



The Old Gold twins, regular and king size (adv.) . . . Mrs. Robert M. Langdon and Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr. - The Frontier

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The annual end-of-the-season masquerade ball, held Sunday

evening at the Country club,

brought out an impressive and

entertaining array of costumes.

Although not a winner, the Old Gold twins won plaudits

A. P. Jaszkowiak was awarded the prize for the most original

costume. He appeared dressed as

ing the wrath of the truant offi-

for the best man's costume.

**Retired Atkinson** 

Farmer Dies at 67

World War I Vet

World War I veteran, died Wed-

nesday, September 8, in the Vet-

erans hospital at Grand Island.

The late Mr. Forsberg was born at Oakland October 7, 1886,

During World War I he served

He lived near Atkinson for the

His parents preceded him in

Survivors include: Brother — Val of Wakefield; sisters— Mrs.

C. E. Johnson of Salinas, Calif., Mrs. Dennis Hynes of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Albert Johnson of

Funeral services were conduct-

Relatives and friends from out-

of-town attending the rites were:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson and

for Inman Festival

INMAN-Saturday, October 2

has been set for the date of the

day will feature band music,

Persons wishing to contribute

TEXAS MEETING

SPENCER - John Krotter of

also of Red Cloud, went to Min-

household goods, machinery, can-

morning of the sale.

ley Stipp.

all of Atkinson.

in the 19th military police.

health failed 41/2 years ago.

and-red Spanish dance costumes.

Produces Variety

Masquerade Ball

from the crowd.

## Holt Resident Since 1883 Dies

### Rites at Chambers for Mrs. Hertel

CHAMBERS-Mrs. Judson Orrie Hertel, 84, died Saturday, September 18, in St. Anthony's hospital here. She had been seriously ill since Tuesday, Septem- a school boy in knee pants risk-

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 20, at 2 p.m., from the Methodist church who appeared in a Spanish in Chambers. Rev. Carlyle Hodgkins, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Big-

Palbearers were Edwin Wink, Hilbert Hoge, Ralph Hoffman, John Honeywell, Omar McClenahan and Earl Medcalf.

The late Mrs. Hertel at Weeping Water on August 27, 1870. Her parents were Joshua and Martha Rollins Porter. She



Mrs. Hertel . . . ill only four

came to Holt county in 1883 from Butler county.

On February 17, 1897, at O'-Neill, she married the late Judson Holcomb Hertel. They became the parents of four children.

Survivors include. Sons-Leon and Seth, both of Chambers; daughters—Mrs. Ella J. Covey of Chambers and Mrs. Margy O. Bratton, Toulon, Ill.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grand-

## Archbishop Sets Schedule in Area the Bressler funeral home Sunday, September 12. Larry John-

Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., archbishop of the Omaha son, Roman Catholic diocese, will be in the O'Neill region on Tuesday, September 28, through Thursday,

On Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., he will officiate in confirmation Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnrites at St. Peter's church at Ew- son, Warren and Marjorie, all of ing. Following luncheon at Ewing, the archbishop and his par- Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Anton ty will come to O'Neill where Hegberg, all of McLean; Paul confirmation will be bestowed McClintock and Willard McClinupon approximately 150 children and 50 adults at St. Patrick's Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoppe and Church.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, 36 children and six adults of the Emmet parish and Amelia mis- October 2 Date sion will receive confirmation at the Church of the Epiphany in Emmet. Following dinnner at the residence of Rev. Francis Price in Emmet, the archbishop will remain in O'Neill overnight as annual fall festival, which will a guest of the Very Rev. Timothy be a communitywide event. The

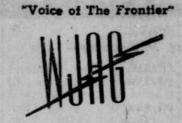
Confirmation will be received reces, games, a public auction in Atkinson at 10:30 a.m., on ('tems will be donated), exhibits Wednesday and at Stuart at 2:30 and displays. r.m., where the archbishop will remain overnight.

Thursday's confirmation sched- ned goods, clothing or miscellanule includes Naper and Herrick, eous items are urged to bring S.D., mission, 9:30 a.m.; Butte, 11 them to the street west of the a.m.; Spencer, 2:30 p.m., and Maxcy Memorial addition the

Lynch, 4 p.m. Following dinner in Lynch next Thursday evening, Archbishop Bergan's plans include returning to O'Neill for the night. Spencer, vice-president of the He will say mass at 7:30 a.m., U.S. Highway 281 association; Friday at St. Patrick's church Earl W. Carpenter of Red Cloud, here before returning to Omaha. president, and George T. Doering,

Returns to Omaha-

eral Wells, Tex., Saturday for the Miss Mary Rotherham departed annual meeting of the national late Wednesday for Omaha to association. They were joined by visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kissell of Portis. Kans., sec-John Rotherham.



