Roland Hansen (left) and Ned Kelly, both of Inman, cuddle a greased pig at Inman's fall festival. The slippery prize subsequently slipped away while Hansen and Kelly were loading the porker onto a truck. The result of the escape was that they were obliged to share the proceeds with a third party. The annual festival, sponsored by the Methodist church, drew a large crowd and

was acclaimed a big success.-The Frontier Photo.

### Youth, 16, Drowns in Pursuit of Boat

Special to The Frontier

side of the Missouri river. The

ity east of Lynch.

his friends said.

in the river when he called for

help. He disappeared in the wa-

ter, his companions related. Aid

Darkness bore down and an

was made by men working under

the other boys ranged from 13- to

boats dragged a wide area Tues-day and Wendesday to no avail.

"Very likely the body will come to the top Thursday or

Friday," Collins declared, "and

we could use some additional

help. We're going to try and get airplanes to help on Fri-

stated, are 15 feet deep and the

water has been rough, making

the search perilous and difficult.

ed by the parents, four brothers

and several sisters. An aunt is

Collins said the boy is surviv-

He said men in 10 to 15 motor-

15-years-old.

## First-Born White

### 'Herb' Bitney Rites Held Saturday

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted from Wesleyan Methodist church in Atkinson on Saturday, October 8, for Frank ick and four other Dakota youths H. Bitney, 81, better known as had crossed the Missouri in a gas "Herb" Bitney, one of the most engine-powered boat, which had colorful men of the Atkinson community. He was the first They crossed to the Nebraska white child born in Holt county. side to put out fish "set lines."

Mr. Bitney died suddenly about noon on Thursday, October into the current. 6. Death was caused by a heart Mr. Bitney was born May 22, His parents were Frank Bitney and Clara Dickerson Bit-

ney. He was reared in the Atkinson community and was one of the few pioneers who remember-

ed the building of the Atkinson On April 9, 1898, he married Lucy Irene Russell. They became

the parents of two daughters. The late Mr. Bitney worked in his father's store for many years. extensive search of the shoreline Survivors include: Daughters-Mrs. Lewis (Esther) Kemp of the direction of Sheriff Collins Pasco, Wash., and Mrs. Adolph and Sheriff McCabe of Charles (Clarissa) Mlinar of Atkinson; Mix county, South Dakota. brother — Fred of Grass Valley, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 27 had not been recovered. great-grandchildren.

### Frontier Publisher Heads Press Group

Carroll W. ("Cal") Stewart, editor-publisher of The Frontier, Friday was elected president of the Interstate Editorial association at the organization's 34th annual convention in Sioux City. Stewart succeeds G. W. Hubin, publisher of the Buffalo Lake (Minn.) News, who became vice-president. W. S. Gibson of the Vermillion (S.D.) Plain Talk was named secretary and Robert B. Lyon of the Schleswig (Ia.)

Leader, treasurer. Wilbur Barnes, publisher of

### O'Neill High Plans

The O'Neill high school stu-

tional gridiren foe, will face the ages to the rig. Eagles in an evening football game in Carney park. The game

ics sponsor, has announced the selection of "Let Me Out of Here" as the title of the senior class play. The three-act farce will be Driver Training presented November 15. Practice began Monday night.

## SMA Homecoming

The St. Mary's academy home-13, has been changed to Wednes-

day, October 26. The Verdigre Hawks will offer gridiron competition in a Niobrara Valley conference eight-

Tuesday at the O'Neill Drive-In concerning the course and related theater corner. The unit was problems. Several selected high

hauling a load of oil for the school students will also be inhighway building project. The cluded in the discussion. engine backfired and started the

tier" . . . Mon., Wed., Sat., 9:30

a.m.

