

# Worker, 18, Narrowly Misses Electrocution



Miss Margaret McCarthy . . . daughter of pioneer couple.

## Margaret McCarthy Dies at Winner

### Lifelong Resident of O'Neill

Miss Margaret McCarthy, virtually a lifelong resident of the O'Neill community, died Wednesday, August 3, at Winner, S.D. The remains will reach O'Neill today (Thursday). Funeral arrangements are not completed. Biglin's will be in charge. She was born and reared on a farm seven miles south of O'Neill and 2 1/2 miles west, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McCarthy. Her parents came from Ireland and her father reared the O'Neill community in 1884 after spending several years in Michigan. Survivors include Brother—D. A. McCarthy of O'Neill; sisters—Sister M. Immaculata, OSF, of Rushville; Mother M. Patrice, OSF, who is superior at Marycrest school, Denver, Colo., and Sister Marie Helen, OP, who is stationed at Sioux Falls, S.D.

## Kansas Couple Buys Ben Franklin Store

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patton of Goodland, Kans., have purchased the Ben Franklin store here from R. V. Lucas. Mr. Lucas and his wife, who came here from Crawford about seven years ago, plan to go to the West coast. Mr. Patton has spent his entire career in the retail business and for the past 10 years has been manager of the J. C. Penney company store at Goodland. The Pattons have one son, Doug, who is a student at the Colorado School of Mines at Golden. The new owners are tentatively planning a grand reopening sale starting Friday, September 16, at which time the public will see a completely rearranged store. The store was closed Monday for inventory but is now doing business as usual featuring the traditional Ben Franklin school plan sale. The Pattons will continue the store as a member of the Ben Franklin organization, which numbers 2,370 independently owned stores. The Ben Franklin group operates more variety stores in the United States than any other chain. The building which housed the store is owned by A. E. Bowen and was built in 1948.

## Nun Receives Bachelor's Degree

Sister Mary Rose Held, OSF, St. Mary's academy, was one of 17 candidates to receive her bachelor of arts degree at the St. Ambrose college commencement exercises held Friday, July 29, on the college campus at Davenport, Ia. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ambrose J. Burke, college president, made the announcement. Dr. Matthew McMahon, Ph.D., delivered the commencement address. The candidates were presented by Rev. John P. Dolan, dean of the college, and introduced by Miss Juanita Monholland, registrar.

## Couple at Spencer Notes 56th Anniversary

SPENCER—Mr. and Mrs. Harry James observed their 56th wedding anniversary Tuesday evening. They entertained guests at dinner at their home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reiser and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison James and family.

## Band Director Back from Northwestern

SPENCER—Willis Johnson returned here Tuesday from Evanston, Ill., where he had been attending Northwestern university. He presented the Spencer band in a concert here Wednesday evening.

An 18-year-old youth helping unload heavy equipment narrowly escaped electrocution at 9:49 a.m., Wednesday in the Chicago & North Western railroad freight yards here.

Donald Adams of Harvard, an employee of Francis Orshak Construction company of Fremont, is in St. Anthony's hospital suffering from a burn on the right hand and on his toes.

An Orshak dragline was being used to lift heavy highway building equipment off a railroad car onto a waiting truck at a point about five hundred feet west of the rail station. Young Adams was guiding the load onto the truck. The boom became entangled in two 34,000-volt electric circuits overhead.

Because the boom and dragline equipment were grounded, most of the jolt was dissipated into the ground, but young Adams, whose hands were on the lift cable, absorbed some of the shock. C. E. A. Johnson, manager of Consumers Public Power district here, said the youth would have been electrocuted except that most of the shock was grounded by the steel boom.

Witnesses said intense flashes were seen as the boom made contact with the high tension lines.

Robert George, operator of the dragline, was uninjured. A number of Orshak employees witnessed the accident.

Dr. J. P. Brown Wednesday night said the youth's condition is "good." The Orshak firm holds the contract for street-widening and surfacing and resurfacing of portions of U.S. highways 20 and 281.

