# Mrs. Benash Born During '88 Blizzard

#### By a Staff Writer

Mrs. Frank Benash, 67, who came into this world to the accompaniment of the howling winds at the time of the historical blizzard of January 12, 1888, and her husband, 78, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, October 17. They received scores of friends and neighbors during the open-house observance of their 50th wedding

Mrs. Benash's maiden name was Margaret Oesch, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Oesch. She was born on a home-stead in the Maring community northwest of O'Neill.

Mrs. Oesch died during childbirth and a number of days elapsed before the funeral could be held. The mother's death was a crushing blow to the Oesch family.

The infant Margaret was taken to Milford where she was reared by her grandmother, later to return to Holt county.

Mr. Benash was born at Rush City, Minn. In 1881, when he was 3½-years-old, he came to Holt county in an ox-drawn covered wagon with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash, sr. The family settled 14 miles north and two miles west of O'-Neill.

Miss Margaret Oesch met Mr. Benash at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Benash, with whom she had come to make her home. It was a case of the Oesch sisters marrying Benash brothers. The wedding took place at Fairfax, S.D., and the couple began housekeeping on the Benash

They retired from the farm 13 years ago and Mr. Benash kept active until recently by repairing clocks, sewing machines and sharpening saws.

homestead

"Can't stand that kind of work anymore," explains Mr. Benash, "because my nerves won't take

Mrs. Benash describes her health as "not so good." The Benashes have one daugh-

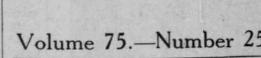
ter, Mrs. Vernon (Della) Harding, who lives 22 miles north of O'-Neill, and two sons—Gilbert of 280 Attend Banquet Milford and Clarence of Beatrice.



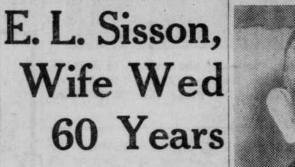
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**Deloit Couple Reisdes** in Holt 38 Years; Feted at Dinner

By MRS. HAROLD HARRIS **Special Correspondent** EWING - The culmination of

60 years of married life was celebrated Sunday, October 16, by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sisson, 82-79-years-old, respectively. Mr. Sisson . . . livestock man. The Deloit couple, residing 14 miles from Ewing, were honored

at their home by 40 relatives, who gathered for dinner and a social afternoon. The 1 o'clock dinner was prepared and served by their daughters.

Scores of friends called during the afternoon at the big white house in which the Sissons have resided most of the 38 years they have spent in the community. A four - tier pink-and-white wedding cake topped with a three-bell ornament, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Robley Sisson, sr., made up the table centerpiece. This was flanked by bouquets of chrysanthemums, gifts from Mrs. Blanche Sisson, Miss Jeanne Welke and the Deloit Pinochle

Mr. Sisson was born in Wisconsin and was one - year - old

when he came to Nebraska with his parents. The family took a homestead in Boone county, Mrs. Sisson Boone county. - The Frontier

# THE FRONTIER

North-Central Nebraska's BIGGEST Newspaper

O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, October 20, 1955.

# 'Homegrown' Movie Pleases

By a Staff Writer tober 19, the reaction was the

Their enthusiasm, naturally, was in varying degrees. All were generally agreed the show is a homey, amateurish effort with some grand photographic effects spotted through the one hour 20 minute showing.

erates a ranch eight miles southwest of Atkinson, is the producer-cameraman - director - editor - script writer and shoulders the commentary.

The full-length color film was 'shot" over a period of several years and the sound track was added this year.

Originally the film was labeled "The 4-H Story," and it centers largely around the activities of sandhills youths. The story is sweet, thin and simple because the work is primarily of a documentary nature.

Dick Whittler (his real name is Richard Prussa) is a ranch kid with a grumpy dad, Joe Whittler (played by Charles Freouf). The show opens with barefoot-ed Dick snagging bullheads from

the crystal clear waters of the upper Elkhorn river. His constant companion is his dog, Mack (the dog belongs to Mr. Skopec and his wife and the rightful name is Slewfoot).

The whittlin' ol' man Whittler keeps Dick on the wood pile and intercepts mail, denying the kid from becoming active in 4-H club work





Charles Skonee, ir. commentator for "The New Frontier."-The Frontier Photo.