the Sleepy Eye (Minn.) Herald-Dispatch, was elected a new a Spencer cafe. member of the board of directors. About 175 editors and publish-Horse Killed When ers from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska attended Hit by Truck the convention which opened Thursday. Walter Zahradnicek of Stuart suffered the loss of a horse Fri-

day when a 1954 truck-tractor outfit, operated by C. H. Koerber First Homecoming of Alliance, struck the horse on U.S. highway 20 about seven She was a member of the miles west of Atkinson. Highway Methodist church and was active dent council has scheduled a Patrolman Robert Gude of O'- in church work until late years. homecoming celebration on Fri- Neill, who investigated, said the The Neligh Warriors, a tradi- a.m. Gude estimated \$500 dam-

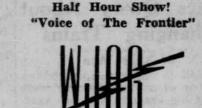
will be followed at 10 o'clock by at 7:50 a.m., Wednesday three a homecoming prom at the American Legion ballroom.

The followed at 10 o'clock by at 7:50 a.m., Wednesday three miles east of Midway. Vehicles driven by H. W. Rouse, 58, head-presented callers knitted gifts. All alumni, teachers and for- ed northward, and David Jensen, mer teachers are invited. The 66, going eastward, skidded to-Neligh high school student body gether. Gude estimated damage has been invited to attend the to the Jensen machine "about \$200" and to the Rouse car, own-Miss Viola E. Haynes, dramat- ed by Lloyd Rouse, "about \$150." No one was hurt.

## To Be Discussed

Drivers training for high school students is to be the theme of the Public safety program Monday, Date Is Changed October 17. The meeting will be sponsored by the county safety council and participating organicoming football game, originally zations. It will begin at 8 p.m., scheduled for Thursday, October at the American Legion auditorium in O'Neill according to Mrs. Albert Carson of Redbird. nett of Medicine Bow, Wyo., and

Two instructors for Holt city wyo., brothers Valley, N.D., schools, Elmer Murman of O'Neill man game. Royalty will be and Cleo Tippery of Stuart, and Long one instructor from Boyd county, The cab of an oil transport discuss the drivers training protruck was damaged at 12:40 p.m., gram and conduct a discussion Frank Benash, Wife



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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, October 13, 1955.

Seven Cents

## City's Oldest Back in 1907 ... Resident

### Grandma' Summers Born in Scotland; 1878, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry of Tecumseh.

p.m., at the home of her son, Frank Summers, at the southeast edge of O'Neill. She had been making her home there for the past eight years, and had been

seriously ill about five months. "Grandma" Summers, as she was best-known, was O'Neill's oldest resident.

Funerai services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October LYNCH—James Frederick, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick of the Greenwood Indian agency in South Dakota, was agency in South Dakota, was more more manufactured by the direction of Biglin's.

ed at 2 p.m., wednesday, October 12, from First Methodist church with Rev. Glenn Kennicott, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery was in Pros

Child in Holt Dies

erick of the Greenwood Indian agency in South Dakota, was drowned about 6 p.m., Monday, October 10, near the Nebraska

October 10, near the Nebraska

Pallbearers were grandsons Pallbearers were grandsons: Dwayne, LaVern, Donald, Ivan



Mrs. Summers . . survived

fall and pneumonia. - The

Frontier Photo. neth Bergstrom. Honorary pall-bearers were Clarence Dobbins, Until late Wednesday the body Sheriff Collins said the ages of

Elmer Trowbridge, Andrew Wettlaufer, Herbert Stevens. Mrs. Summers, whose maid-en name was Isabella Cruickshank, was born February 6 1860, at Garmond, near Turriff. Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She lived there until she had com-pleted her schooling and study

of music. Her parents, James and Isabella Polson Cruickshank, had gone to American when she was 13 and settled near Blair. She join-Some holes in the river, Collins

ed her parents in Nebraska when she was 16-years-old. She taught Washington county rural schools near Blair for several years.

On February 18, 1888, she was married to Miles Albert Summers at Blair. The couple came to Holt county in 1892 and settled near Page, where they continued to reside on a farm until Mr. Summer's death February 28, 1934. The couple became the parents

of eight children. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Summers resided alone for a time and later made her home with her sons, Leslie and Frank.

