

Crash Injuries Fatal to Former Resident

Year's Illness Fatal to Atkinson Woman

Funeral Plans Not Completed

ATKINSON — Mrs. Stanley Johnson, 49, who had been in failing health about a year, died at 2:35 a.m., Wednesday, October 5, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been hospitalized here 37 days.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last Wednesday night, pending notification of relatives in Washington, Oregon and California. Services are expected to be held either Friday or Saturday at St. John's Lutheran church here with Rev. E. W. Danitschek, church pastor, officiating.

The late Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Helena Elizabeth Bausch, was born September 7, 1896, on a ranch northeast of Atkinson, a daughter of Steven and Mollie Nitz Bausch.

She attended high school at Spencer and Wausa and was graduated from Wausa high school.

She spent most of her life in the Atkinson community with the exception of a short period at Wausa and several years working in Omaha.

She was married December 24, 1935, to Mr. Johnson at a private ceremony performed at Cecilia. The Johnsons lived on a ranch north of Atkinson until 1950, when they purchased a home in Atkinson.

Mrs. Johnson had been baptized as an infant in the Lutheran faith, was confirmed at St. John's April 1, 1923, and was treasurer of the Dorcas society until ill health forced her to resign. She had also been active in garden club work.

In December, 1954, she entered Methodist hospital at Sioux City for major surgery and received extended medical treatment prior to her hospitalization here.

Her mother died in April, 1947. Survivors: Widower; father—Steven Bausch; sisters—Mrs. Leonard Edna Stanley of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Don (Clara) Eckard of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Roy (Emma) Nielsen of Newport; Mrs. O. R. (Bertha) Hamilton of Omaha; Mrs. Roy (Laura) Parshall of Potter; brothers—Lester Bausch of Portland, Ore., and Edward Bausch of Atkinson.

Woman, 90, Goes to Nebraska City and Return by Air

STAR—In this neighborhood the folks refer to Mrs. Ray Noble, 90, as a veteran in the air.

In the past she made a trip to California by air and not too long ago enjoyed a short hop with Eddie Hrbek at the controls.

But her latest sky outing has made her a confirmed air enthusiast. One of her neighbors, Roland Miller, who owns and flies his own plane, flew Mrs. Noble to Nebraska City where she visited for two weeks with his sister, Mrs. Blanche Bisby, 78. Upon completion of the trip, Mr. Miller went to Nebraska City for her.

"Mrs. Noble recognized Lincoln during the trip," the pilot reported. "Occasionally, I'd turn around and ask her if everything was all right."

"Don't worry about me," responded the venerable north-eastern Holt county nonagenarian. "I'm all right!"

Mr. Miller flies a two-seated Aeronca 90. Mrs. Bisby lives nine miles south of Nebraska City.

Holt Legon, Aux Groups Entertained

CHAMBERS—The Holt county meeting of the American Legion posts and auxiliaries was held Friday evening at the Legion hall in Chambers.

Edwin Hubbard, commander of the Chambers post, was in charge of the program consisting of songs by a mixed sextet, violin solos and a humorous number, "The Kitchen Clatter Orchestra," which was presented by local members.

Speakers were the county Legion commander, George Wettlaufer of Page; the county adjutant, Lawrence Hamik of Stuart, and the district commander, Charles E. Chace of Atkinson.

Ewing High Plans Oct. 21 Homecoming

EWING — Plans are progressing for Ewing high school's homecoming activities on Friday, October 21.

Feature of the day will be the football game between the undefeated Ewing Tigers and the visiting Stuart Broncos, ancient intracity foes. There will be a parade and royalty will be crowned.

Spend Weekend Here—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sullivan and daughter, Patty, of Omaha spent the weekend at the Ivan Cone home.

Robert E. Strong, 65, a Norfolk and a former resident of the Emmet and O'Neill communities, died Sunday, October 2, in a Norfolk hospital. He died of injuries suffered in a two-vehicle accident which occurred September 24 at a Madison county road intersection 11 miles south of Norfolk.

Mr. Strong was driving a pickup truck. Driving the other vehicle, also a pickup, was Donald Dover, 52, of Madison. Both vehicles were demolished in the accident.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, from the First Methodist church in Norfolk.