# Seven Cents **Find Dead** Woman at **Rail Station**

TWELVE

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Mrs. Max Berger, 40; Boards Train Here; Body Is Returned

Mrs. Max Berger, about 40, of Omaha, wife of a former O'Neill man, was found dead at 6:45 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, in the Chicago & North Western passenger train 14 shortly after the train's arrival at Omaha.

Mrs. Berger, who had been visiting in O'Neill, boarded the train in O'Neill about midnight Tuesday night. She had consulted a doctor here earlier in the day.

Ambulance officers who were called to Union station at Omaha said there was no evidence of foul play.

The body late Wednesday was enroute to O'Neill for burial.

Mrs. Victoria Woods **Dies at Chambers** 

CHAMBERS-Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, for Mrs. Victoria Catherine Woods, 85, widow of the late Joseph A. O. Woods. The rites were conducted from the Methodist church with Rev. J. M. Hodgkin, church pastor, officiat-

Burial was in the Chambers er the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers were Char-

les Grimes, C. V. Robertson, Glenn H. Adams, Alvin Tange-

man, Joe Daas and Herman Hol-

The late Mrs. Woods died

about 2:45 p.m., Sunday, Octo-

ber 16, at her home at Cham-

bers. She had been ill two

Her maiden name was Victoria

Catherine Carson, daughter of

William and Mary Boyer Carson.

She was born at Grant, Va.,

She married Mr. Woods at

Grant January 30, 1885. They be-

came the parents of six children.

The Woods family came to the Chambers locality in 1920 from Madison county. Mir.

She was a member of the

Methodist church, Woman's So-

ciety of Christian Service, and

Survivors include: Son- Wil-

liam of Chambers; daughters-

Mrs. Ida Anderson of Norfolk,

Mrs. Lela Grubb of Chambers,

**Own Radio System** 

At 12:01 a.m., Wednesday the

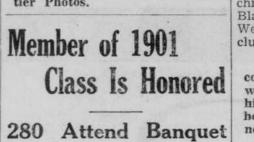
Woods died in April, 1946.

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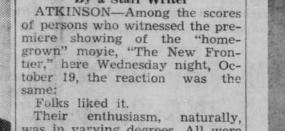


Mr. Benash . . . homesteader.

Mrs. Benash . . . her mother died at childbirth .- The Frontier Photos.

and

near St. Edward. Mrs. Sisson was born in the St.



Charles Skopec, jr., who op-

There are 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Jake (Freda) Sandoe of O'Neill, died in

1944. A family dinner was served at

honor of the O'Neill couple. There were 45 relatives and friends present, including:

of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benash and family of Milford; Mrs. Raymond Benash, Sidney man graduate present (member Benash and Mrs. Vernon Freouf of class of 1901), and Fred Zink and daughter, all of Lincoln.

family of Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Deans and sons of Chadron; Mrs. Clyde Van Every and son of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Mary Sowers of Ord; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wagner of New York and Ralph Wagner of O'Neill.

(A tape - recorded interview with Mr. and Mrs. Benash was broadcast on the Wednesday, October 19, "Voice of The Frontier" program.)

### Wheeler School

**Dedication Today** 

BARTLETT-The new Wheeler (Thursday).

F. B. Decker of Lincoln will and Myrna Kaup were crowned homecoming king and queen for speak at the ceremonies.

The Wheeler county high school was approved by voters after three special elections. The Jansen. high schools averages about 85 students.



Car Hits Train Clarence ("Buddy") Focken, 19 (above), son of Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Focken of Atkinson, suffered several fractured ribs Sunday night when his southbound car struck a westbound Chicago & North Western special freight train that had just drawn to a stop. The accident occurred at the east edge of At-

at Stuart Edward locality. Her maiden STUART - Two hundred and name was McKelvie and her and eighty persons were served mother was German. The Sisson at the annual Stuart high school boy and McKelvie girl have been