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Seven Cents

# Atkinson Rancher

William Vrooman Is

ATKINSON-William C. Vrooman, 54, rancher residing 27 miles southwest of here, died suddenly about 9 a.m., Monday, September 20. With his son, Harold, he had gone to a pasture about four miles from home to sort cat-

He was stricken with a heart attack and died immediately. Mr. Vrooman had been in failing health for several months, but had not complained of illness Albert Melcher, 44,

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, from St. Joseph's Catholic church with Rev. R. J. Parr, church pastor, officiating. Burial as in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Schorn, Leo Monahan, Leonard Ullrich, Charles E. Chace, Edward Janwho appeared in a Spanish senorita's colorful dress, was sen, jr., and William Morgan, sr. A rosary was offered Tuesday awarded top honors for the best evening at the Seger funeral

woman's costume.

Louis Reimer, jr., with a bushel of straw under his hat, showed up as a scarecrow and remained incognito most of the evening. He was given the prize the segen funeral home.

(It was erroneously stated on Wednesday's "Voice of The Frontier" program the rites were to be held at the Lutheran church.)

The late Mr. Vreenan was Miss. For Stubben Mrs. Lorest Mrs. The late Mrs. Vreenan was Miss. For Stubben Mrs. Lorest Mrs. evening. He was given the prize Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gonderinger | Martha of Atkinson, who wore black-Members of the orchestra were ruary 12, 1926.

the judges. The event formally closes the Country club season. Club officials said more people participated in club activities this year than ever before in history. They point to a record membership and record golf par-

### Mrs. Rathovec, 72, Dies at North Platte

Mrs. Albert Rathovec, 72, mother of Mrs. Lod Janousek of O'Neill, Mrs. Jerry Halva of Lynch and Mrs. Simon Bosn of Algot V. Forsberg

O'Neill, died about midnight
Monday, September 20, at St.
Mary's hospital in North Platte. Mrs. Rathovec, whose maiden name was Anna Haklvock, was born in Saunders county in 1882.

She married Albert Rathovec at



Mrs. Rathovec . . stricken ed by Rev. Ronald E. Buskirk at on trip

the Bressler funeral home Sun-Brainard about the turn of the son sang, accompanied by Miss century. They became the par-Vena Green. Pallbearers were ents of eight daughters and four Raymond Paulson, Clarence Larsons. Two of the children precedson, Herbert Green, Herbert Lundahl, Alfred Kahler and Ried her in death. Survivors include: Widower:

six daughters; four sons; 20 grandchildren and 25 greatgrandchildren. Mrs. Janousek and the late

Mrs. Rathovec had left Tuesday, the Presbytery before the call coln, and Mrs. Guy (Mary) Wausa; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur September 7, for North Platte can be accepted. Reverend Kenwhere they visited Mrs. Janousek's | nell told officials of the two Holt son-in-law and daughter, Mr. county churches he expected to and Mrs. Joseph Beckwith. On move to O'Neill about November by Mrs. Bud Cole following din-Friday Mrs. Rathovec was stricken with a heart attack and was taken to the North Platte hospi-

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) from St. Rose's Catholic church in Oma-

### Death of Denver Driver Blamed on Heart Attack

Dies at 54

INMAN—The death of Harold W. Ticknor, 51, 3425 Lowell blvd., Denver, Colo., on Monday, September 13, was blamed on a heart attack. While driving his car at West 34th ave. and Lowell blvd., in Denver, his machine went out of control.

He was found dead after the Fatally Stricken in machine had gone over a curb at the intersection, traveled 36 feet Presence of Son across a lawn, knocked down a spruce tree and crashed into a

> Ticknor's wife, Elizabeth, was the only passenger. She received minor bruises and was treated by doctor

> Mrs. Ticknor told authorities she attempted to stop the car after her husband fell back against the seat. The death was not listed as a traffic fatality.

# III 9 Weeks, Dies

## Funeral Held Friday at Creighton

ORCHARD— Funeral services for Albert E. Melcher, 44, were held Friday, September 17, at the Congregational - Baptist church at Creighton with Rev. Gordon S. Jensen officiating. Mr.

rening. He was given the prize or the best man's costume.