Survivors include: Widow—Hazel; daughter—Mrs. Bernice Huebner of Norfolk; sons—Elwin of Norfolk, Robert, jr., of Newman Grove, Leo of Neligh, George of Oakdale; sister—Mrs. Orville Leu of Ewing; brothers—Frank and Ernest, both of Norfolk, Clarence, sr., and William, both of O'Neill, Thomas of Hugo, Okla.

Among those attending the funeral from O'Neill were Clarence Strong, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strong, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strong, Bessie Klingler and Dale Strong.

The late Mr. Strong farmed near Emmet for a time, also near O'Neill and Opportunity.

A Madison county coroner's jury in session Monday, found that Mr. Strong died in an accident "without felonious intent."

New Manager at Osborne's Shoe Store

Moving to O'Neill this week are J. C. ("Jerry") Nordmeyer and family. Effective October 8, Mr. Nordmeyer will be the new manager of the Osborne Shoe Store, replacing William W. Watson, who is moving to Omaha.

Mr. Nordmeyer has had many years experience in larger shoe departments in the state. When interviewed, D. M. Osborne, owner of the store, said, "We are fortunate indeed to have obtained the services of a manager with



"Jerry" Nordmeyer replaces "Bill" Watson.

such a rich background in all phases of selling shoes.

"Since we are in the process of expanding our operation, we believe this doubly important," Mr. Osborne added.

Mr. Osborne also made the statement that even though the Osborne Shoe Store presently carries much larger stocks than any other store in north-central Nebraska, even larger stocks will be carried under Mr. Nordmeyer's direction in the future.

15 AT C OF C MEET—Fifteen members attended the October meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday evening, G. E. Miles presided. A meeting of the retailers will be held at 10 a.m., Monday at the M&M cafe, it was announced.

Contingent from Turkey Visits Holt

Seventeen agriculture specialists from Turkey in the Middle East spent Monday afternoon and night at O'Neill and early Tuesday studied the Earl Coxhill seed plant in Atkinson. The visitors were particularly interested in bluegrass operations. They were accompanied by an interpreter and a member of the University of Nebraska extension service, were sent to the United States



by the Turkish government. One in the delegation holds the title of minister of agriculture and the others hold offices comparable to county agents and assistant agents. Inspecting the Shelhamer Equipment company's lot were Adlai Sener, Abidin Tutenk and Yasar Zender. Explaining equipment parts with the "sign language" is Lyle Benda (at left).—The Frontier Photo.

Half Hour Show! "Voice of The Frontier"



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Steer Calves Hit 22.90 in Feeder Sale

One-Third of Carload Offering Purchased by Illinois Buyers

Forty-six carloads of stocker-feeder cattle were sold here Wednesday in connection with the annual sale sponsored by the Sandhills Cattleman's association. The O'Neill sale is one of five sponsored by the group.

One-third of the offering was grabbed by Illinois buyers alone. Other buyers came from eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The auction was described as a "good, active sale with a strong market."

In the judging of carload lots prior to the sale, Robert Clifford of Atkinson won first and second on his steer calves; he placed first with heifer calves and Joe Gallagher of Inman placed second in the heifer calf division.

Yearling steers—James Gallagher, first; L. D. Putnam & Sons of O'Neill, second; yearling heifers—L. D. Putnam & Sons, first; Rudy Dvorak of Atkinson, second.

Two-year-old steers—James Gallagher, first; Harry Moore of Inman, second; two-year-old heifers—L. D. Putnam & Sons, first and second.

Clifford's top-ranking steer calves established the \$22.90 top for the sale. They averaged 583 pounds. Top price paid for heifer calves was \$20.50.

The visiting buyers and members of their families were feted in a steak fry on the eve of the sale at the Country Club. The Junior Chamber of Commerce arranged and prepared the food while the Sandhills association and Jaycees were joint hosts.

Similar sales were being held at Burwell, Valentine, Alliance and Gordon.

Wednesday's sale launched a three-day run at the O'Neill Livestock Market. The regular weekly sale will be held today (Thursday) and the second in a series of special calf sales will be held Friday.

