rain. At a point 10 miles north of Atkinson only three inches of rain fell.

However, 15 miles north of Atkinson, in the Hendricks and Colfack vicinities, a 10-inch rainfall was reported on several different farms.

Spencer reported about five inches. Bristow and Butte had lesser amounts.

Joe Hendricks, who lives in the hard-hit Celia neighborhood, was stunned during that storm when lightning struck the telephone line. A bolt of lightning shot through the telephone transmitter and raced across the room to a refrigerator door. The bolt of lightning was so intense a hole was burned in the metal refrigerator door.

Mr. Hendricks is recovering from the ordeal okay. He was hurled from a chair on which he was sitting.

Corrals, fences, chutes and gardens were damaged in Celia community by the almost unprecedented downpour. Hail stones as large as golf balls were reported. Hay which had not been cut was ruined.

At the Mark Hendricks farm the hail pounded a hole into the roof and water came rushing into the house.

Both halves of a 30-gallon oil drum, which had been cut in two, were overflowing at the Mark Hendricks place. Water was still flowing in the barnyard the following day.

A twister tore tops out of trees at the Mark Hendricks place and several cats were drowned. At the Clarence Focken farm, a machine shed which was about to be shingled was wrecked by the wind. Chickens there were taken to the basement of the house for safety.

Paul Focken saw his 4-H club garden project ruined by the deluge.

At the Marvin Focken place only three inches of rain was received, and one mile south of there only a sprinkle was reported. Cornstalks were stripped at the LeRoy Hoffman place.

Mrs. Hammerberg said it was the worst storm of its kind in her memory. Many miles of fences will have to be repaired. Rubbish on the hay meadows has been deposited in "three-foot drifts" and occasionally up to six feet high in trees. Many trees were split from top-to-bottom under the pressure.

A tiny creek running between the Mark Hendricks and Stanley Johnson places showed evidence of having accommodated water 14 feet deep.

McElhaneys Unhurt as Car Overturns

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaneys and daughter, Jeannine, 13, escaped injury Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock when their homebound car was struck in the rear by a machine driven by Ward Sanders of Ogallala. The accident occurred on West Dodge street east of Boys Town near Omaha.

The McElhaneys car overturned and landed on its top, badly damaged.

Mrs. Sanders, who was riding with her husband, was injured when her head hit the windshield of their car.

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Commission to Inspect Proposed 281 Routes

Cole, Gallagher Named Party Heads

Demos Pick Candidate for Court Clerk

Holt county republicans and democrats held their traditional post-primary conventions here last Thursday. Both parties gained new county chairmen and, except for the democrats naming a candidate for clerk of the district court, business transacted was strictly routine.

The republicans, meeting in the courthouse basement, named Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet as new county chairman, succeeding William W. Griffin of O'Neill, who had held the post seven years. Kenneth Adams of Chambers was elected vice-chairman, and F. J. Brady of Atkinson was named secretary-treasurer.

The democrats named John R. Gallagher of O'Neill their new Holt chairman, succeeding John Sullivan, who had held the post about six years. Lloyd Cork of Pate was elected secretary-treasurer. The demos convened in the Knights of Columbus hall.

The democrats nominated Mrs. Don (Dorothy) Enright of O'Neill as their candidate for clerk of the district court in the general election in November. The demo slot was vacant on the primary ballot. She will oppose Howard Manson of O'Neill, who won the republican nomination. Manson presently is filling the post by appointment.

Democratic delegates to the state convention will be Gallagher, Cork, Francis D. Lee of Atkinson, Fred Mack of Atkinson, John Tushla of Atkinson and Gerry Lamason of Pate.

8 Volunteer for Service Thru Draft

Eight Holt county young men departed from O'Neill Wednesday for military service, volunteering through the selective service system.

They include: John H. Osborne of Atkinson; James E. Fritton of Emmet; Larry J. Krysl, Willis J. Berry and Richard E. White, all of Stuart; Michael E. London, jr., Robert C. Hynes and Vernon Wayne Donohoe, all of O'Neill.