## Orchard Scene of County Legion Meet

ORCHARD—The American Legion and auxiliary held a combined Antelope county meeting here Friday evening at the Legion hall. Kenneth Bergstrom of Elgin, county commander, presided at the meeting before the units retired to separate meetings. Leonard Hall officiated. Jerome Henn of Petersburg, district commander, spoke of the department convention to be held in Omaha August 21-25 when Stanley Huffman of Elgin will be a candidate for department commander. The district convention will be September 12 at O'Neill with a combined session in the morning.

## O. M. Herre, 57, Dies in Omaha

### Burial at Fremont for Retired Jeweler

O. M. Herre, 57, who owned and operated a jewelry store here for 23 years, died Tuesday, August 2, in Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha. He had been hospitalized for three weeks. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) from the Bader funeral home in Fremont. Mr. Herre sold the Herre jewelry store about seven years ago. At the time of his death he owned several business properties here. Survivors include: Widow—Oliver; son—James of Beatrice.

## Achievement Day Set for August 11

The annual Holt county 4-H achievement day will be held on Thursday, August 11, at O'Neill. The day's activities will include home economics exhibits and judging and demonstrations in both agricultural and home economics projects. Music identification and music contests will be held during the afternoon, and a style review by clothing club girls will close the day's activities. The public is invited to see exhibits and other activities in which the 4-H boys and girls participate. Program: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—enter exhibits at Legion hall; 9 a.m. to 12 noon—judging contests for all projects; 1:15 p.m.—music contest and demonstrations; 4 p.m.—style review at Legion hall; 4:30 p.m.—results of activities will be announced in Legion hall. Six hundred and forty-six 4-H club members in Holt county carrying 1,202 projects indicate that there will be a fine number of exhibits worth seeing.

## REG YOUR PARDON

The store hours for Gambles store, during the month-long 21st anniversary sale, follow: Thursdays—open until 9 p.m.; Saturdays—open until 10 p.m.; other week days, open 9 a.m., until 5:30 p.m. The hours stated in the full page advertisement on page 11 are correct; the hours noted on the double-page advertisement pages 12-13, are incorrect as far as the Saturday store hours are concerned.

## Callers at Fox Home

Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. Francis Belzer and children, Mrs. George Bosh and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fox and children and Barbara Fox and Veldon Tomlinson were Sunday callers at the Charles Fox home.

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## Townsend Rites Held At Page

### Longtime Implement Dealer at Page Dies in Hospital

PAGE—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 31, at the Page Methodist church for Clinton Alonzo Townsend, 81, who died at a Norfolk hospital on Thursday, July 28. He had been hospitalized two months.

Rev. Harry Johnson, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

The late Mr. Townsend was born at Newton, Wis., on October 1, 1873. He came to Nebraska with his parents when he was a lad of six in an ox-drawn covered wagon. The family took a homestead near Stafford, which is now the farm home of the Harold Melcher family. He attended the Plainview normal school and taught a number of successful terms of school. On Christmas day, 1897, he was married to Miss Carrie H. Gall-

gher of Page. To this union a son and a daughter were born. Mr. Townsend established a machinery business at Page in 1898 and later added a hardware line, which was operated for many years under the name of Townsend Bros. He suffered a stroke on December 10, 1952, from which he never fully recovered. The store was not permanently closed until December of 1954, when the Townsends went to Norfolk to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lamason purchased the hardware and the remainder of the stock in the spring of 1955.

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Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 31, from St. Paul's Lutheran church in Chambers. Rev. Howard Claycombe, jr., church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers were Elmer Oetter and Clyde Widman, both of Amelia; Glen Taylor, Glen Adams, Lyle Hanna and Darrel Gillette, all of Chambers. The congregation sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Irene Brown, Betty Lou Hoerle and Darlene Harley sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

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On December 16, 1918, he was united in marriage with Laura E. Kleeman at Snyder. They became the parents of two children. The family moved to Holt county in February, 1935. His wife died July 15, 1945. On May 22, 1946, he married Rena Feyerherm of Chambers. The late Mr. Dierking rancher north of Amelia for a number of years and had retired although he remained quite active. Survivors include: Widow—Rena; son—Harlan of Amelia; daughter—Mrs. William O. (Bur-nita) Wilson of Ft. Collins, Colo.; brothers—Fred of Hooper and Edwin of St. Louis, Mo.; stepdaughters—Mrs. Agnes Pheil of Wayne and Mrs. Mabel Dean of Ontario, Calif.; three grandsons; one granddaughter; three step-grandsons and one step-granddaughter.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mrs. Anna Townsend and sons, Waldron and William, and Mrs. William Townsend, all of Osage, Wyo.; Mrs. Dora Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir of Hartington; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Farr of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chumler, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smiley, all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blocker and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Townsend, all of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Townsend of Omaha.

