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O'Neill high royalty... King Owen Davis, Queen Norma Timmerman. (Story on page 6.)—O'Neill Photo Co.

Boy, 10, Hit by Car; Dies Instantly

'Danny' Ryan Killed on Elkhorn Bridge; Rites Wednesday

A 10-year-old St. Mary's academy fourth grader, Daniel N. ("Danny") Ryan, son of Neil Ryan, O'Neill hay dealer, was instantly killed about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the Elkhorn river bridge on US highway 281, just outside the south city limits.

The boy was struck by a car driven by Delane Jackson, 29, of O'Neill. He was hit by the auto's radiator ornament and Dr. O. W. French, who was summoned, said the lad died instantly.

Young Ryan had gone to the bridge by bicycle to fish with a companion, Harold Parks, 11. The Parks boy was under the bridge and Daniel had climbed from the ditch and was at the east railing.

A southbound auto driven by Jackson and a northbound auto driven by Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Rapid City, S.D., were about an equal distance from the bridge and according to Holt County Coroner William Griffin were sounding horns and slowing their speeds when the drivers anticipated meeting there.

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Stapowich Says 'Rain Is Coming'

Omaha Weatherman Visitor Here

Rain will be forthcoming within the next few days. Those were the considered words of Edward Stapowich, Omaha weather bureau chief, who stopped off briefly on Wednesday in O'Neill.

Stapowich based his observation on the fact southwestern Colorado has been getting considerable rainfall and the "rivers of dry air" in that vicinity have been interrupted. "This will bring about cooler temperatures in the sandhills area and in a few days will produce rainfall," he added.

Stapowich has arranged to supply the "Voice of the Frontier" listeners with an O'Neill and vicinity and sandhills region weather forecasts, beginning Saturday.

The veteran Omaha weatherman, who is often chided by newspaper and radio reporters, says he is proud of the bureau's record at Omaha and claims the personnel there "bat about .900" on the forecasting.

Prolonged dryness and lack of moisture has handed a severe setback to pastures and field work.

A light frost was reported Sunday morning in the Deloit neighborhood.

Week's weather summary:

	Hi	Low
May 5	80	41
May 6	85	57
May 7	75	51
May 8	69	32
May 9	69	59
May 10	77	34
May 11	79	47

Chambers Alumni Plans 3d Banquet—CHAMBERS—Officers and committees of the Chambers Alumni association have held several meetings to plan for the third annual reunion and banquet to be held here Tuesday, May 21.

The tickets are in the hands of the ticket committee, which includes Glenn Adams, Mrs. Stanley Elkins, Boyd Ressel, Mrs. Willard Thomson Mrs. Forest Sammons, Mrs. Eugene Hoerle, James Platt, Mrs. Glenn Taylor and William Ritterbusch.

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'Charley' Hamilton Helped Tame Outlaws... Former Holt Sheriff Is 105

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS Former Editor, The Frontier A former Holt county sheriff who substituted goodwill for the Smith & Wesson revolver during a dark and critical era in frontier history on Tuesday, May 10, celebrated his 105th birthday anniversary. Charles W. Hamilton quietly noted the anniversary at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rafe King, at Port Angeles, Wash.

Mr. Hamilton took over the reins of law enforcement in January, 1895, at a time when cattle rustling and hog thievery were rampant and renegades were having the run of the country. The political unrest, industrial headaches, hot winds, empty breadbaskets and empty purses had sounded the death knell for all political office-holders in the Holt county courthouse.

Hank McEvony had hung up his six-shooter and tramped out of the sheriff's office. He had followed Ed Hershiser in to the job.

When Mr. Hamilton moved his family from Stuart and took over, he had the unpleasant job of checking lawlessness in a day and generation emerging from the vigilantes and Kid Wade period. The year 1894 had witnessed the hanging of the father and son Hill combination also the December 31 hanging of County Treasurer Barrett Scott.

One day Sheriff Hamilton sent deputy sheriff, "Buck (One-Shot) Charley" O'Neill into Wheeler to apprehend a dangerous rustler. The criminal had a 40-mile head start when on a cold wintry morning, O'Neill mounted a fiery mustang and headed for the south country under Hamilton's orders to "bring him in".

John C. Mahrer court reporter here recorded the flight and pursuit of the criminal in prose and oldtimers like Walter O'Malley and H. D. Grady can recite some of the lines.

A day or two later, "Buck (One-Shot) Charley" came in from the south country with the rustler in chains. The criminal capitulated in a remote corner of the sandhills rather than shoot it out with O'Neill.

In later life, Mr. Hamilton has reflected upon his career as a champion of goodwill and firmness in helping to tame the West. "I only used the Smith & Wesson once," he remembers, "and I've always been glad of the fact I missed!"

