

# 'No Foundation for Skeleton Story' - Sheriff

## Woman Riding in Auto Dies Suddenly

### Rites Set Friday for Mrs. C. F. Hansen

Mrs. C. F. Hansen, 65, died suddenly about 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 13, while traveling in an automobile enroute from Ewing to O'Neill.

She was stricken with a heart attack while her husband was driving the car. Mrs. Hansen died immediately.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., Friday, September 17, from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Buglin's.

Palbearers will be Simon Bosh, Edward N. Flood, Clyde Streeter, Leo Tomjack, James Mullen, all of O'Neill, and George Schaff of Atkinson. The Catholic Daughters of America will offer a rosary at 4:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Hansen residence in the northeast section of O'Neill and a public rosary will be offered at 8 o'clock.

News of Mrs. Hansen's death could not be relayed immediately to one son, Leo of Stanton, who was in Minnesota on a fishing trip. The family sought the aid of Minnesota peace officers in locating Leo.

The late Mrs. Hansen, whose maiden name was Mary Ethel Brink, was born March 2, 1889, at



Mrs. Hansen... heart attack fatal.

Battle Creek. Her parents were Elmore Brink and Rose Flood Brink.

She married Carsten Fredrick Hansen on June 24, 1912, at Battle Creek. They became the parents of seven children and resided in Pierce county prior to coming to Holt in 1941. Mrs. Hansen was a member of St. Patrick's church and the Altar society.

Survivors include: Widower, sons—Leo B. of Stanton; Eugene H. of Stanton; Robert E. of Seattle, Wash.; Joseph F. of Inmaculata; daughters—Mrs. James (Blanche) Corkle of O'Neill; Mrs. Paul (Doris) Hahn of Pierce, and Mrs. Marcellus (Marjorie) Schaff of O'Neill; brothers—W. N. Brink of Omaha and Charles Brink of Evansville, Ind.; sister—Mrs. Henry Wale of Battle Creek.

## Open-House Affair Delayed 2 Weeks

The four-day open-house observance sponsored by the North-Nebbraska Builders in cooperation with National Homes, Inc., originally scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, September 16-19, has been postponed two weeks. The new dates are September 30, October 1, 2 and 3. (An advertisement on page 8 features the original dates, which have been changed.)

Harry E. Ressel and Francis Glig, who head the North-Nebbraska Builders, explain that the postponement has been necessitated by circumstances beyond their control.

Except for the dates, plans for the event are unchanged. Opened to the public will be a furnished National home in the North Heights addition, two blocks west of traffic signal to Second street, then 4 1/2 blocks north to William avenue. Inquiries will be answered by phoning 548-M or 523-J.

## Office Established for '54 Farm Census

Establishment of a field office for the 1954 census of agriculture was announced by L. L. Zook, who has been appointed supervisor for this area. This census field office will be located at 601 North Jeffers, North Platte.

Mr. Zook states that preliminary work on the 1954 census of agriculture to be taken this fall, will begin immediately. This includes organization of the field office, interviewing applicants for jobs, selecting and training of office clerks, field crew leaders and enumerators.

The territory assigned to this office for the 1954 census of agriculture includes the counties of the Fourth congressional district. Approximately 48 crew leaders and 203 enumerators will be employed to take the farm census in this area.

and Mrs. Joe Peters and her moved into O'Neill Sunday from their home in the coun-

"There is absolutely no foundation to a story making the rounds concerning a decomposed body or skeleton of an infant having been found in Atkinson."

This statement was issued Wednesday by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack at O'Neill after he had completed an investigation in Atkinson. Tomjack said he was satisfied the story was conjured up by "someone with an imagination" and there is absolutely no basis for the story that has been rampant for several days.

Rumor held that a decomposed body or skeleton had been uncovered in an abandoned nondescript dwelling in the west end of town. After authorities were summoned, so the story goes, the remains suddenly disappeared.

Tomjack said some tests would be run on some stains found in a jacket as possible evidence, but he doubted seriously if anything would come of it.