Mrs. W. H. Hart, chief clerk of the draft board, said she had enough volunteers already to fill the October quota.

Meanwhile, the following recent enlistments have been announced by Sfc. James R. Lyons of the O'Neill Army recruiting station:

Robert E. Mullen of O'Neill, quartermaster corps; David L. Phipps of Atkinson, army airplane school; Robert N. Nissen of Elgin, engineer corps; Glenn A. Baumgartner of Atkinson, engineer corps, and Robert G. Horst of Fairfax, S. D., engineer corps.

These enlistees have been sent by the recruiting service to Ft. Bliss, Tex., for training.

Frontier want ads tell you where you can save!

Strong Wind Whips City Early Sunday

A strong wind with gusts up to 50-miles-per-hour whipped out of the northeast about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, doing some damage to trees in the city. The wind, was accompanied by a severe electrical storm and .36 of an inch of rain fell.

Later the sky cleared and the sun shone brightly.

The door on a hangar was damaged at the O'Neill airport. Guide ropes, anchoring one of the airplanes, snapped under the stress but the plane was not damaged.

Week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p.m., daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
August 26	92	66	
August 27	92	66	
August 28	92	66	
August 29	87	61	.36
August 30	84	67	
August 31	89	60	
September 1	86	67	

2 Unconfirmed Polio Cases Investigated

Mail Response 'Very Disappointing'

Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve, who heads the Holt county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reported there were two unconfirmed cases of polio in Stuart this week—the first this year in Holt county. Cases are being investigated, Mrs. Gildersleeve said.

Four thousand letters were mailed by the chapter hoping to raise \$2,000 in emergency funds. Only \$372.25 has been received to date, Mrs. Gildersleeve said. The response from the mail was "very disappointing," she said, and contributions are badly needed.

Miss Sandra Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O. Harper, Saturday night was chosen "Miss Emergency March of Dimes" queen in beauty competition at the American Legion auditorium.

She represented the Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. Second place honors went to Miss Darlene Grimes, who was entered by Gables.

Other entrants and their sponsors: The Misses Maureen Murphy, J. M. McDonald Co.; Ellen Corkle, McIntosh Jewelry; Janice Holsclaw, Sno-Creme Drive In; LaVonna Miller, Johnson Jewelry; Rosemary Bahl, J. C. Penney Co.; Elizabeth Schaffer, Western Auto; Bonita Muff, Ponton Insurance; Marilyn Carroll, O'Neill Auto Supply; Patricia DeBolt, Coast-to-Coast store; Maxine Ackers, Petersen's Clothing; Bernadette Hynes, Lee store.

Emergency march of dimes contributions entitled dancers to votes in the contest.

The Legion donated the use of the club for the queen contest and Post Commander Elgin Ray crowned Miss Harper. The event raised \$224.02 for the polio chapter.

Gibson, Krotter Argue Merits of Proposed Boyd Relocation

A two-year dispute over the relocation of U.S. highway 281 was given an airing Monday in the state capitol hearing room before the state advisory highway commission.

Those packing the chamber were aligned on two sides. One group wants the highway relocated through Spencer or near Spencer and the other group, several times larger than the first, wants the new highway to veer toward Bristow and beline for the new Ft. Randall dam.

Relocation of 281 and also of South Dakota highway 18 have been made necessary by the backup of water in the Randall reservoir.

After hearing detailed arguments, the commission voted to make an inspection tour of the disputed routes in Boyd county. Don Hanna of Valentine, commission member who had toured the proposed routes a fortnight ago, was ill and was not present at Monday's hearing.

Four proposed routes are under consideration by the state highway commission for extending the road north from the present junction of U.S. 281 and Nebraska 12, which is 2½ miles north of the Niobrara river:

Proposal 1: Bend the new 281 eastward at the junction to a point one mile west of Bristow, angle northeast to a point north of Bristow, head straight north to within a short distance of the Nebraska-Dakota state line. (South Dakota would be obliged to build south and slightly west to join up.) Total miles to be constructed 14.2; estimated cost \$559,875 (not including connection to Bristow from north or south or 1.2 miles of present highway 12).