The best couple award went to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gonderinger of Atkinson, who were blackmarried Effie Jones at St. Jo- "God Will Take Care of You." seph's church, Atkinson, on Feb- Mrs. Jensen also sang "By Life or Death.'

Survivors include: Widow; son
—Harold; two grandchildren;
sisters—Mrs. Dorothy Barrett of
Atkinson and Mrs. Blanche Pick

Pallbearers were N. Chris Nelsen, Harry Tyler, Clyde Green,
Louie Nielsen, D. A. Van Deveer
and Joyce Berger. The wives of Pallbearers were N. Chris Nelthe pallbearers were in charge of the flowers. Interment was in the family plot in Orchard cemetery at Orchard.

> Albert E. Melcher, son of Edward and Emma Melcher, was born April 2, 1910, at Pilger. When he was 1-year-old, has parents moved onto a farm south of Page, where he grew

In Yankton, S.D., on April 2, 1934, he was united in marriage to Frances E. Schwager. They became the parents of three

Their first home was established in Page where Mr. Melcher worked for several years, after which they moved to a farm near Orchard. The family remained there for about eight years and then moved to a farm about seven miles southwest of Creighton. Mr. Melcher was actively en-

died at 3:30 p.m., Monday, September 20, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been ill for gaged in farming until about nine weeks ago when he contracted a disease which compelled him to be bedfast until he

Survivors include: Widow Frances; sons — Röbert Duane, Richard Lee and Ronald Dean; mother-Mrs Emma F. Melcher of Page; brothers — Arthur of Clearwater and Harold of Page; sisters-Mrs. Esther Shirreffs of Tilden, Mrs. Helen Thiessen of Clearwater and Mrs. Dorothy Clements of Miami, Fla.

### Presbyterians Issue Call to Rev. Kennell

Rev. J. Olen Kennell of Orleans has been issued a joint call from First Presbyterian church of O'-Neill and Bethany Presbyterian church near Chambers.

Formalities must be worked out with the Orleans church and Custer (Ethel) Johnson of Lin-The two churches have been evening. Those having the high

without a pastor since midsummer when Rev. Samuel Lee ac- French, Mrs. Marvin Miller, and cepted a call to Osborne, Kans. Tune in "Voice of The Fron

Newly-elected officers of the O'Neill Community Concert association confer with Mrs. Pauline Walton (seated), midwestern representative for Community Concert Services, Inc. Standing are Mrs. J. Laverdn Jay, third vice-president; F. E. Parkins, president; J. B. Grady, treasurer. Seated in the foreground is John H. McCarville, second vice-president and one or the membership drive chairmen.-The Frontier Photo.

## St. Anthony's at 2d Milestone

On Friday, September 24, St. Anthony's hospital will have completed its second year of operation. It was exactly two years ago the half-million-dollar medical center at O'Neill was formally dedicated and op-

During that first year there were 1,099 patients; during the second year, 1,345-a gain of A total of 177 babies were born at St. Anthony's during the first 12 months as compar-

Held at Atkinson

Widow Hospitalized

for a Week

ATKINSON - Mrs. Vera M.

Hickman, 79, a widow who had

been hospitalized about a week,

Funeral services were conduct-

ed at 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 22. from the Methodist church with Rev. E. G. Hughes,

church pastor, officiating. Burial

was in Woodlawn cemetery. Pall-

bearers were Earl Houts, Ray

Elder, Ralph Beck, Thomas Mal-

The late Mrs. Hickman, whose

maiden name was Bantz, was

born at Nemaha on September 1, 1875, a daughter of William C.

Before the turn of the century

she married the late Sam Hick-

rian. They resided for many

years on a farm two miles

southeast of Atkinson. Mr. Hick-

Survivors include: Son-Frank-

Mrs. William (Sylvia) Coleman

of the Phoenix community; Mrs.

ner at the M&M cafe Monday

scores at bridge were Mrs. Dale

Mrs. Joseph McCarville, jr.

Frontier for printing!

lin of Atkinson; daughters

and Armanda Bantz.

man died in 1939.

Beckwith of Emmet.

Art Andrus and John

some time, relatives said.