Holt county authorities are still searching for the parents of an unidentified boy whose body was found at O'Donnell's lake, east of Inman, on August 6, 1953. The body is still being kept in cold storage at Omaha.

## Robert Colman Dies at Denver

INMAN—Robert Colman, who was born and reared at Inman and was graduated from Inman high school, died Sunday, September 12, in a Denver, Colo., hospital. He had been ill nearly a year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Colman and son, George, were summoned to Denver during the weekend, leaving Saturday evening.

Survivors include: Widow—the former Helen Pinkerman; daughters—Rita and Janice; son—James; two grandsons; parents—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Colman of Inman; brothers—Ralph of Chicago, Ill., and George of Inman.

## Truck Loaded with Scrap Iron Upsets

An eastbound truck owned and driven by T. J. Reynolds of Alliance upset about noon Saturday 1 1/2 miles west of Emmet on U.S. highway 20. The vehicle had hit several bumps in the road, broke an axle and went out of control, clipping an electric transmission line pole and breaking a wire.

Neither Reynolds nor his son, Thomas, and another youth, Robert Heitz, about 14, was hurt. The weight of the cargo, however, completely wrecked the overturned vehicle.

Traffic was tied up for a short time, waiting to Deputy Holt County Sheriff James Mullen, who investigated.

## 5 Receive Orders for Draft Physicals

Five Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations today (Thursday). They are:

Floyd Osborne, jr., of Atkinson; Joseph J. Fleming, Calvin J. Murphy and Harold W. Fox, all of O'Neill, and Arnold E. Crawford of Ewing.

The Holt draft board office will be closed from September 16-23 while the chief clerk, Mrs. W. H. Hart, is on vacation.

## Charles Richardson Burial at Inman

INMAN—Brief funeral services were conducted at Buglin's chapel in O'Neill at 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, for Charles Richardson, 72, former resident of the Inman and O'Neill communities.

For a number of years the late Mr. Richardson was a hog and grain buyer and a dealer in used automobiles.

He died Wednesday, September 8, at Burlington, Wash. Graveside rites were conducted at the Inman cemetery with Rev. E. G. Hughes of Atkinson officiating.

## O'Neill Sending 2 to Symposium

James W. Rooney and F. N. Cronin of O'Neill will leave today (Thursday) for Lincoln to attend a statewide industrial symposium which is being held at the Cornhusker Hotel.

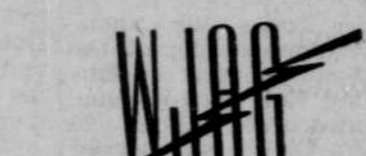
Charles E. Wilson, secretary of defense, will highlight the evening session as the principal speaker. Numerous industrial leaders from throughout the nation will be present to take part in the meeting. The real purpose of this conference is to focus national attention on Nebraska, and to attract industrial leaders of the nation to Nebraska in their expansion programs.

## Sergeant Campbell Gets Leave

STUART—Sgt. Charlie Campbell, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Campbell of Stuart, recently spent seven days in Japan on a rest and recuperation leave from battery B of the Seventh infantry division's 48th field artillery battalion in Korea.

Campbell, a section chief, entered the army in January, 1953.

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# Retired Blacksmith Is Stricken

## Fred K. Tenborg, 82, Funeral Rites Held Saturday at Emmet

EMMET—Fred Karl Tenborg, 82, died Thursday, September 9, the result of a heart attack at his home. He was a retired blacksmith and had been making his home for the past two years with a nephew, Francis Tenborg, northwest of Emmet.

The late Mr. Tenborg was born at Ithaca on February 6, 1872, a son of Frank and Sophia Tenborg. At the age of 11 he accompanied his parents to Holt county. They homesteaded north of Emmet.

In 1901, Mr. Tenborg married the former Nora Howard, who died in 1924.

Mr. Tenborg operated a blacksmith shop at Rushville and at Lead before establishing a shop at Emmet, which he operated until ill health forced him to retire.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 11, from the Methodist church at Emmet. Rev. W. B. Smith of O'Neill officiated and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson.

The body lay in state at the church prior to the funeral hour.