Proposal 2: Continue north from junction 1.5 miles, angle northeast to state line (last three miles essentially same route as proposal 1). Total miles to be constructed 11.7; estimated cost \$320,500.

Proposal 3: Continue north from junction 1.5 miles, angle northwest to point 3 miles north of Spencer, continue northward on present state-owned Nebraska highway 18 right-of-way to state line. Total miles to be constructed 11.2 miles; estimated cost \$371,500.

Proposal 4: A potential route through Spencer, the yet surveyed, rebuilding highway 12 from the 281 junction to Spencer, then northward on route of present Nebraska highway 18. (Least miles of construction would be required on this line; likewise least cost.)

L. W. Gibson, Bristow banker, argued that a route north from Bristow would be a more direct and shorter route to the dam for residents living to the east. His plea for expediting traffic to the dam recreational area was endorsed by John D. Forsyth of Niobrara, president of the Nebraska Highway 12 association.

John Krotter of Spencer favored continued use of Nebraska highway 18 to the junction of South Dakota highway 54, which is linked with South Dakota's recently relocated highway 18 (main east-west artery). Krotter argued that this route would bring traffic into Nebraska from South Dakota and that the normal traffic flow is northwest-to-southeast.

Dewey C. Schaffer was spokesman for a group from the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, which (Continued on page 6)

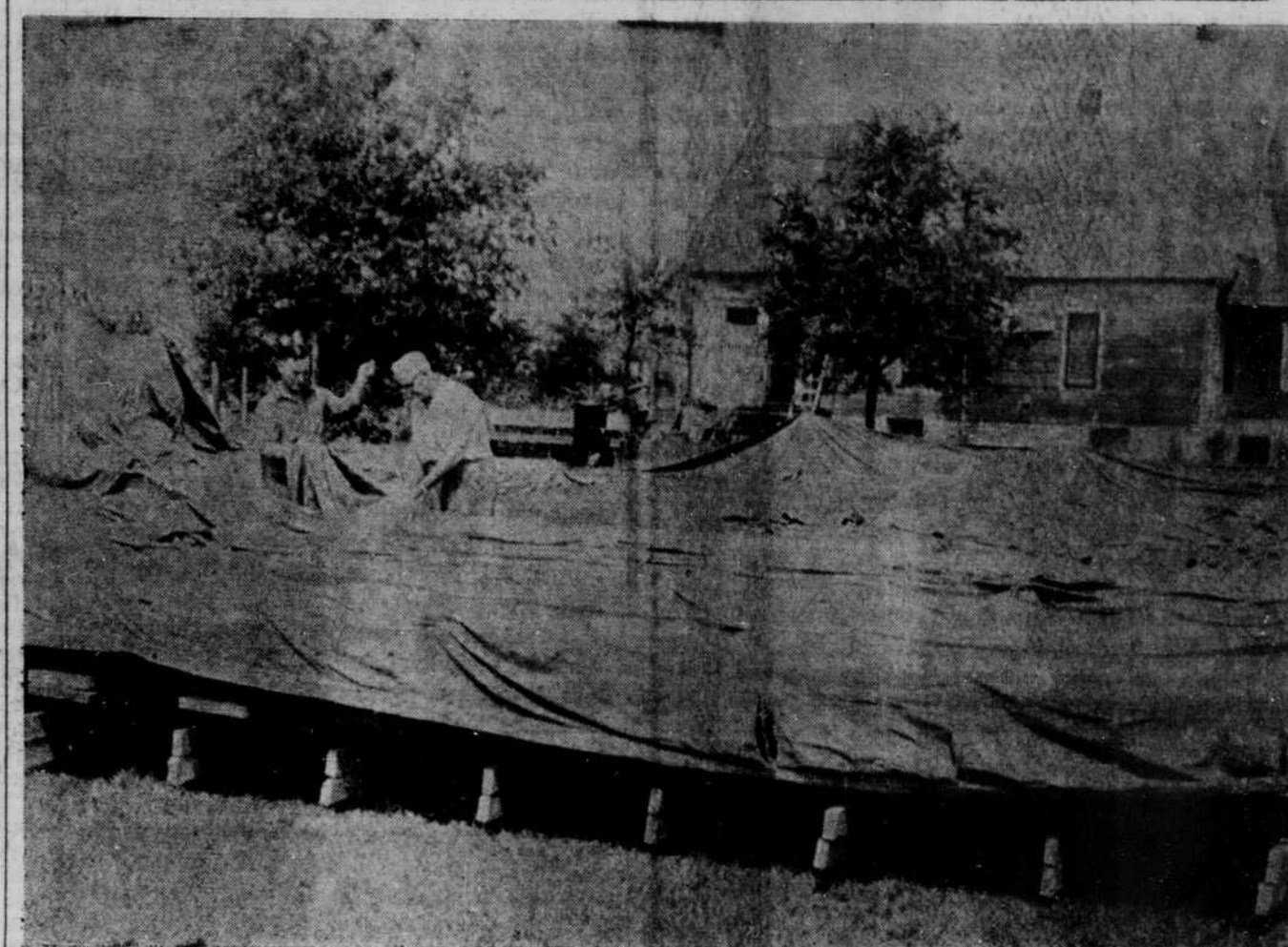
OHS Enrollment 'About the Same'

