

June's Rainfall Totals 4.21 Inches

Indian Youth, 16, Hurt in Joyride

Sea Boy into Hands of Dakotans

BUTTE—Trouble aplenty unfolded for Sea Boy, 16, an Indian youth who long will remember Sunday, June 19.

He broke into the Walter Kaup farm home, situated two miles west of Stuart on U.S. highway 20, sometime after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. He gained entrance through a bathroom window while members of the Kaup family were away.

The Indian boy did some looting and then decided to make away with the 1952 model pickup truck standing in the yard.

About 7 o'clock that evening the truck hurtled off an embankment near Butte. Boyd County Sheriff Claude Collins was summoned and Sea Boy was taken to the Lynch hospital for medical attention. Later, he was returned to Butte and held for questioning by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack.

Tomjack said the young Indian had been drinking "firewater" and he estimated the damage to Kaup's pickup at about \$450. Tomjack learned Sea Boy also had stolen a rifle from the Kaup place and further learned the authorities at Plankinton, S.D., wanted the prisoner in order to press two charges.

"He was pretty badly banged up and will be needing some hospitalization," Tomjack observed as the Dakota authorities came to claim Mr. Sea Boy.

The South Dakota reformatory for boys is located at Plankinton.

Rakow Rites Are Held at Fremont

PAGE—Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, June 15, at Fremont for Loren Eric Rakow, 38, who died June 12. He had been hospitalized six weeks and suffered a heart ailment.

Rev. Albert C. Becker of First Congregational church was in charge of services at a Fremont funeral home.

Forrest Harding was soloist with Mrs. Vern Johnson as accompanist.

Graveside services were held at Page and interment was made in the cemetery here.

Palbearers were Vernie Hunter, Ed Stewart, Jerry Lamason, Robert Gray, Bryan Stevens and Lee Taylor.

Loren Eric Rakow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rakow, was born at Masonville, Ia., January 9, 1897. He moved to Page at a very early age and spent his early years here.

Choosing railroading as his life work, he served the Burlington system as agent at Plattsmouth and Page prior to going to Fremont in 1932, where almost all of the final 23 years of his life were spent.

Survivors include: Sisters—Mrs. John (Maggie) Friday, Mrs. Delbert (Irene) Hill, both of Orchard, and Mrs. Thelma Jaynes of Deadwood, S.D. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Train 13 Delayed in Reaching Omaha

The westbound Chicago & North Western mainline passenger-mail-express train number 13 was 3 1/2 hours late out of Omaha Tuesday night because of delay in arrival there from Chicago, Ill. One hour of time was made up by the time the train reached O'Neill Wednesday morning.

Open-house for School Exhibits—The Holt county school exhibit will hold open-house Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 2 to 5 p.m.

"You are invited to see the art work done by the children of Holt county," according to Miss Alice French of O'Neill, county superintendent of public instruction. There are 394 cards and 250 crafts and booklets on display besides several murals in the exhibit hall, which is located south of the courthouse on Clay street.

Mrs. Pauline Walston of the Community Concerts association of New York, was here from Friday until Monday. She was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka and Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCarville.

Mrs. Walston returned Wednesday evening for a meeting in connection with the concert to be presented here this fall.

GETS DISCHARGE—ATKINSON—George Ramold, who has been stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., received his discharge on Tuesday, June 7, and has located on a farm near Atkinson. His wife, the former Elaine Boyle, has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle, during his absence.

Thelma Summers Is Released—Miss Thelma Summers, Page rural school teacher, who was injured May 18 in a two-car crash, was dismissed Monday from St. Anthony's hospital. Her condition and reactions are good, but she has not yet regained her speech.

Tune in "Voice of the Frontier", thrice weekly!

Crop-making rains have visited the O'Neill region during the past seven days, bringing to 4.21 inches the official total precipitation received here in June.

The heaviest rainfall of the season set in at O'Neill about 9:10 p.m., last Thursday and continued well past midnight. Officially, the rain netted 1.15 inches here.

At the same time, Atkinson reported two inches; Bassett, 1.25; Chambers, 1.00; Norfolk, .47.

On Friday night showers here added .36 of an inch. Rain threatened throughout Saturday but cleared in the afternoon.

About 3:30 a.m. Wednesday more rain fell, accompanied by considerable hail. The stones were of the small variety and fell in heavier quantities north and west of town.

Little damage was reported except for tender garden vegetation. The freakish hail-rain storm netted .83 of an inch here.