Nephews were pallbearers: Geary Embody of Emmet, Laurence Tenborg of O'Neill, Francis and John Tenborg, both of Emmet, Vern Swick of Clinton and Walter Meier of O'Neill.

Survivors include: Brother—William T. of Emmet; 12 nieces and nephews.

## District 37 Wins 3 'Superiors'

The maximum number of entries in art and crafts from the rural schools of Holt county was on display at the state fair this year. Forty-one schools were represented in the entries and a total of 26 "superiors," 55 "excellents" and 27 "goods" were received.

Top honors (three "superiors") went to district 37 (Mary Schmitz, teacher last year); district 76 (Mrs. Lydia Medcalf, teacher) and district 156 (Mrs. Ruby Holcomb, teacher last year).

Two "superiors" were awarded to district 212 (Mrs. Shirley Farrier, teacher last year), and district 242 (Mrs. Ramona Randol, teacher last year).

This is the first time Holt county rural schools have been represented at the state fair and we are very proud of the results," explained Miss Alice L. French, county superintendent.

There were about twice as many entries this year and competition was very keen, she said. Miss French attended the fair.

## Sergeant DeGroff Enroute to U.S.

ATKINSON—Sfc. Donald H. DeGroff, 22, whose wife, Geraldine, lives in Atkinson, is returning to the U.S. from Korea where he served with I Corps.

He entered the army in October, 1952, and arrived overseas in June, 1953, after completing basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

A native of Nebraska, whose father was a Methodist preacher in Holt county, last week was elected district judge at Amite, La. She is Miss Fannie Burch, niece of H. B. Burch of O'Neill, and the first woman ever elevated to a district bench in Louisiana.

Miss Burch was given a 1,400 vote lead over the incumbent. She polled 12,754 votes in the three parishes which compose the district.

The Baton Rouge Advocate, in a page one picture story, labeled Miss Burch as a fiery speaker who carried her campaign to the people, speaking in white and Negro churches throughout the district.

"No one who voted for me will have cause to be ashamed of it," she declared.



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## Betty Gallagher Returns from Europe

Miss Betty Gallagher returned Saturday from a two-months' tour of Europe. She sailed from New York City June 21 aboard the SS Waterman and docked at Rotterdam, Holland, June 30. The Popularis tour group of 45, of which she was a member, toured Holland and Holland and they went to Belgium and on to Germany. Principal stops in Germany were Cologne and Heidelberg. In Switzerland, they visited Lucerne. Before going to Rome for five days, where they had an audience with the pope, they crossed the St. Gothard pass.

From Italy the group went to Spain, stopping at Barcelona and Madrid. In Portugal, their main stops were Lisbon and the shrine of Fatima. At Fatima they visited with two members of the famous Fatima family.

From that point they continued to Lourdes, France, and on to Paris.

The group sailed from London August 23 on the Arosa Kulm and docked in Hoboken, N.J., Friday, September 3.

Before meeting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher in Chicago, Ill., Miss Gallagher spent several days in Washington, D.C. Her cousins, the Misses Katherine and Elizabeth Dawson of Washington, also were on the European tour.

## Amphibious Plane Sweats Out Dust

An amphibious airplane called it quits Sunday evening about 6 o'clock and fluttered into Municipal airport here. The craft, somewhat of a seafarer by nature, landed on Holt county soil because the pilot said he no longer could negotiate a swirling duststorm through which he had been flying.

The skipper tossed the anchor into prairie sod and he spent the night here.

A private plane, the craft was enroute to Salt Lake City.

Miss Loretto Enright spent the weekend in Elgin visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Wirges.



## Graduate Nurse

Miss Joan Adair (above), daughter of Mrs. Gertie Adair of Amelia, was one of a class of 23 members graduating from Bryan Memorial hospital school of nursing on Sunday, September 13.

Commencement exercises were held at First Plymouth Congregational church in Lincoln.

The family moved to Louisiana when the new judge was a child.

Miss Burch based her hard-hitting campaign on the charge brought against her and charged her opponent, who held the office for many years, with "laxity."