She was a member of the Each year on her birthday anaccident took place about 12:15 niversary "Grandma" Summers was showered with a bushel of cards and letters. Until recent Gude investigated a country months her hobby was knitting road collision which took place and, despite impaired eyesight.

Despite her years she retained a keen Scottish sense of humor. On her 95th birthday anniversary when the candle was lighted and The Frontier's photographer prepared to take her picture, she exclaimed, "Well, here we go again!"

In late years her hearing also ecame afflicted. In August, 1953, she was injured when she fell against the bathtub at her home and later she survived a siege of pneu-

Survivors include: Sons- Albert of Bartlett; Charles and Ewing; sisters-Mrs. Jean Bur-Mrs. Bessie Marshall of Casper, Wyo.; brothers - John Cruickand Andrew Cruickshank dren and 40 great-grandchildren.

## Plan Open-House

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash Mrs. W. C. Whited and son, ding anniversary on Monday, Oc-

Tune in! "Voice of The Fron- day in Omaha visiting her moth- O'Neill. er, Mrs. Ned Emery, while Mr. Open-house will be conducted Whited was on a hunting trip. Open-house will be conducted between 2 and 5 p.m.

## Improves Farm for \$1,200

The Frontier's Feature Writer Is Dead PAGE—No special observance was made Wednesday, September 21, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder of Page quietly noted their 57th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Snyder was born June 24, Came to U.S. at 16 Of a family of four, she and a brother, Lloyd Henry of Cole-

ridge, survive. Mrs. Isabella Summers, 95, died Sunday, October 9, at 2:45 5, 1875, at Galva, Ill. He was nine-years-old when he came to Nebraska with his parents. He has three brothers — Walter of Ainsworth, Harry of Inman and Elmer of Page, and one sister— Mrs. Clifton Jacka of Tecumseh.

Miss Nova Henry became the bride of Mr. Snyder at the home of her parents near Tecumseh on September 21, 1898. Rev. Lucy Dodge, Baptist minister, officiated and there were 50 guests present. For their wedding trip, the cou-

ple "took in" the famous Omaha Mr. Snyder had begun farming two years before and the year 1898 was a good one as farm years go. He raised 1,600 bushels of wheat and a thousand bushels of corn. He received 35 cents per bushel for the wheat and 26 cents for the corn. Hogs were bringing in the form of 10 yards of calico enough so the sheller wouldn't

came along and Mr. Snyder horses-\$380 more than he had

Average \$25.55 Cwt.

Drueke Entry Tops

Indiana and numerous Nebraska

points were on hand Wednesday

for the annual 4-H and commer-

One hundred seventy-two head

His entry was a Hereford heifer weighing 385 pounds and sold

for \$25 cwt., to Bill Ermer of O'-

Ninety-four out of 110 club

calves shown were sold. Seventy-

eight commercial calves were

was paid to Oswald Drueke of

O'Neill-65 cents a pound. He had another entry that brought

second high—62 cents. A Michigan buyer paid the top figure.

Wewel of Newport, Herefords; us. seventh—Wewel, Herefords.

Top and runnerup commercial

Johnson of O'Neill, fourth, Angus

Neill, the reserve club calf, an

sold, averaging \$22 per cwt.

Grand champion club calf was shown by Loren Biake of Amelia.

City for \$56.25. The Miller entry weighed 400 pounds.

calves — Herefords — was shown Kathleen Gallagher.

Shorthorn steer; Vernie Raymond Pritchett.

Best price on commercial calves Davis, Robert Edward DeWitt



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder . . . a boating tragedy turned her

dark hair into snow white overnight .- O'Neill Photo Co.

team in the country." But he turned down the offer from the army and said he wouldn't sell them at any price.

brown and wasn't the duster type about \$1,200.