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These national guardsmen, members of O'Neill's company D, waved goodbye early Sunday as the unit set out for two weeks of active duty at Camp Ripley, Minn. Identified by the cameraman are: Cpl. Edward S. Price of O'Neill (second from left), Pvt. E/2 Dale Bellin of O'Neill (upper background), Pfc. Vernon D. Johnson of O'Neill and Pvt. E/2 Alfred R. Meyer of Lynch. (The two peering around the tarp at extreme right are not identified.)—The Frontier Photo.

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## Two Milk Cows Hit by Lightning

CHAMBERS—During an electrical storm Tuesday night, July 26, Mr. and Mrs. Troxel Green had two of their milk cows killed by lightning. The Greens reside southwest of Chambers. Vernon Schmidt lost a calf which was being pastured on a place owned by his father, Martin Schmidt on U. S. highway 281, southeast of Chambers. Charles Coolege lost a stack of hay on the G. H. Grimes place north of town. A tree was struck and burned on the Walter place, two miles west of town.

## Atkinson Pioneer Fractures Hip, Dies

### Agnes Goldfuss, 93, Rites Today

ATKINSON—Mrs. Agnes Goldfuss, 93, who had been a resident of this community more than 60 years, died Monday evening, August 1, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had suffered a fall about 10:30 a.m., at the curb in front of her home. She suffered a broken hip in the fall. Her maiden name was Agnes Hanel and she was born April 23, 1862, in Germany. She came to the United States at the age of 23.

In 1885, she married the late Frank Goldfuss. The nuptial rite was performed in the original St. Joseph's Catholic church. The couple became the parents of 11 children. The Goldfuss family resided for many years on a farm six miles north of Atkinson. Mr. Goldfuss died in 1909. In late years Mrs. Goldfuss made her home in Atkinson with her daughter, Rosalie.

Survivors include: Sons—George of Atkinson, Oswald of Page and Frank of California; daughters—Mrs. John (Margaret) Cotton of Long Beach, Calif., Miss Rosalie of Atkinson, Mrs. Clara Peters of Fairmont, N.D., and Martha of Canada. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) from St. Joseph's church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers chosen are M. L. Schaff, Gaines Rzeszotarski, George Schaff, John Schorn, Ed Jansen and William Morgan.

## 2d Round Salk Shots Scheduled

The second round polio vaccination shots for Holt county's first and second grade school pupils will be administered on Thursday, August 11, it was announced this week by officials of the Holt county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The second round shots originally were scheduled to follow the first round shots by "two or three weeks," but the high level of confusion over the distribution and safety of the vaccine caused the delay. Children should be taken to the same center where the first shots were administered. In O'Neill the shots will be given at St. Anthony's hospital, north at 9 a.m., for children from the at 9 a.m., for children from the Chambers, Ewing, Inman, Page and rural localities. In Atkinson, the shots will be administered to Atkinson and Stuart town pupils and rural pupils, starting at 1.

## Bunyan Country Sweltering, Too

### Guardsmen Find No Relief in North

CAMP RIPLEY, MINN.—O'Neill's company D of the 195th tank battalion, Nebraska national guards, pulled into camp here late Monday afternoon after a 550-mile trek from the north-central Nebraska capital. They clambered from the trucks, adjusted their headgear, and discovered the cool weather they expected to find in the Paul Bunyan country proved to be only a myth. They encountered the same heat that was gripping the O'Neill region and the north woods country provided no escape from its intense heat. The mercury showed 95 degrees when they began pitching tents and digging in for a hard two-week's grind of tactical and defensive problems.