Hickman Rites

ed to 202 births during the second year-a gain of 25. A grand total of 2,136 sons, including patients, out-patients and babies, received service and care at the O'Neill

hospital during the second year. Other statistics: Out-patients: First year, 340,

second year, 589. Patient days: First year, 6,-493; second year, 8,209. Bassinet days: First year, 769; second year, 872. Of the 1,345 patients who

The Snells . . dinner in their

The fire may have started in a

he dwelling before extensive

Mr. Crumly was not at home.

make a trip to Cedar Rapids, Ia.

O'Neill firemen were summon-ed to the Crumly's and neighbors

had the blaze extinguished be-

2 Hurt When Trucks

Collide Near Ewing

honr. (Story at right.)

and personal effects.

damage' was done.

badly damaged.

luncheon was served.

Light Bulb Blamed

were admitted during the second year of the hospital's operation, 431 were readmissions. Dental surgery is a new service which has been included during the hospital's second

The doctors include Drs. O. W. French, chief-of-staff and chairman; Rex W. Wilson, vicechairman; W. F. Finley, secretary; J. P. Brown, L A. Carter, R. M. Langdon, all of O'Neill, and D. H. Bendorff of Butte. Other staff doctor applications are being filed.

## Rollie Snell, Wife Married 59 Years

at O'Neill

Snell observed their 59th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sep-Yankton, S.D. This is arranged tember 19, when a dinner and on a reciprocal basis. supper were served in their honor at the home of their son-in-law for the O'Neill public school audand daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Har- itorium. Upon completion of the

Ernest Old, of Meriden, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Old and Mrs. Alta Lockmon of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin Lockmon of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ressel and son of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cullen and Miss Maude Bobbit, all of for Farm Blaze

PAGE — The Lyndly Crumly farm home near Page, about 10 ried at O'Neill September 18, miles east of O'Neill, was the 1895. They resided on farms bescene of a fire about 8 o'clock fore moving to Page about 25 Tuesday making. Neighbors who were summoned gathered of three daughters—Mrs. Harvey quickly to help remove alething (Mahle). Cullen and Mrs. Boy quickly to help remove clothing (Mable) Cullen and Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Stewart, both of Page; and Mrs. Dale (Alma) Asher of lothes closet where an electric Logan, Ia. There are seven grandlight bulb had been left burning, children and several greatgrand-An automatic electric water children. pumping system aided in saving

Mr. Snell is 82-years-old and Mrs. Snell is 79-years-old. They are both in "fairly good health."

### He had arisen about 4 o'clock to Auxiliary Plans Benefit Show Here

Simonson unit 93, American fore the O'Neill truck reached Legion auxiliary, is presenting the Ralph Thomas shows here Friday evening, September 24, at the Legion auditorium. The troupe will feature singing, fun, music, comedy and novelties. Artists in the troupe formerly EWING — An accident about were with the famous Roy Rog-11.30 a.m., Tuesday on U.S. high- ers radio group. They are masters way 275, east of Ewing at the of 17 different instruments. Summerland corner, involved two trucks, both traveling west- 3.) (See big advertisement on page

Paul Dowd, 28, driver of the Return from 'Round

first truck, made a right-hand World Cruiseturn off the highway, heading toward Summerland. His truck returned to the U.S. September voted to Pontiac automobile,

of the Ashcraft Trucking Co., world cruise. Clearwater. Both machines were aircraft carrier was Orville L. Ashcraft suffered a bruised hip Forbes, aviation structural mechanic second clas, USN, son of ORCHARD — Postmaster and

The Elkhorn Extension club met | ner at the M&M cafe. Mrs. Nor- | chartered bus. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grenier at the home of Mrs. D. N. Loy for man Gonderinger and Mrs. Melvin bridge.

## Association Is Formed for Concerts

## Plans Being Pushed by Newly - Elected Music Officials

A second meeting of interested persons within four days has produced an organization which has been designated as the O'. Neill Community Concerts association. The association plans to bring to O'Neill during the winter and spring months nationally and internationally famous mu-sical concert stars, both individuals and groups.

The new association is affiliated with Community Concerts Services, Inc., of New York City, which furnishes talent for similar associations in 1,500 cities in the United States, Canada and

Thursday's organizational meeting was held at the American Legion lounge. Miss Anna O'Donnell, in whose home plans originally were discussed, presided as temporary chairman until permanent officers were elected.

The officers are: F. E. Parkins, president; John Watson, vice-president; Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka and John H. Mc-Carville, second vice-presidents and cochairmen for the member-ship drive; Mrs. J. LaVern Jay, third vice-president; Miss Phyllis Harmon, secretary, and J. B. Grady, treasurer.