A family dinner was served at induced served Sain When she was nine-years-old the Harding home on Sunday in the Stuart auditorium. the Stuart auditorium. Those receiving special recog-

iends present, including: Mrs. Elizabeth Benash and of Grant's Pass, Ore., the former Edward on October 15, 1895, by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Benash, all Bernice Shearer (the woman a Reverend Crawford. They mov-

traveled the greatest distance to ed their family to Holt county attend); John N. Bigelow of Los (Deloit) in 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benash Angeles, Calif., (the man travel-Mr. Sisson has been a lifelong and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur ing the greatest distance); Mrs. farmer, cattle raiser and livestock Eenash and family and Mrs. Em- Leonard Roberts of Stuart, the feeder and has kept very active ma Bass, all of Beatrice; Mr. and former Ida Kraft, the oldest wo- until the last few years. All of the children of the couple were present for Sunday's of Stuart, oldest male graduate

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sandoe and (member of class of 1903). Highlights of the banquet

was a talk by C. H. Velte, who was superintendent of the Stuart schools 1916-'17 and a portion of 1918. He resigned in midterm to join the armed forces during World War I. He by Clarence. is now superintendent at Pacific Junction, Ia.

A program of music by the of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Yvonhigh school students and dance ne Biddex of California were the numbers by Mrs. J. G. Brewster's only grandchildren absent. There dancing class followed the are 10 great-grandchildren. banquet.

A dance and social time cluded Mrs. Sisson's brother, Jay brought the evening to a close. At the half of the Stuart-Ains- Lincoln; Mr. Sisson's sister, Mrs. county high school here, a mo-dern, unique, metal-type build- Ainsworth, 32-6) drills and mu-of Albion; and his brother-ining, will be dedicated today sic were presented by the Stuart law, Edward Maloney of Lincoln. band. Within a heart-shaped for-

State Education Commissioner mation of the band, Terry Cobb 1955-'56. The crowning was done by the retiring royalty, King Jack Hytrek and Queen Carolyn Cobb

> Miss Kaup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaup, is a senior, a cheer leader of the Pep club, in mixed chorus, girls' chorus and dramatics.

Terry Cobb, son of Mr. and and her son, John. Mrs. Wesley Cobb, is vice-president of the senior class, is on the tures were shown by George Ad-Wrangler staff, and is a letter- rian and Miss Vera Riceling. The man on the football team.

The Freshman float depicting a cards. boxing match between Stuart and Ainsworth, was awarded with the Sissons, conducted by first place in the afternoon par- Cal Stewart, was broadcast on the ade.

## **100 Wild Horses**

October 29 and 30.

park arena. (Details on page 10.)

EMMET-Ed Winkler has moved into the house which he pur-

**Rites Today for** homecoming banquet served Sa- virtual lifelong companions. on a trip "back to Wisconsin."

The couple was married at St. Frederick Body Is Found Downstream

Photos.

LYNCH-Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) from St. Paul's Catholic church sandhills ranch kid begins from at Marty, S.D., for James Fred- calving time in the spring erick, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. through the bluegrass and hay George Frederick of Greenwood harvest, roundup time in the fall

observance: Mrs. Otto (Helen) Monday, October 10, in the Mis-souri river near the Lloyd Spen-cer farm in the Sunshine Bottom Atkinson hay days and the view-Reimer of Lincoln; Mrs. Robert (Echo) Fisher of St. Edward; Mrs. Melvin (Fern) Rexin, who lives on a farm two miles north locality, east of Lynch. of Ewing; Fred, who makes his

The Frederick youth and four teenage boys had crossed home with his parents; Clarence ("Jack"), who lives north of Ew-ing, and Robley, who is employed to the Nebraska side in a borrowed motor boat. The boat broke loose from its mooring Ten of their 12 grandchildren and Frederick swam after it. were present. Robley Sisson, jr., He disappeared.

Search for the body was pressed for eight days. The body was Narrowly Escape found about 2 o'clock Tuesday Other relatives attending in afternoon about four miles downstream (near the Boyd-Knox McKelvie, and Mrs. McKelvie of boundary) by three boys from Greenwood.

Burial will be at Marty.