The Midway community received .80; Orchard, an inch; Norfolk, .47; Newport, .10; Atkinson, .10; Inman, .80; Ewing, .90; Clearwater, .67; Gregory and Burke, S.D., .60 each; Fairfax, S.D., .80; Niobrara, .70; Verdigris, .57; Creighton, .90; Randolph, .32. At the Spencer hydro dam the storm netted 1.04.

A "jumper" break at the Belden substation, 70 miles east of O'Neill, last Thursday night plunged Consumers Public Power points in the region into darkness for 22 minutes—from 11:28 until 11:50. Among the blacked-out towns were Creighton, Page, Inman, Ewing, O'Neill, Emmet, Spencer, Butte, Atkinson, Bassett and a number of others.

The Frontier's Rock Falls correspondent was enthusiastic in her reports on the "million dollar rains." Mrs. Floyd Johnson said June's rainfall has "transformed a near-drought-stricken area into a paradise... the freshened air is like an ocean breeze."

John Dick, living west of O'Neill, said hail was piled in his yard until about 9:30 a.m., Wednesday. Damage was slight.

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

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
June 16	74	57	.08
June 17	74	57	1.15
June 18	79	60	.36
June 19	84	53	.14
June 20	87	58	.14
June 21	81	60	.00
June 22	80	57	.83
Totals			2.56

Father Barnabas in First Solemn Mass

Over 300 Gather for Reception

ATKINSON—Rev. Barnabas James Berigan, 28, who was ordained June 10 in San Francisco, Calif., Sunday offered his first solemn high mass in St. Joseph's Catholic church here. The rite took place at 10 a.m., and was attended by a large crowd.

Father Barnabas is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Berigan. He is of the Dominican Order of Preachers.

Assisting were the Revs. John F. O'Connell, O.P., and Reginald Masterson, O.P., Rev. Thomas C. Donlan, O.P., of Dubuque, Ia., preached. Father Donlan is a lecturer at a Dominican theological school.

Dinner was served in honor of Father Barnabas at noon in the American Legion hall. Over three hundred persons attended the reception held from 3 until 6 o'clock in the Berigan home.

Father Barnabas was born in Omaha, attended St. Joseph's hall here where he was graduated in 1945. He served 2 1/2 years in the army—a portion of the time in Germany—and began his theological studies upon completion of his military duty. He studied at Winona, Minn., River Forest, Ill., Dubuque, Ia., and Oakland, Calif. He completed the academic and religious requirements one year ahead of schedule.

Father Barnabas will remain with his parents here until the latter part of the month.

Mrs. Winnie Barger accompanied Mrs. Robert M. Langdon to Chariton, Ia., Friday where the former visited friends and the latter relatives until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Berigan of Atkinson pose with their newly-ordained son, Rev. Barnabas James Berigan, who Sunday said his first solemn high mass in St. Joseph's Catholic church.—The Frontier Photo.

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Lineman Is Burned by Hot Voltage

Duane C. Lee, 28, Dies Instantly in Power Accident at Lincoln

ORCHARD—Funeral services for Duane C. Lee, 28, who was accidentally killed at Lincoln Monday, June 20, where he was employed by a power company, will be held at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) at the Neigh Congregational church. Rev. Charles Wantz of Shelby, formerly of Orchard, will officiate.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery at Neligh.

Lee was struck and killed instantly by 4,800 electrical volts when he apparently slipped and grounded himself between a commercial feeder line and a street line wire.

The accident occurred on a 45-foot power pole. Lee was up the pole about 40 feet, before other workmen joined him in replacing new copper wiring on the pole.

Henry Traudt of Lincoln, distribution superintendent for the department, said Lee was working on cutting power from the old line to the new line. He said Lee apparently was grounded between the high voltage line and a street light wire, which is inactive during the day.

The searing voltage burned Lee about the right shoulder and thigh where contact evidently was made, Traudt said. The power foreman said the lines are generally worked on without cutting the power.

Lee was hauled down from the pole shortly after the accident by his co-workers. A trained nurse and the fire department's resuscitator squad administered first aid.

The power lineman was pronounced dead on arrival at Lincoln General hospital. The accident occurred shortly after 2 p.m.

Lee started work with the Lincoln Municipal light department in March, 1953, and had previously worked as an electrical lineman for nine years. He was from Orchard, where he was born. He lived for a time at Neligh.

Lee was a member of the Congregational church and held memberships in the VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include: Widow—Joyce; three children—Vickie, 8; Steve, 4, and Cindy, 2; brother—Robert of Orchard; mother—Mrs. Lulu Robinson of Orchard.