Sheriff Hamilton, like the late Pete Duffy, would rather unlock the jail cell and set the prisoner free than turn the key to lockup a horse thief.

Hamilton served four terms and did a creditable job. More than a half-century ago he went to West coast and has been making his home with his son-in-law and daughter. Mr. King, the son-in-law, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King and brother of Clyde King who was editor of The Frontier in the stirring days prior to and during Mr. Hamilton's tenure in the sheriff's office.

Friends on prairie land as well as those who did not vote for Charley Hamilton, should many linger, are surprised and gratified to learn that Mr. Hamilton has survived the wreck of time for 105 years.

Ben Gilligan spent the weekend in Nebraska City visiting his mother, Mrs. Maude Gilligan.



Sheriff Hamilton... glad he missed.

Group Plans Sales at Atkinson, O'Neill

The Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association held a special meeting Monday, May 9, at the E. L. Miner home. The group made plans for the "Black Friday" sale at Atkinson on October 14 and plans for the O'Neill sale October 21. The O'Neill sale is being added to the schedule. A judging contest will be held at both places and prizes in the form of purchase certificates of \$125, \$100 and \$75 will be awarded to those winning first, second and third prizes, respectively.

E. L. Miner was elected delegate to the national convention to be held June 30 at Stillwater, Okla. The Holt association is planning to attend the state field day June 8 at the Charles Beerman home in Sioux City.

SMA Class of 1950 to Reunite Sunday

The annual St. Mary's alumni banquet will be held at 6 o'clock in the gym of the academy on Sunday, May 15. The alumni will attend the 9 o'clock mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church that morning.

The golden jubilee graduating class of 1950 will hold its fifth year reunion at the banquet.

Gold Star Mothers Are Honored—CHAMBERS—A program and tea honoring gold star mothers was sponsored Friday evening by the American Legion auxiliary. Honored were Mrs. George Cameron, Mrs. Ted Tomjack, Mrs. Ruben Peltzer, Mrs. Anna Albers, Mrs. Gordon Harley, Mrs. Jack Alderson and Mrs. Merle Fagan.

Guests Here—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gallagher and daughters of Gothenburg were Sunday guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. John C. Gallagher.

Capacity Crowd Sees Song - Play

Lighting, Props A Re Outstanding

Mrs. Ralph E. Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill, accompanied Mrs. Harry Petersen's kindergarten class Friday evening in a capacity audience presentation of "The Land of Make Believe". Mrs. Gerber is the composer and author of the work and this is her third song-play of this type.

Sally Herley, as the fairy queen Linda Hefflin as Mother Goose, and Cheryl Van Vleck as the old woman had the leading roles. Other parts of woodland pixies, shoe children and Mother Goose children were played by Bennie Clark, Danny Holclaw, Dicky Lieb, Carroll Peacock, Dale Skulborstad, Russell Strong, Eddie Lee Grenier, Benny Ray Wetzler, Karen Allendorfer, Sheryl Bartos, Gary Colfack, Perry Gydson, Sheryl Harley, Linda Sue Hunt, Jean Johnson, Eddie Kirkpatrick, Beth Kramer, Michael Landis, Bunny Longnecker, Patty Lorenz, Laveda Philbrick, Kathy Renoldson, Rita Steele, Ruth Ann Watson, Rosemary Urban, Harland Wilkinson and Terry Jo Wilson.

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Servicemen Draw 1-Year Sentences

Ernest Arehart, jr., 17, of Egin and Robert Hunter, 18, of Lincoln, Friday will begin serving one-year sentences in the men's reformatory at Lincoln. They were sentenced in a report was heard from Rupert Dunklau, former president of the Nebraska district Walther league.

The young servicemen from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., pleaded guilty to charges of automobile theft. They took a machine from the streets, at Eldon, Mo abandoned it at Inman, and helped themselves to an auto owned by Raymond Luben of Inman. The two were arrested last week at Neligh.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack expects to take Arehart and Hunter to Lincoln on Friday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Duane Gordon Summers, 26, and Dorothy Helen Kamphaus, 18, O'Neill, May 5. Leslie Chisholm jr., 24, Lincoln, and Phyllis June Seger, 22, Omaha, May 7.

Into Fraternity

An initiate into Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a national professional music fraternity chapter at the University of Nebraska, is Duane Booth of O'Neill.

Atkinson Voters Okay New \$155,000 School

Ewing Telephone Operator Retires

Miss Gokie Began Career at 15

EWING—Miss Mary Gokie, night operator at the Ewing Public Telephone Exchange for many years, has retired, effective May 1. She will be succeeded on night duty by her sister, Mrs. Anna Savidge.

Miss Gokie's name for 30 years has been considered synonymous with the telephone business at Ewing. Initially, she owned a half-interest in the business.

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