A total of 170 pupils—85 boys and 85 girls—registered Monday and Tuesday at O'Neill high school and reported for opening day classes on Wednesday. The registration shows 44 freshmen, 44 sophomores, 46 juniors and 36 seniors.

"The figures are about the same as at the start of the 1953-'54 term," Supt. D. E. Nelson said. However, he indicated several more registrations are expected in the freshman class.

Meanwhile, grade school registration was incomplete and will be finished today (Thursday).

Superintendent Nelson said the final vacancy on the faculty was filled Saturday when Richard Smithson, 26, of Rapid City, S.D., was signed to teach vocal music. Smithson, who is married and is the father of a 2-year-old child, was graduated from Yankton college. He taught two years at Mitchell and one year at Chamberlain.



Wind Levels Evangelist's Tent

Sunday morning's cyclonic wind caused a tent to collapse. The tent was unoccupied at the time and no one was hurt. Erected on a vacant lot five blocks north of the traffic signal, the tent belonged to Evangelist A. M. Alber of Sioux City, visiting O'Neill under the auspices

of the Assembly of God church. Rev. Wayne Hall, church pastor, and Mr. Alber are shown (above) mending the ripped canvas. The tent was rolled up, shipped to a Fremont factory, repaired and was again in service Wednesday night.—The Frontier Photo.



Patrol Inaugurates Radar to Catch Speeders

A radar device for catching motorists exceeding the speed limit on highways in this area was put to use Monday afternoon on a trial basis on U.S. highways 20-275, 2½ miles east of O'Neill. Within an hour four warnings were issued and one offender buzzing along at 70 miles per hour, was hailed into justice court. Lt. Harry Birt is shown (above) reading the meter which registers the speed of passing vehicles.

The radar camera (mounted on tripod) is focused on both lanes of the highway about 150 feet ahead. It is possible to camouflage the camera in brush and have the meter hanging on the dashboard of the car parked a few feet off the road. The camera and meter are linked by cable. In order to make the radar equipment effective, the operator must be able to direct by radio another patrol car to overhaul the speeders.—The Frontier Photo.

Thatched John L. Visitor Here

John L. Lewis, the darling of the United Mine Workers of America, stopped in O'Neill briefly Wednesday.

O'Neillites had him properly pegged and all except one permitted him to enjoy his sojourn without engaging him in shop talk.