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Burch she declared: "I've seen a good many people who are deeply happy. It was a definite handicap to be a woman in this campaign. Surprising the amount of prejudice against a woman holding office."

Her parents were the late Rev. and Mrs. Charles Burch.

Miss Burch... "political persecution."

# Gamma Shots to 200 Spencer School Pupils



## \$1,500 Loss in Shop Blaze

O'Neill firemen for a half-hour Saturday afternoon fought a stubborn blaze at the Shierk Motor company's repair shop where damage was estimated at \$1,500. Mechanics were cutting holes in plate iron when gasoline, which had been spilled on the floor, became ignited.

Harold Jensen and Chet Fees, jr., who were in the building, escaped injury. The firm on South Fourth street is the O'Neill agency for DeSoto and Plymouth cars. One car in the shop was damaged, some tools were ruined and there was damage to the building. Fire Chief G. E. Miles and Fireman Frank Clements are seen in left foreground.—The Frontier Photo.

# Community Concerts Being Talked

Possibilities for a series of professional musical concerts during the winter and early spring months were informally discussed Monday evening at the home of Miss Anna O'Donnell. The meeting was a hurried preliminary affair, attended by 12 enthusiasts representing both O'Neill schools and various civic and cultural groups.

Purpose of Monday's meeting was to determine if there is sufficient interest here to entertain Mrs. Pauline Walston, midwestern representative for

## Band Enrollment Up 15 Over Last Year

The schools of O'Neill are starting the school term with a band enrollment of 113—a gain of 15 over last year. Beginners' classes are scheduled to start next week. Anyone interested is urged to contact the band director, Charles B. Houser. "Everyone is cordially invited to be present and attend an informal display of new musical instruments in the band room of the O'Neill public school Friday afternoon and evening, September 17, it was stated by Mr. Houser.

The band is scheduled to parade at 1 p.m., Saturday in Albion in conjunction with the 70th annual Boone county fair.

On Monday the 57 members of the band marched in the American Legion district convention parade in Plainview. Buses were chartered by Simonson post 93 of O'Neill. Following the parade, a plate lunch was served the members. Bands from Pierce and Plainview also appeared.

Mrs. Robert Martens of Atkinson, chairman; Mrs. Merwyn French of Page, vice-chairman; Mrs. John Silverstrand of Atkinson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lowell Johnson of O'Neill, health chairman; Mrs. Ernest Gotschall of Atkinson, music; Mr. Quentin Hickok of Atkinson, 4-H.

Mrs. Oliver Ross of O'Neill publicity; Mrs. Glen Grimes of Chambers, past county chairman; Mrs. Alfred Carson of Redbird, retiring chairman; Mrs. J. B. Mellor of Atkinson, member of extension board; Mrs. Stanley Lambert of Ewing, family life.

Group chairmen are: Mrs. Walter Ries of Atkinson; Mrs. Rollo Berry of Stuart; Mrs. Norman Saltz of Page; Mrs. Gordon Harley of Chambers; Mrs. Frank Eppenbach of O'Neill.

Achievement day was set for October 21. Theme will be Christmas ornaments, gifts, cooking, lighting. Mrs. Tullis of Lincoln is the tentative speaker.

A revised constitution was accepted. County Agent A. Neil Daves announced a nine weeks recreation school from 7:30 to 9, to be held each Friday evening at the high school building.

Mrs. Martens gave a report on homemakers' day and told of her interview over WOW. For this cooperation she received a silver pin knife.

## Teacher, 22, Contracts Infantile Paralysis; in Dakota Hospital

SPENCER—More than two hundred Spencer public school pupils were inoculated Tuesday evening with gamma globulin shots after one of the teachers, Miss Barbara Brunckhorst, 22, of Inman, contracted infantile paralysis.

Miss Brunckhorst was taken to the Pickstown, S.D., hospital on Monday and was later transferred to Sioux Falls, S.D. Her feet are seriously paralyzed.

Miss Brunckhorst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunckhorst of Inman, departed for Pickstown upon receipt of the news and later accompanied their daughter to Sioux Falls.