(it barely cleared the floor). Mr. Snyder recalls that he inpaid. They were well matched, itiated his newly-found cook right. broken, good saddlers, with the job of feeding men who and, according to the owner, came to shell corn. Not all of the

Communion Clas

Susan Abart, Jerry Babutzke, James Michael Beha, Edward

Benson, Julie Bosn, Terry Russe

Brown, Patricia Davidson, Robert

Carol Donlin, Neil Donohoe

William D Eastman, Agnes Lou-

Class roll:

Cheryl Donlin.

the "classiest driving | corn belonged to him, but 196 in the country." But he loads were shelled (that meant quite a crowd). It was a horsepowered sheller. The driver stood Norfolk Firm Gets in the center of the circle, chang-Mrs. Snyder's first dress pur- around. He had to crack the whip chased after their marriage came to keep the team moving fast

A tragedy brought white hair Mrs. Snyder literally over-

(Continued on page 11)

### 167 Stocker-Feeders Sissons to Note O'Neill, Burwell 60th Anniversary DELOIT-Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sisson will celebrate their 60th

### wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, October 16. Both enjoy "fairly good 90 on Sunday About 30 relatives will be pres-

Buyers from Iowa, Michigan, ent for the dinner at their home at Deloit that day. Among them will be Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reimer of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Bob cial stocker-feeder sale held at Fisher of St. Edward, Mr. and O'Neill Livestock Market. Mrs. Robley Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rexin and John and Fred, all of Ewing. Other relatives plan 56 Children in First

upper seventies.
On the two preceding days the mercury had dipped to 34 and 33 Angus steer, was shown by Glen
Miller of O'Neill and was purbers of St. Patrick's Catholic
chased by Don Harder of Sioux degrees, respectively, creating a variation of 57 degrees. No killing frost has been recorded to-

### ise Eastman, Cherilyn Fees, Mary Ann Fox, Joan French, Anna Champion pen of commercial Marie Fritton, Janet Gallagher, Page Methodists Ann Gleeson, Cecilia VaReane

Other pen placements: Second Gray, Rosemary Grenier, Ger-Drueke; third—John Neiwah- aldeen Hansen, Randell Helmer, nor of O'Neill, Herefords; fourth Joyce Janzing. Donna Jonas, -Vernie Johnson of O'Neill, An- Robert Jurgensmeier, James Patgus; fifth-Johnson; sixth-Louis rick Mahoney, Marlene McMan-Tuesday night at the church, the John Miller, Leroy Moos, Gayle needed repairs. Top and runnerup commercial Marjorie Murphy, Rita Clare single honors went to Blain Gar- Murray, Anna Marie Musil, Phyl-

the advisibility of installing an wood of Amelia with Angus lis Musil, Larry Peters, Veronica adequate heating system at this steers; Dave Kiedel of Stuart, Pribil, Mary Catherine Pribil, time.

Judy Riley, Daniel Saunto, Disteer; Roy Seger of Atkinson, anne Schaaf, Barbara Spittler, fifth, Angus steer; Vernie John- Billy John Tomjack, Janice Mason of O'Neill, sixth, Angus rie Vequist, Ronnie Edwin Walters, Elizabeth Watson, Leona Winchell, Eugene Paul Winkler. Mrs. Lod Janousek, Miss Effie Ann Wolfe, Paul Yantzi, Larry day, October 19, at 9 p.m., in the officers will be elected. Atkinson school auditorium

# **Hottest in Nation**

O'Neill and Burwell had the distinction of being the hottest towns in the nation Sunday when the mercury registered 90 de-grees, officially, at both points. Bismarck, N.D., and Chadron recorded 87 degrees at the same time. Most Nebraska points were in the low eighties. Some points in Texas, Florida and California were having temperatures in the

date this fall. Week's weather summary:

	1219		Hi	Lo	Prec.
4	October	6	66	49	
4	October	7	57	34	
죑	October	8	79	33	
Ш	October	9	96	49	2000
4	October		85	47	ASSESSED BY
1	October		84	53	
	October	12	64	40	
н		-45	-	-	