The O'Neill men have been anxious to get tank experience. The unit has been without a tank thus far back at the O'Neill armory. There are 10 thousand guardsmen here, representing the Iowa-Nebraska national guard, 34th division. About 3,500 troops are Nebraskans. Under Capt J. L. McCarville, jr., the O'Neill unit moved out by truck convoy at 7 a.m., Sunday launched at Sioux City, spent Sunday night at Marshall, Minn., and joined up with other guard convoys rolling toward the north woods. Ripley is located near Brainerd. Low hanging clouds and showers broke the heat wave a bit on Tuesday as the citizen soldiers moved into the field for tactical exercises. A 12-mile crosscountry forced march with combat packs was scheduled Wednesday and a two-day field problem is to occupy the troops today (Thursday) and Friday.

Minnesota has provided a beach at a lake only three miles from Ripley, and at least some of the guardsmen will sample the swimming qualities of the water. Two officers and 50 enlisted men comprise company D. Most of the troops moved to Ripley by special train. The O'Neill group was among the last of the units to reach the destination. The 34th division reached Ripley without incident, no accidents marring the mass migration, although helicopter pilots helped avoid a traffic tieup in northern Iowa.

## Anton V. Tichy, 81, Dies at Creighton

VERDIGRE—Funeral services for Anton V. Tichy, 81, Knox county pioneer, were held Sunday at the CZBJ hall. Rev. Gordon Jensen of Creighton officiated. Burial was at CZBJ cemetery, north of Verdigre. Mr. Tichy had been ill several months and was taken to a Creighton hospital last week where he died Friday morning. Anton V. Tichy was born August 14, 1874, at Janovick, Czechoslovakia. When he was 2-years-old he came to America with his parents and lived the rest of his life in this vicinity. He farmed north of Verdigre for many years and upon retiring made his home here. He was a long-time member of the local CZBJ lodge Billa Hora No. 5. He is survived by his wife and one son, Ben, of Norfolk. O'Neill firemen were summoned to a baled straw fire near the sale barn about 10 a.m., Monday.

## Work to Start on Rink-Dance Floor

PAGE—The Commercial and Improvement clubs met in separate sessions at the park and later in joint meeting to discuss the plans for free day that has been designated as September 5. Committees have been appointed and as soon as the program is set up it will be published. Work on the skating rink-dance floor will begin on Monday, August 8, when some cement will be run. Work has been held up until the busy season was over for the farmers.

The hostesses for both clubs went together and served ice cream and cake and a cold drink.

## Talk Restoration of Carney Park

### Jaycees, Saddle Club Spearhead Move

An informal movement was launched this week to restore Carney park to make needed improvements. Spearheading the preliminary talks and planning for action are officers and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the O'Neill Saddle club. But other groups are exploring the possibilities, too, including Mayor Alva Marcellus and the city council, city park board, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and interested individuals. Principal criticism of the park has been based on its low elevation near the Elkhorn river, inadequate drainage and the insect problem. Junior Chamber officials asked C. R. ("Bob") Hill and Weston Whitner, members of the Holt soil conservation district staff, to make a preliminary survey of the 65-acre tract, which is located on the south outskirts of the city and immediately north of the Elkhorn. The two soil men, guided by aerial photos and topography information, are convinced the acreage can be satisfactorily drained. They point out that the principal source of drainage trouble lies in the fact the "old race," which accumulates a considerable amount of the city's runoff, dumps onto the park.

This can be corrected by clearing some old ditches and some dirt moving, they explained. They also recommended the athletic field be moved several hundred yards north, which will place it on higher ground. A number of years ago the park, which was named for the late Capt. James Carney, was given considerable beautification and attention. Numerous trees were planted, drives laid out, picnic facilities provided, and lights were erected for night football and baseball. But gradually the maintenance was abandoned and picnickers cursed the dampness and mosquitoes.

The soil specialists will prepare a topographical map of the park area, make recommendations for exact location of the athletic field, stands, parking lots and drives. The city council has agreed to lend some men and machines to the job. Tonight (Thursday) a meeting will be held at the Legion club, starting at 8 o'clock. It will be an open meeting and plans will be made to invade the park with one hundred and fifty men, clear ditches, chop weeds and open the driveways.

Restoration will include changing the water course from the present water course into a big ditch that has been filled in. The Saddle club has agreed to furnish 75 men and the Jaycees will furnish 50 for the first round of work, according to Jaycee President Cecil Baker.