ORCHARD WOMAN, 85, Takes First Plane Ride—ORCHARD—Mrs. Fern Moor, 85, is to leave by plane from Omaha Friday for Los Angeles, Calif., for an extended visit at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Moor, and family.

This will be Mrs. Moor's first trip by air. She will be the guest of her granddaughter, Miss Frances Moor of Los Angeles, who is now vacationing in Nebraska and will accompany her grandmother to California.

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The following liturgical articles were dedicated: Communion veil, fair linen for the altar and new brass offering plates.

The articles were gifts of the Altar Guild, senior members of the 1955 high school class and donations from the congregation.

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Kermit Mortenson (left), Albion dairyman and a former champion of the O'Neill open golf tourney, congratulates Ed Lof of Omaha. Lof defeated Mortenson by one stroke in two extra holes of the championship flight title play.—The Frontier Photo.

Peter Engler, Wife Married 63 Years

Stuart Pair Retired Since 1926

STUART—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engler celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary, which was June 18, on father's day with their six sons and other relatives present for the observance.

The couple was married June 18, 1892, in St. Francis Catholic church at Dyersville, Ia., where foreman said the lines are generally worked on without cutting the power.

In August, 1906, they moved to a farm three miles east of Stuart. This was their home until 1926 when they moved into their present home in Stuart and leased the farm.

Since selling the farm about five years ago they still carry out their agricultural pursuits in their garden. Mr. Engler celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary recently.

Those present for the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Jules Engler and family of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Engler and family of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Engler of Bassett, Ben Engler, Edwin Engler and son, John, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Engler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keuter, Mrs. Emma Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Straka and family.

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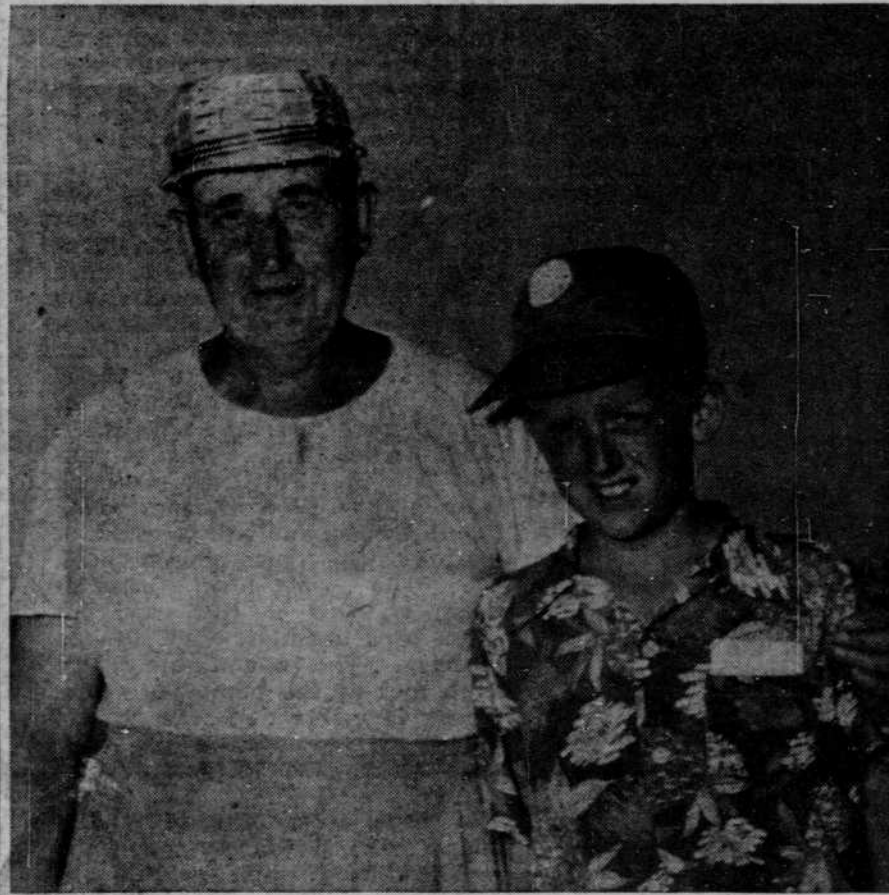
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Chris Mortenson, the grandfather in the Mortenson trio and the "granddaddy" of the father's day golf tourney, poses with his 12-year-old grandson, Kermit, jr. Chris won third flight honors; the boy gained the finals in the fourth flight.—The Frontier Photo.