'Homegrown' Movie to Be Exhibited

ATKINSON—A motion picture described by its photographer, director, producer and editor as "homegrown" will be presented in Atkinson Wednesday, October 12, at 8 p.m., in the public school auditorium.

The American Legion-sponsored showing of the "Four-H Story" will be for the benefit of child welfare.

The one-man film company is Charles Skopec, jr., who resides on a ranch seven miles west and 2½ miles south of Atkinson.

Mr. Skopec has "covered" many 4-H events with his camera to get material for the film.

Winners Named—Mrs. Mabel McKenna was hostess Tuesday evening to the Martez club. Winners were Mrs. Guy Cole and Mrs. McKenna.



Robertson... specialist in stocks and repairing.—The Frontier Photo.

Sparetime Gunsmith Keeps Busy

Nun from Atkinson Expires in Missouri

ATKINSON — News reached here Tuesday morning of the death of Sr. M. de Chantel, the former Bridget O'Donnell. Funeral services will be conducted this morning (Thursday) at Arcadia, Mo., where she died.

She was born eight miles east of Atkinson on December 27, 1883, a daughter of Michael and Anna O'Donnell. She entered into religious life in 1906, taking her vows at York. Later, she was assigned in Ursuline convents at Falls City, Hartington, Lawrence, Orleans and at St. Peter and Paul church in Omaha.

Sister de Chantel taught at Poplar Bluffs, Mo., until two years ago when illness forced her to retire.

Survivors include: Sisters—the Misses Ellen and Margaret O'Donnell, both of Atkinson; brother—Anthony O'Donnell of Atkinson; six nephews and five nieces.

FIREMEN CALLED—O'Neill firemen were summoned about 9 a.m., Friday to a fire in a dwelling occupied by Mrs. Tyler, situated near the Tri-State plant. The house is owned by Mrs. Ella Thompson.

A clothes rack near the kitchen range caught afire. The dwelling interior was badly smoked.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Towle of Norfolk visited Sunday at the D. D. DeBoit home.

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR. The Frontier's Feature Writer

A 69-year-old O'Neill man named Fred Robertson has the title of operator at the sprawling and fascinating mesh of steel at the north end of Second street known as the Consumers Public Power district substation.

Part of Mr. Robertson's chores involve reading a maze of meters and transmitting, receiving and relaying messages in a shortwave radio network.

The job at the brightly lit steel skeleton looks interesting enough and Mr. Robertson is looking forward to retirement next March. But his hobby—being a gunsmith—is equally interesting and his hobby is the subject of this story.

Folks who aren't too complimentary of the gunsmith and some of the smithy themselves caustically refer to a hobbyist of this stripe as a "gun nut."

This gun-lover, we'll call him, has always liked working with wood and the stocks of weapons, old and new, have been his special interest.

New stocks are made from select quality American walnut and from imported French and English walnut. Ornate stocks usually are made from Oregon myrtle wood found only in Oregon and Washington state.

"It has fine figure and color or colors and makes beautiful gun stocks," Mr. Robertson explained to this unknowing visitor.

Before World War II, it was possible to obtain Cirsassian walnut grown in the Caucasus mountains of Europe. This variety of walnut is noted for its handsome figure and fine quality that are universally in demand for the most expensive guns.

Making gunstocks used to be a highly specialized trade and still is when handmade. But in the factory, most of the work is done by machinery. However, for the better than ordinary grades and for those known as custom grades, much handwork is involved on both the metal parts and the stock. Components must fit

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Pickup, Trailer Damaged at Bridge

EWING—A westbound pickup truck and a house trailer being drawn behind were extensively damaged Tuesday on the U.S. highway 275 bridge at the east edge of Ewing. The pickup, owned and driven by Carl Miller of North Bend, struck and killed a cow owned by Elmer Woeppel of Ewing. In swerving to avoid hitting the critter, the truck and trailer raked the south bridge railing.

Highway Patrolman Robert Gude of O'Neill, who investigated, estimated six hundred dollars damage to the pickup and a similar amount of damage to the trailer.

Merrimans in Georgia—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman went to Omaha Saturday to join their daughter, in-law, Mrs. James Merriman, and daughter, Tracy, who were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jesse, who will drive to Ft. Benning, Ga., where Lieutenant Merriman is stationed.