Meanwhile, a crew of riverrained workers from Sioux City Mrs. Maloney could not athas joined in the search for the tend because of illness. The Maloneys attended the Sissons body of Gary Hansen, 19. He has been missing in the Missouri at their wedding 60 years ago. the boat in which he and three The afternoon was spent incompanions were hunting ducks

formally. Pictures of two fourwent to the bottom. generation groups were taken. The companions said they last One included the Sissons; their saw Hansen standing on a sand son, Clarence; his daughter, Mrs. bar. The accident occurred 11/2 George Adrian, and her son, Mar- miles west of Santee (Knox vin. The other included the Siscounty). sons and their son, Robley, sr.; his daughter, Mrs. John Steskal,

> at dinner Tuesday evening in the mer. honor of her son, Michael, on his sixth birthday anniversary.

The neighbor kids (all 4-H'ers) have an outing at Hidden Paradise at Long Pine. Here the director of the film brings in hundreds of Holt and Rock county youths and some adults. Dick,

Drowning Victim youths and some adults meanwhile, stacks wood. Finally, Uncle Floyd (whose real name is Floyd Butterfield) rescues Dick from the squalid surroundings and takes him to his (Uncle Floyd's) big

ranch. There the cycle of life for a Indian Agency, S.D. Young Frederick drowned late ranch Dick works alongside the

er has a good look at the parade. Meanwhile, Miss Caroline Sko-

pec (the film man's daughter, who is now at the University of Nebraska) appears periodically working her box camera. The scenes she "shoots" are natural-

born in

. . .

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**County Soil Honor** ATKINSON - Walter Ries of crossing accident on Main street. been selected by the Cherry coun-Carl Haake of Clearwater and ty soil conservation district board his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. of supervisors as the cooperator

in front of a freight train.

Club Meets-The Jeudi club met last Thurs-

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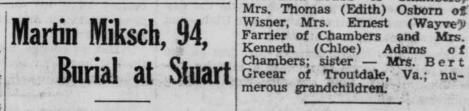
day. Mrs. John Watson was hostess. Winners were the Mesdames

Miss Amy Fox of Sioux Falls, Mrs. Sam Fuhrer entertained A. P. Jaszkowiak and Louis Rei- S.D., arrived Sunday for a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bazelman, and family.



Caroline Skopec . . . the proposal was subtle .-- O'Neill Pho-

Richard Prussa . . . the hero of the 4-H film story .-- O'Neill Photo Co.



STUART — Funeral services were held Saturday, October 15, Police Now Using at 10 a.m., in St. Boniface Cathoand Mrs. Edward Schrinner of making the most progress in con- lic church for Martin Miksch, 94, Madison, Wisc., visiting here, servation for the past several who died in his sleep early Thursday morning, October 13. O'Neill police department began Mr. Miksch had been ailing for using its own two-way shortwave Mr. Ries will be presented a certificate of award and he and two years and was bedfast the radio communications system. Mrs. Ries will be guests of the past eight weeks. Installation of the transmitter at

Nebraska State Association of Rosary was held at the Seger the police headquarters and Soil Conservation districts at a funeral home in Atkinson Thurs- equipment in one of the two banquet at Hastings on November day evening and at the Miksch cruiser cars was completed. Herehome in Stuart on Friday eve- tofore the patrol car has been tuned to the county sheriff's frening

Interment was in St. Boniface quency. Persons desiring to contact the cemetery in the family plot. police can do so instantly by Pallbearers were grandsons: phoning 68 (police headquarters Eugene Hoffman, Kenneth Krysl, -public lounge). The headquar-Frank Greger, Martin Miksch ters will be in continuous contact. and Andy Hytrek.

with the cruiser. The late Martin Miksch was Mayor Alva Marcellus said born in Raab, Czechoslovakia, on this week the city officials and November 9, 1860, and became an orphan at 9, years of age. He grew police department will apprecito manhood at Tieberschlag, Czechoslovakia and immigrated the parallel parking policy that to United States in 1885. He is being instituted on Douglas worked as a hiredman for John street from Second street (Texa-Maurer of Madison for five co-Conoco corner) westward and from Fifth street (Ford-Standard years. corner) eastward on Douglas to

In 1890 he took a homestead the city limits. Parallel parking 10 miles south and two miles has also been adopted from Evwest of Stuart. erett street south to the railroad

tracks on Fourth street. He married Maria Walenta of "This is in compliance with Tiebeslag, Czechlovakia and state-federal highway regulations their nine children were reared and must be enforced," the mayon the old homestead now owned or declared. "Double parking by a son, Henry. also will be prohibited on these He was preceded in death by principal streets," the mayor said. his wife, who died in 1907, a son, Meanwhile, the segment of