Driving a late model car, Mr. Lewis pulled up at the A. Marcellus Buick garage and asked for a grease job and oil change. In a brief conversation with Mr. Marcellus, the visitor explained he was in somewhat of a big push and would like to call for the car "after a bite to eat."

Mr. Lewis, wearing dungarees, a denim shirt and an oversized hat, strolled down Fourth street to the Tom-Tom cafe. In the restaurant the nearby customers had table talk fun identifying Mr. Lewis, but none opened a conversation. Finally, a man in a group of tourists went over to Mr. Lewis and inquired how things were in Washington, D.C.

When Mr. Lewis went back to the Buick garage to claim his car, Alan Van Vleck was in charge.

"Who are you?" queried Mr. Van Vleck.

"That depends," retorted Mr. Lewis. "Are you serving process papers or why should you want to know?"

"I think you're John L. Lewis and I want you to know I admire some of the things you've done," said Mr. Van Vleck.

"Thank-you, young man," responded John L., warming up to the situation. "You hit it right on the nail."

When Van Vleck asked Mr. Lewis if he was traveling alone,

the inquisitor got the age-old answer: "I am—unless somebody rides with me."

Mr. Lewis said he had been on the West coast and was driving east by himself on U.S. highway 20. He originated in the Illinois mine fields but has been headquartered at Washington since his rise to fame as a labor leader. He said his

home is in Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac from the nation's capitol.

Asked if she enjoyed waiting on a personality whom the cartoonists characterize as a rough and tough customer, Mrs. Robert Retke, waitress at the Tom-Tom, said Mr. Lewis was "very nice, like most of our customers."

Swimming Meet Planned Sunday

A swimming meet will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday, September 5, at the Municipal swimming pool.

Pool Manager Don Templemeyer said there had been "quite a number of grade school entries." A feature of the meet will be a diving contest open to all with no classifications.

Mr. Templemeyer said the pool will close for the season at 7 p.m., on Monday, September 6, labor day. Meanwhile, the daily hours during the final days of the initial season are from 1 until 7 p.m., daily.

Korean Veterans Expected Home

CHAMBERS—The following Chambers men from the Korean theater are expected home this week: Sfc. Richard Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Reed; Sgt. Jack McClenahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar McClenahan, and Cpl. Gerald Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes. The boys have all served two years.

Frank O'Donnell left Wednesday for his home in Dallas, Tex. He has been visiting his sisters, Miss Ann O'Donnell and Mrs. Susan Deaver, for several weeks.

'Stockwell' Bandshell Dedicated at Bassett

BASSETT—A large crowd attended the dedication of the new "Chester Stockwell bandshell" Sunday at the Rock county fairgrounds. Mr. Stockwell has been active in music circles here for a half-century. The shell was made possible by contributions from past and present band members, local citizens and Ak-Sar-Ben.

Allen Martin Calls Home

Mrs. Henry Martin received a telephone call from her son, Pfc. Allen H. Martin, at 6:15 a.m., Sunday. Allen was on a week's leave at Tokyo when he called and the connection was so good, Mrs. Martin said, he sounded like he was in the United States.

He flew from Seoul to Tokyo and there were 150 people aboard. He is with battery A, 23d FAOBM, APO 264, San Francisco, Calif.

MISS BURGESS HOME

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess went to Rochester on Saturday, August 28, to visit their daughter, Joann, who had been a patient in St. Mary's hospital. They returned home on Wednesday. Joann accompanied them home.



New Postmaster Takes Office

Ira H. Moss (seated at right) late Tuesday was sworn in as O'Neill's new postmaster, succeeding Mrs. Helen Sullivan who has been acting postmaster since December 18, 1952. Harold Weier (standing at left), assistant postmaster, looks on. G. C. Schoep of Norfolk (also standing), district inspector for the postal service, officially installed Mr. Moss and relieved Mrs. Sullivan.—The Frontier Photo.