Ed Lof, Omahan, Wins Golf Title

Grassland Tour Planned July 1

No Upland Meadows to Be Visited

The Holt county grassland-fertilizer tour will start from the courthouse in O'Neill at 9 a.m., Friday, July 1, for an all-day inspection of 15 of the 25 meadow sites on which fertilizer tests are being conducted. In general, the route will be the same as last year to observe the effect of previous fertilizer applications, as well as some for this season.

During the forenoon the following ranches will be visited:

Harvey Tompkins: 3 1/2 miles south of Inman.
A. R. Tuttle: 3 1/2 miles north-west of Ewing.
Henry Wood: 16 miles west of Ewing.

Frank Peter: Two miles south of O'Neill.
In the afternoon, the tour leaves the courthouse at 1:15 o'clock.
Clarence Ernst: Three miles west of O'Neill.
Neil Ryan: Five miles west of O'Neill.
Charley Fox: Five miles south of Emmet.

Lawrence Pacha: Six miles south and seven west of Atkinson.
Rudy Dvorak: 15 1/2 miles south of Stuart.
E. E. Gotschall: 18 miles south of Stuart.
Max Karo: 13 1/2 miles south-west of Stuart.

No upland meadows will be visited this year because the dry spring has resulted in very little response to fertilizer. There has been a good response from nitrogen on all subirrigated meadows and from phosphorus on most of them. Of special interest are the tests comparing fall, March and June application of various rates of nitrogen on phosphate-treated meadows.

Bluegrass response is very noticeable from the fall applications. This is also true where reapplications have been made.

The applications of phosphorus at various rates last year are showing differences this season.

Band application of phosphorus this spring shows no advantage over broadcasting.

Mrs. Betty Gallagher, daughter of the Edward M. Gallaghers, arrived Wednesday morning by train from California where she had completed a year of teaching.

Woman Hurt as Pop Bottle in Store 'Explodes'

DELOIT—On Thursday, Mrs. Hilda Sehl was injured while visiting a Neligh store. As she was walking by a soft drink counter, a bottle of gingerale exploded, sending pieces of broken glass flying through the air and cutting Mrs. Sehl's ankle.

She was taken by ambulance to the Antelope Memorial hospital Neligh, where she was hospitalized until Monday.

The wound bled profusely and 10 stitches were required.

To Rejoin Ship at Diego

SPENCER—ET3 Howard Friedrich has been spending a month's leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Friedrich. He will leave this weekend to visit in Lincoln and Chicago, Ill., before rejoining his ship, the USS Uhlmann, at San Diego, Calif. He has been stationed in the Far East where his unit participated in the evacuation of the Tachen islands.

Frank McShane, 82, Funeral Rites Today

Atkinson Resident Since 1879

ATKINSON—Requiem high mass will be offered at 9 o'clock today (Thursday) in St. Joseph's Catholic church for Frank McShane, 82, longtime resident of this community. He died Tuesday morning, June 21, in St. Vincent's hospital, Sioux City.

Mr. McShane had been hospitalized in Atkinson and on Friday, June 17, was transferred to the Sioux City hospital. He died from complications following a several years' illness.

Rev. William Kelliger will officiate in the funeral rites and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The late Mr. McShane was born January 19, 1873, at Manchester, Ia., a son of Charles and Mary Ward McShane.

The family came to Holt county in 1879, when Frank was 6-years-old. The McShanes settled on a homestead one mile east of Atkinson.

When he was a younger man he worked in the Maid of Erin gold mine at Leadville, Colo., and also the Homestake mine at Lead, S.D.

Except for absence during his mining activities, he spent his entire life in this community.

The late Mr. McShane never married. He was a member of St. Joseph's church.

Survivors include: Brother—Harry of Atkinson; sister—Miss Kathryn of Atkinson; nephew—Leo A. McGee of Omaha; niece—Mrs. William Milner of Chester, Pa.

Wetlaufer Named Legion Commander

PAGE—The American Legion had its election of officers at the Tuesday evening meeting at the American Legion hall. George Wetlaufer was elected commander.

Bill Scheinost, vice-commander; Ben Asher, adjutant; and Don Summers, treasurer. A discussion took place on child welfare and plans for the joint county meeting of auxiliary and Legion members, July 15, at Page.

The following officers were elected when the auxiliary met Monday evening: Mrs. Mike Landreth, president; Mrs. Ray Snell, vice president; Mrs. William Simmons, secretary; Mrs. Delbert Asher, treasurer.