## Vote Unanimously

PAGE - By a unaminous vote of the membership of the Page terest of securing rural fire- ranch, livestock and machinery, Methodist church at a meeting fighting equipment. A decision 15 miles northeast of O'Neill; Bill decision was made to make badly Some discussion was held as to

MOVIE DATE CHANGED

### **Plans Special Events** The retail trade committee of

the Chamber of Commerce, in session Monday morning, named G. C. DeBacker chairman of a series of Fall and early Winter

Retail Trade Group

November 19: Turkey day. Each merchant will exhibit a live turkey in front of the place of business. Persons will be in- Simon Bosn Rites vited to guess the weight and register. Turkeys will be awarded to the best guessers, but only one turkey will be allowed to a

December 1: Pre - Christmas window unveiling. A non-related item will be shown in each dis- North Western railroad, died item will be shown in each display window. Persons compiling the most complete list of non-related items first will win prizes.

December 8-9-10: Bogus dollar days. For every dollar spent during these three days, bogus dollars will be issued. On Saturday night, December 10 (after store-closing) an array of prizes will tober 15. from St. Patrick's

December 19: Traditional visit of Santa Claus with treats for the kiddies.

Electric Contract Krueger Electric of Norfolk for the corn. Hogs were bringing three cents per pound. Twenty-five dollars would buy a cow and a calf and he paid \$60 for three good horses.

The material become plugged.

The Snyders came to Holt county in 1907 and purchased a forlorn and empty quarter-section. The Krueger bid was \$2,985 tion of land near Page for \$2,000.

The financial panic of 1907 enagon, \$8 for a plow and \$10 for cultivator.

Her wedding dress (which some critics had considered "ensormed considered" was provided by the considered to some critics had considered to some critical particles. ined. Total cost of completed pro-

The type of fixtures to be in-stalled has not yet been determject is expected to be about \$3,900 The Maxfield congregation and work is to be done in such Bosn retired as section chief here manner as to not disrupt classes. ir. 1953 due to his ill health. Work may be extended over a period of 18 months.

### Afternoon Rodeo Performances Set

Afternoon rodeos will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Octo-Mercury Climbs to ber 29 and 30, at the new rodeo grounds in O'Neill's Carney park. There will be professional rodeo contestants in matched bareback riding and matched bulldogging events with one thousand dollars in prize money. One hundred bucking broncos will be furnished by Walt Plugge of Bartlett. Other events will be provided

for professional and amateur

## World War I Vet

EWING-Rubin Elston, a veteran of World War I, died Monday, October 10, at Iowa City, Ia., after a long illness. He had been cared for in Veterans hos- Ed Thorin, O'Neill, auctioneer; pitals for many years.

His wife, Mrs. Josephine Elston, who has made her home in Ewing, accompanied by her son, Delbert Carl, left immediately for Iowa City. No funeral arrangements had

been made early Tuesday.

### Rural Fire District Planned at Page-

PAGE—A meeting was held at (Details on page 6.) the Page school auditorium Monday evening, October 3, in the in- nie Eppenbach, sale of small was reached to circulate petitions to secure signers for that Wallace O'Connell, O'Neill, aucpurpose, funds to be raised by tioneer.

taxation Frank Cronk was chosen as rangements were made for men Neill; 40 bills, 20 females. (Writeto circulate the petitions. The for catalog); H. A. and Robert boundary lines were defined as E. Van Horn, Page. ATKINSON-Date for showing all of Verdigris and Iowa townof the "homegrown" movie, "4-H ships and part of Golden, Willow- Central Nebraska Hereford asso-Story," produced by Charles Sko- dale and Antelope. If conditions ciation, show and sale, 32 regispec, jr., was changed from Wed- are favorable, an election will be tered bulls, Bassett; "Tug" Philnesday. October 12, to Wednes- held confirming intentions and lips, Bassett, sale manager.