Mrs. Esther Downey Back from Europe

Mrs. Esther Downey returned Saturday from an extended summer tour of Europe. Among the countries she visited were: Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France.

56th Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone entertained in their home September 30 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler, who were celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. A number of friends were present for the occasion.



The Draytons... both from pioneer families.—The Frontier Photo.

Reared with 'Hand in Pickle Barrel'

By a Staff Writer ORCHARD — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Drayton, who were married on October 4, 1905, received 300 guests here Sunday on their golden wedding anniversary. The observance was held at the Masonic temple.

Mr. Drayton, 72, was born on a farm about five miles northeast of the present site of Orchard in March, 1863. His parents were among the early settlers in that locality.

The Fremont, Missouri Valley & Elkhorn (now Chicago & North Western) railroad was completed that spring as far west as Ewing, which was the nearest town. The Drayton family made occasional trips to Ewing to procure supplies.

Mrs. Drayton, 71, whose maiden name was Nellie Davidson, was born at Dorsey and spent her early years there. Her father, William Davidson, operated a general merchandise store at Dorsey, in northeastern Holt county.

Mrs. Drayton describes her childhood "growing up with one hand in the pickle barrel." That is her way of expressing the life of a daughter of a pioneer storekeeper.

'Hot' Coon Trail Leads to Surprise

ROCK FALLS—Coon hunting reports from this balliwick are not unusual. But there was something unusual about the hunt on Wednesday night, September 28.

In coon hunt language, the trail had been a "hot one." One eager hunter decided to ascend a tree. The foliage was so heavy a climb was considered necessary to explore the possibilities of one of the animals being stowed away behind a lofty limb.

The inquisitive hunter was a surprised little man when he excited a swarm of bees.

He made a disorderly retreat to the opposite side of a nearby creek.

The coon hunt continued without him.

Ewing Woman, 87, Ill for Year, Dies

Funeral Services Set Today

EWING—Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) from the Methodist church in Ewing for Mrs. Clara Tucker, 87, who died Sunday evening, October 2, at her home in Ewing. She had been in failing health for about a year.

She was born November 28, at Ft. Atkinson, and at the age of three accompanied her parents to Central City where they homesteaded.

On December 2, 1891, she was married to J. H. Tucker at O'Neill. The newlyweds embarked in a horse-drawn carriage for their wedding trip which took them to points near O'Neill and to the Emporia neighborhood, north of Ewing.

The Tuckers made their home at St. Joseph, Mo., for many years. Mr. Tucker died in 1941 and was buried there. His widow then came to Ewing where she continued to reside until her death.

The Tuckers became the parents of nine children—two of whom died in infancy.

The late Mrs. Tucker was baptized in the Baptist church and later became a Methodist.

Rev. E. L. Bridgen, church pastor, will officiate at the funeral. (Continued on page 6)

Fall Range Refreshed by Rains

More Than Inch of Precipitation Here During Fortnight

Made-to-order Fall rains, totaling more than an inch at O'Neill during the past fortnight and up to 3½ inches elsewhere in the region, have been highly beneficial to pastures.

Farmers have been cheered by the moisture which has gone far to prepare the ground for Fall sowing of grain.

During the seven-day period, September 22-28, inclusive, the precipitation here totaled .79 of an inch. During the September 29-October 5 period, inclusive, an added .25 was recorded.

The first frost was forecast Saturday night but missed.

Weather summary:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
September 29	69	50	
September 30	67	42	
October 1	68	44	
October 2	71	45	.05
October 3	68	59	.20
October 4	69	60	Trace
October 5	77	62	Trace

60 of Inch Rain Recorded at Chambers

CHAMBERS — Sixty-hundredths of an inch of rain fell here Sunday afternoon and evening during an electrical storm.

Lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner and only slight damage was done.

Lightning struck and burned a haystack belonging to George Sladek and also hit a stack on the Ralph Hoffman place. Both farms are southeast of town.

Rev. Meyers to Leave Spencer—SPENCER—Rev. L. W. Meyers, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church in Spencer and the Christ Lutheran church in Lynch, has announced that he is leaving these pastorates.

He has accepted a call to serve Faith Lutheran church in Westchester, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

The Meyers family will leave Spencer late in October or early in November.