Mrs. Edward Sukup won the door prize and Mrs. Harold Asher was the winner of the flag fund prize.

Mrs. Soren Sorenson, sr., was captain of the winning team in the poppy selling contest. A total of \$60.50 was realized from the sale.

Annual School Meeting Held—AMELIA—The annual school meeting was held Monday, June 13. Tommie Doolittle was appointed to succeed Glenn White.

Other members of the board are Clyde Doolittle, Mrs. Harold Fullerton, Mrs. Forest Sammons, Lloyd Waldo and George Fullerton.

BAND IS HEARD—The O'Neill Municipal band, under the direction of Charles Houser, presented the first outdoor concert of the summer season at Ford's park Wednesday evening.

Contractor Succumbs; Ill 2 Years

David R. Widtfeldt Stricken Suddenly at His Home Here

David R. Widtfeldt, 66, died suddenly about 5 p.m., Friday, June 17, at his home in the northeast section of O'Neill. He had been in failing health for two years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, June 20, from the American Legion auditorium here with Miss Grace Hoops and Miss Vivian Smith officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Braun of Atkinson sang several hymns in duet with Mrs. Hopkins of Royal at the piano.

Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Edgins, Palbearers were Archie Ashby, Roy Spindler, Hurley Jones, Fred Babutzke, Ralph Young and Lloyd Whaley.

The late Mr. Widtfeldt was the oldest son of the late Helmer L. O. and Ingrid Sandgren Widtfeldt, who were natives of Sweden and pioneer settlers in Holt county.

David was born January 18, 1889, on a farm 7 1/2 miles northeast of O'Neill.

He lived in the Agee and Opportunity communities during his youth, attended Wayne State Teachers college, and taught school in several Holt rural districts.

He was united in marriage to Nettie Florence Norwood of Lynch on February 18, 1912. They became the parents of three daughters.

The Widtfeldts farmed northeast of O'Neill before moving to Lynch in 1916, at which time he became a mason and builder. He continued to work at that trade and his sons were in demand throughout Holt and Boyd counties and in several South Dakota points.

He moved to O'Neill with his family about 16 years ago and was noted for his fondness of his work. He had to his credit the masonry of "finishing work" on numerous business buildings and dwellings.

The late Mr. Widtfeldt was an avid booster for O'Neill and for this region and he was fond of nature's wildlife.

He was baptized in the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include: Widow—Nettie; daughters—Mrs. Elwing (Mildred) Spangler of Ewing; Mrs. Melvin (Suzanne) Johnson of Bristow; Mrs. James (Gaz) Smith of Sioux City; grandchildren—Harold Dean and Rosemary Johnson of Bristow; Alvin John D. Binkerd, who is stationed in England; Miss Joan Binkerd of Norfolk; Stanley, DeLores and Gary Spangler, all of Ewing; sisters—Mrs. Esther Anderson of Valley; Mrs. Martha Peterson of Council Bluffs, Ia.; brothers—Carl of O'Neill; Henry of Omaha; Helmer of Rushville; aunt—Mrs. Pete Lindberg of O'Neill.

Two sisters, Mrs. Hildur Wedberg and Miss Susie V. Widtfeldt, preceded him in death.

Among those from a distance here for the funeral were: Mrs. Winifred Johnson of Jedd and M. Hokinson, both of Sioux City; David C. Binkerd of Wichita, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Smith of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Widtfeldt of Rushville; T. C. Norwood, Lila and Arthur, all of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cassy of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. C. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mulhair and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nielsen, all of Lynch; Dr. Ed. J. Norwood of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Stocks of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bare, Warren Prescott, Mrs. Allen and daughters, all of Lynch; Mrs. Wilbur Spangler and children and Mrs. Ebben Graft, all of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Widtfeldt and family of Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johns, Mrs. Philip Hammon and daughters, all of Lynch; Mrs. Olga Johnson, Mrs. Thomas Ewers and daughter, all of Bristow; Mrs. Louis Scheinost of Spencer; Mrs. Evelyn Boettcher and Julie of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dougherty, Mrs. Bartley Mills, Mrs. Don DeWolf and Mrs. Jack New, all of Winnebago, S.D.; Mrs. Sails and Mrs. Hansen of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins of Royal.

MOVE TO IOWA—R. M. Pesse accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed Determan to Iowa on Monday and went on to Peoria, Ill., where he will visit relatives for several weeks. The Determans have moved to Brooklyn, Ia., where he will be employed by Roy D. Johnson in a Ford agency.

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