### Auxiliary to Serve School Group-

The American Legion auxiliary (Details in subsequent issue.) met Wednesday evening, October 5, at the Legion club. Reports were given by the rehabilitation Few Native Ducks chairman, Maxine Urban, and by he membership chairman, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka.

Genie McGlassen, state rehabilitation chairman, urged mem- ed an army of hunters which bers to support the sale of pop- took to the lakes and rivers at

County government day will be held in O'Neill Monday, October Fred Salak of O'Neill said the 31 with a noon lunch served by the auxiliary at the Legion audi-

### On Extended Trip-

Teresa Finley, sisters of Dr. W. and some along the Niobrara and F. Finley, left Monday for points in Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin to visit relatives and friends. They expect to go on to Chicago, Ill., before returning to O'Neill.

### Depart for Home in California-

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McDonald left Wednesday morning for their home in Mission Beach, Calif. Mrs. McDonald is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret White of O'Neill.

Frontier for printing!

## Retired Rail Man

TWELVE

**PAGES** 

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## to Be Conducted

Dies at 68

Saturday Morning Simon Bosn, 68, a retired section foreman for the Chicago &

closing), an array of prizes will tcber 15, from St. Patrick's be "auctioned" and the prizes Catholic church with Very Rev. may be purchased with bogus Timothy O'Sullivan, church pas-

tor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. The remains will lie at Biglin's chapel from 2 p.m., Friday until the funeral hour. There will be a rosary Friday

evening at 8 o'clock. Pallbearers chosen are Dom-inic Bohn, Loren Nelson, Ira H. Moss, James Murphy, Collins and Lew White.

The late Mr. Bosn was born

December 4, 1886, in Croatia (now a state of Czechoslo-

vakia). His parents were Ivan and Eva Bosn. On November 6, 1917, he married Mary Ratkovec at Brainard.

The Bosn family came to O'-Neill from Brainard in 1941, Mr.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Knights of Columbus, C&NW Old Timers' club, and had been made an "admiral" in the Nebraska "navy"

by Gov. Val Peterson. Survivors include: Widow -Mary; sons - Ray, George, Al and Donald, all of O'Neill; daughters - Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Cook of Grand Island; Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Blomstrom of Winner, S.D.; Mrs. James (Marian) Harty of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. John (Rosaline) Gallagher of Fredricksburg, Va.; Miss Jeanne of Denver, Colo., and Miss Theresa:

## **Auction Calendar**

Saturday, October 15: Mrs. Loertta Hynes, 83 head of Herefords, at John Sullivan farm near Dies at Iowa City O'Neill; Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill,

> Tuesday, October 18: M. Harmon cleanup sale, north of O'Neill; 20 head of cattle, machinery, household goods; First National bank, clerk. Wednesday, October 19: Lloyd Bausch sale, north of O'Neill, 48

> head of cattle, machinery, house-hold goods; Col. Ed Thorin, auctioneer; O'Neill National bank, clerk. Saturday, October 22: O'Neill home known as the late Dr. H. L. Bennett residence; Col. Ed Tho-

rin, O'Neill, auctioneer - broker. Tuesday, October 25: Mrs. Jen-Tuesday, November 1: Van

Horns' Registered Herefords at temporary chairman and ar- auction, 15 miles southeast of O'-Saturday, November 12: North-

> Friday, November 25: Henry Murray estate sale, farm, live-stock, machinery; Col. Wallace O'Connell, O'Neill, auctioneer.

## Greet Hunt Army

Only a few native ducks greetsunrise Saturday.

weather has been relatively warm and the flights from the north have not yet begun. Salak said there have been some ducks on Goose lake and Mrs. Rose Francis and Miss Chain lakes, west of Chambers,

> shoot. Weekend weather was better suited for swimming or golf than for duck hunting, he explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holz spent Sunday in Chambers visiting at the Lilly Herzog and L. S. Fahrenholz homes.

Miss Jeanne Head of Omaha spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George



who received their first communion Sunday, October 6, at St. Patrick's Catholic church.-O'Neill