Dr. R. E. Kriz and Dr. Joseph David, jr., both of Lynch, administered the shots to the Spencer students in the school auditorium. The medicos were assisted by Dr. Don David, optometrist; Dr. L. I. Himes and Dr. Jack Marcum, both veterinarians; Sisters of the Lynch hospital, and Mrs. Joseph David, jr., of Lynch.

The gamma globulin had been procured at Norfolk through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mrs. Gayle Couch of Spencer brought the serum to Spencer. No time was lost from school classes and late Wednesday Publisher Jack Wells of the Spencer Advocate said no new cases had been detected.

# 10-Mo.-Old O'Neill Infant Victim

A 10-month-old boy, David Charles Melena, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Melena, is in isolation at Children's Memorial hospital, Omaha, a victim of infantile paralysis. This is the first major case of polio in O'Neill this year, although there have been several suspect cases and at least one instance of a mild attack left no ill effects.

The Melena infant became ill Wednesday, September 8, with a sore throat and ear infection. By Sunday evening the affliction was diagnosed as polio. The parents took their child to Omaha the following day, suffering a partial arm, side and leg paralysis.

The Melenas, who returned to O'Neill, were informed Wednesday that their child was a victim of the arm and leg. Treatments will not begin in less than a week, they said.

## 2 New Polio Cases at Stuart

STUART—Two more Stuart residents are in Memorial hospital at West Point as polio patients. There have now been four cases of the dreaded disease reported in the Stuart area in the past two weeks.

Gerald Hamik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamik of Stuart, was taken to the West Point hospital Sunday, where his illness was diagnosed as polio. His brother, Donald, was already a patient in the same hospital.

Also taken to West Point was Mrs. Walter Zahradnick of Stuart, a polio patient.

## Ainsworth Students Get Polio Shots

AINSWORTH—Mass gamma globulin inoculation of more than 650 school children began Wednesday at Ainsworth, where several new polio cases have developed.

Similar steps were taken at Springfield where there is a polio threat.

## All-Day Workshop Here Friday

Dr. William Hall of the University of Nebraska will be the speaker for an all-day workshop for Holt county rural teachers on Friday, September 17, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the O'Neill public school auditorium. All rural teachers are expected to attend.

Off-campus classes for the first semester are still open for registration. "Recreation" and "Human Development and Behavior" will meet at 7 p.m., on Friday, September 17. "Crafts" and "European History" will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 18. All classes will be held at the O'Neill public school.

Lorraine Ernst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst of O'Neill, is teaching the fifth and sixth grades in the Niobrara school. School opened last week.

## 5 Auctions Listed on Sale Calendar

Among the public sales listed on The Frontier's auction calendar include:

Thursday, September 16: E. A. Petersen Motor Co., cleanup farm machinery, used cars, used trucks, at Neigh; Col. Ed Thorner of O'Neill, auctioneer; Bill Bowin of O'Neill, clerk.

Friday, September 24: Herman Schroeder, near Ewing; 47 head of cattle, machinery, some household goods; Col. O'Connell & Wanser, auctioneers; Farmers State Bank, Ewing, clerk. (Details on page 11.)

Tuesday, September 28: Clyde McKenzie, sr., southwest of Redbird; 96 head of cattle including 20 registered Herefords; farm machinery; some household goods; Col. Lester Pearson of Spencer, auctioneer; O'Neill National Bank, clerk. (See details in next issue.)

Friday, October 8: Roy Margrit and W. G. ("Walt") Sire Hereford dispersion and farm close-out sale, 104 registered Herefords, 70 commercial cattle, machinery. (Consult big ad in subsequent issue.) Premises located 16 miles north of O'Neill, 4 miles west, one-half mile north and three-fourths of a mile east. Cols. Weller, McClurg and Fleming, auctioneers; Butte State Bank, clerk.

Friday, October 29: Joe J. Jelinek & Sons, Verdigre, Neb., annual production sale, 65 registered Herefords, Creighton Livestock Pavilion. (For catalog being published by The Frontier, write Jelineks.)

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