Appointed to the board of directors are: Miss Anna O'Donnell, Mrs. John Harbottle, Miss Leona Kilmurry of Atkinson, Mrs. William Brennan of Butte, Mrs. J. G. Brewster of Stuart, Rev. W. J. Bomer of Ewing, Stanley Lambert of near Cham-bers, and Carroll W. Stewart of O'Neill.

O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy have been asked to furnish one honorary board member each. St. Mary's has designated Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek.

association will become a permanent one and function yearafter-year.

Memberships will be sold during a one-week drive beginning soon to be launched by a kickoff dinner. Season's memberships are six dollars for adults and Take Vows in 1895 three dollars for students. A membership will entitle admission to each of the concerts as well as entrance into Community Service concerts in nearby PAGE - Mr. and Mrs. Rollie cities - Grand Island, Norfolk,

The concerts will be scheduled Guests were Mr. and Mrs. be signed. The more mental ships sold the more concerts that be scheduled. membership drive the artists will

vance from the membership budget and there will be no general admission seats on

The Golden hotel has been designated as the headquarters for the membership drive. The captains in O'Neill and surround. ing towns to push memberships when the drive is opened. The captains, in turn, will pick workers. Each worker selling 10 memberships will be entitled to a complimentary membership under the plan.

Mrs. Pauline Walston, midwestern representative for Comnunity Concerts Services, Inc., met with the O'Neill group last Thursday night.

Miss O'Donnell has been made appointments chairman and Mrs. John Harbottle is publicity chair-

## Krotters to Open Downtown Store

The Wm. Krotter Co. of O'-Neill on Wednesday, September 29, will formally open a down-town store in addition to the original store in West O'Neill. The downtown store, located next door east of the Golden ho-

tel in the building formerly occupied by the Ralya IGA firm, will feature farm and home hardware, Maytag appliances, paints, glass, small appliances and sporting goods.

was struck in the rear by a ma- 7, completing a tour of duty in New Idea and Minneapolis-Mochine driven by Milan Ashcraft the Far East and a 'round-the- line sales and service and will also be the service and parts de-Returning aboard the attack partment for Maytag appliances.

TO WASHINGTON

chard have left for Washington, D.C., where this week they are to Mrs. Allen P. Jaszkowiak enter- attend the national postmasters' tained the Jeudi club last Thurs- convention. They went with a day at her home following din- group of other postmasters by

> Frontier for printing! . . . prompt deliveries.

## ha. Burial will follow at Omaha. tier", thrice weekly! O'Neill Site of Irrigation Meet

Nebraska's Fourth district congressman, Rep. A. L. Miller (R), has advised the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce he will be present Friday, October 8, for the annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development association. The all-day affair will be held at the American Legion auditorium.

There will be a business meeting in the afternoon and a dinner meeting at night. An U.S. Sen. Eve Bowring (R), but a confirmation has not been received, according to James W. Rooney, who is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Walters of Denver, Colo., regional director for the bureau of reclamation, also will be present. Roy D. Raitt of Ainsworth is president retary of the national association. of the association.

During the past summer the 100-million-dollar Niobrara development plan has been tied to the overall Missouri river basin plan, having cleared the house, senate and received President Eisenhower's signature. The bill was introduced by Congressman Miller.

Next year congress will be pressed for appropriations. Holt county has about 56,000 irrigable acres in the Niobrara development program - the largest unit in the entire basin. It is known as the O'Neill unit and largely lies northwest and

north of town. Observers are revising estimates on when irrigation can be expected in this area. Judging from strides that have been made this year,

the optimists are predicting activity on the project here in five years or less.

Congressman Miller, who heads the house interior and insular affairs committee, has been prodding the reclamation bureau for a speedup of the final report in order that appropriations can be sought at the next session.

Paul Elam of Denver, Colo., arrived Wednesday and will visit suffered a bruised hip. Ashcraft Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Forbes of At- Mrs. Raymond Stevens of Orfor several days with his father- was taken by ambulance to the kinson. and mother-in-law. Mr. and Neligh hospital. Holt County Mrs. Victor Halva. His wife and Deputy Sheriff James Mullen indaughter have been visiting the vestigated. Halvas for several weeks.

and family spent Sunday in a social evening Monday. A late Ruzicka had the high scores at Lyons.