County Levy Next Week—The Holt county levy for the current tax year will be fixed on Friday, August 12. Meanwhile, Holt County Assessor William F. Wefso is piecing together the final valuation figures. Franchise and utility values for Holt county have not yet been announced by the state tax commissioner's office. Holt county real estate values are slightly lower. Meanwhile, the O'Neill city council met Tuesday night to fix the city levy. However, a quorum was not present. A special meeting was to be called late Wednesday for the purpose of adopting the new levy. The new ordinance calls for one-tenth of a mill increase for city government purposes. The new levy will be 19.5 mills, up from 19.4 last year. The new levy is intended to raise necessary funds for a budget of \$74,280—up \$1,500 over a year ago.

## Guests Here

Mrs. Howard Holliday and children of Grand Island came Sunday to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy.

## Heat Wave Punishing Corn Crop

### General Rain Needed Badly in Region; Cattle Are 'Sold-Off'

The corn in the O'Neill region has received considerable punishment during the past fortnight due to a prolonged heat wave that has sent the populace reeling. Temperatures have been near or above the century mark for a number of days, and "white tops" are producing a bleached effect in the cornfields. County Agent A. Neil Daves said Wednesday most corn fields are wilting under the heat, but predicted many of the fields would recuperate in a hurry if a good general rain should come.

The weathermen, however, is not optimistic in his forecasts for the next 24 hours, for the next week or for the next 30 days.

Folks in this region find no consolation in the fact the dryness and the gripping heat is general over most of the nation. Visible damage to the corn is pronounced in the early plantings. Some of the fields in the Midway vicinity and the northwest corner of the county, blessed with considerably more moisture than the O'Neill locality, are not showing much damage. One field on the highway near Chambers is holding up surprisingly well, observers report. Damage appears in fertilizer and non-fertilized fields, irrigated and non-irrigated although the dry land corn, naturally, is worse off.

Spotted showers during the past two weeks have offered only temporary relief. The crying need is for a good rain. Prayers are being offered in some of the churches for relief. The harvest is long since completed. Oats ranged from about 20 bushels per acre up to 65. The average yield is about 25, Daves said.

The hay crop is being wrapped up—about half the normal yield. Some ranchers have let up in the cutting of upland hay, hoping a galling horse a rain might come and "green up" the fields again. The dry pastures conditions already has reflected in the movement of cattle. Some cattle are being "sold off" to areas where there is more feed available.

Weather summary: ( ) Hi Lo Prec. July 28 . . . . . 93 72 July 29 . . . . . 101 72 July 30 . . . . . 105 72 July 31 . . . . . 102 73 .01 August 1 . . . . . 103 71 .04 August 2 . . . . . 102 73 August 3 . . . . . 102 76

## Deloit Localities Swelters

DELOIT—The mercury has been around the century mark for about a week. On Tuesday, July 26, the mercury climbed to 104 degrees, and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday hit the 105 reading, unofficially. It has been three weeks since this locality has had any appreciable moisture and rain is badly needed for corn and pastures.

## Mrs. E. J. Bild, Hurt in Fall, Dies

PAGE—Mrs. E. J. Bild, 76, who suffered a fall in a Norfolk hospital where she was a patient, died at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 2. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, August 5, from the Methodist church in Page under the direction of Biglin's. Rev. Lisle E. Memraw, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in the Page cemetery.

The late Mrs. Bild, whose maiden name was Ellie Virginia McClaran, was born April 25, 1879, at Panora, Ia., a daughter of Hiram C. and Sarah Smith McClaran. She married Doctor Bild at Climbing Hill, Ia., on October 26, 1905. They became the parents of three children. The Bilds came to Page in 1905, returned to Climbing Hill in 1919, and returned again to Page in 1945. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge. Survivors include: Widower—Elmer J.; daughter—Mrs. Earl J. (Emily) Rodman of O'Neill; sons—Dr. Charles E. Bild of Miami, Fla., and Dr. Elmer J. Bild, jr., of Wausau. Miss Ruth Harris of New York City, Mrs. Darold May and children of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harris of Pierce are here visiting their mother, Mrs. Esther Harris.