Andrew, and a daughter, Mrs. resurfaced U.S. highways 20-281, Stencil (Mary) Hytrek, who died extending from near the West O'in 1930, and a daughter, Mrs. Neill corner to the O'Neill Drive-Frank (Margaret) Greger, who In theater corner, has received died in 1938.

in Stuart in 1924.

its final (armoured) coat of as-He moved to his present home phalt. Resident Highway Engineer John Osenbaugh said the

He always took a great interest highway wil be opened to traffic in flowers and cultivated many early next week. "Weather dur-beautiful specimans as well as ing the past few days has been

The Tom Crotser stage revue Walt Plugge of Bartlett has an- that the Junior Chamber of Comnounced that one hundred wild merce is sponsoring on Friday, horses from the Bad Lands re- November 4, at the O'Neill high gion of South Dakota will be school auditorium is the product brought here for the O'Neill Sad- of years and years of hard redle club-sponsored tryouts to be search and endeavor. Lavish cosheld here Saturday and Sunday, tumes, costly scenery, and thous-Fifty horses will be used each the tremendous amount of time

day in the shows, starting at 2 and money spent in developing 2 p.m., to be held in the Carney this fabulous stage revue.

crosses the tracks. Focken is in "good" condition in the Atkin-to their new home in O'Neill the Jaycee officials explain.

to Be Brought Here Stage Revue-

## Winkler, O'Conner Make Moves-

chased from Mr. and Mrs. James lywood and Broadway makes for

Sissons received many gifts and

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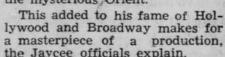
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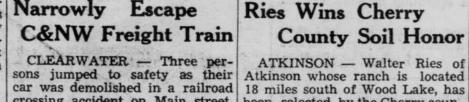
# The Frontier" program.)

# **Jaycees** Schedule

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Crotser just concluded a tour of the Far East securing a vast amount of new materials and untold knowledge of the legends of the mysterious Orient.





since Sunday, October 16, when were in the car. Mrs. Schrinner years. was driving, according to the North Western railway report, when the car stalled on the tracks

son hospital. A 1955 Atkinson high school graduate, he and his father had attended church services at O'Neill, he had just delivered his father to the family home, and young Focken was enroute back to work at the Harvey Hanson ranch, south of Atkinson when the crash took place .--- O'Neill Pho--117. to Co.

where they will reside after liv-CAR IS WRECKED ing in Emmet for 271/2 years. Mr. O'Connor owned and operated a A 14-year-old Atkinson boy, tavern here and the business has who misappropriated and wreckbeen sold to Mr. Winkler. ed a 1950 model car belonging to his brother, was questioned by Holt county Sheriff Leo Tomjack. MARRIAGE LICENSE Alfred Paul Schneider, 24, of The boy was driving the car east Atkinson, and Fern Katherine of Atkinson on a gravel road and Waterman, 18, of Page, October wrecked the machine. The boy was not held.

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#### Auto Dealership Has New Owners

The Shierk Motor Company, DeSoto-Ply- Thelander of Orchard (right) purchased the mouth automobile dealership here, passed into agency from Paul Shierk (center), a veteran O'new ownership Saturday, October 15, but will con- Neill automobile dealer who will devote full tinue to operate under the established firm name. time to his insurance business. - The Frontier Verlyn Gibbs (left), a former employee of the Photo. city police and water departments, and William

raising a garden and caring for ideal for curing," he stated. fruit trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Ander-Survivors include: Sons-John, Henry and Joseph, all of Stuart; son spent the weekend at Ainsdaughters-Mrs. John (Therese) worth visiting Mr. Anderson's Hytrek and Mrs. William (Rose) brother, George, who is in the Hoffman, both of Stuart; and Ainsworth hospital suffering from Miss Cecelia Miksch of Tekamah; injuries received in a dump truck 33 grandchildren and 61 great- accident. He has a fractured vergrandchildren-totaling an even tebra in his neck and will be in one-hundred living decendents. | the hospital for some time.