



Trophies are heaped on Louis Bartos of O'Neill (left) following Angus stock show here Tuesday. He holds the Chamber of Commerce cup which accompanied grand champion honors while William Matern, C of S secretary, describes The Frontier's trophy, which Bartos received for exhibiting the best pen of three. Story below. (More Angus pictures next week.)—Frontier Photo.

### 46 Angus Bulls Hit \$391 Average Here

### Company D Finally Gets Medium Tank

98,000 - Pound Unit Arrives Sunday

O'Neill's tank - less national guard company, in existence more than eight months, Sunday got its first glimpse of its major equipment item: A model M-47 (medium) tank.

The 98,000-pound unit arrived via a Burlington railroad flat car from Camp George West at Golden, Colo. The machine was unloaded Monday morning under the direction of two army maintenance men from the Kearney ordnance depot and clattered up Douglas street attracting considerable attention.

Lt. Ben Vidricksen, deputy company commander, said the tank measures 23 feet in length when the 99-mm. cannon is in trailing position. When in forward (combat) position the overall length is 27 feet.

Vidricksen said the M-47 type tank, born during World War II, was used little at that time but saw considerable duty in the Korean war.

It carries a normal crew of five. As a basic infantry weapon, it has a flat deck which can accommodate up to 25 combat-laden soldiers.

The M-47 is powered by an air-cooled 810-horsepower Continental engine. Other armament includes two 30-caliber machine guns and one 50-caliber.

The armor plate measures five inches in thickness. Weight is distributed on the tracks so that the square inch pressure is less than an automobile.

The M-47 has been the subject of a series of lectures for the company D personnel since the unit was founded. Most members of the company had limited experience with the M-47 tank during the August encampment in Minnesota.

Lieutenant Vidricksen was in the copilot's compartment and M/Sgt. E. W. Kramer was in the tank commander's position when the M-47 made its maiden run on O'Neill's main thoroughfare. A warrant officer from the Kearney depot was the pilot.

Cub Pack Prepares Window Display—Cub Scout pack 210 has on display in the west window of the J. M. McDonald store a number of various objects completed by pack members. Each member has made one object to contribute to the display, which will be on display all week.



This drab-green monster (an M-47 tank) arrived Sunday to join up with O'Neill's company D of the national guards.—The Frontier Photo.

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## Mrs. Krotter Dies At 82 in Hospital

### Widow of Pioneer Merchant Suffers Broken Hip in Fall

STUART — Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, February 6, for Mrs. William Krotter, 82, who died at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill Saturday, February 4, following a week's illness. She had suffered a broken hip in a fall Sunday, January 29.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ernest Gaither of Fullerton, a former pastor of the Stuart Federated church, and by Rev. D. D. Su, pastor of the Stuart Community church.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. H. L. Cowles, Mrs. Robert Brayton, Ora Yarges and Norris Coats, accompanied by Mrs. Mark Nelson.

Pallbearers were T. E. McGuire, Harrison Hovey and Cletus Durr, all of Stuart; Herbert H. Kaiser of O'Neill; Mandus Olin of Spencer and John Schonebaum of Naper, all associated with the William Krotter company.

Arrangements were directed by Coats funeral service. Burial was in the Stuart cemetery.

Mabel A. Krotter was born near O'Connell, Ia., on September 30, 1873, the daughter of Robert S. and Mary Hall. She moved with her parents to Long Pine at the age of 10.

Following graduation from high school, she attended Nebraska Wesleyan university and Oberlin college in Ohio.

On June 8, 1898, she was married to William Krotter. They moved to Stuart where she lived until the time of her death.

Mrs. Krotter was active in church, civic and music affairs. A lifelong member of the church, she served as organist from the age of 12 until she retired, completing 60 years of service.

She was a charter member of Lily chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She served in the grand chapter of Nebraska as grand organist, grand lecturer and district supervisor.

Mrs. Krotter was a member of the Stuart board of education, was active in the Women's Improvement club and other civic affairs. She was known as an ardent lover of music, an art in which she served as teacher, pianist and accompanist.

Her husband established the Krotter company in 1889. The firm operates retail businesses in Stuart, Spencer, O'Neill and Naper. For many years he was president. During 30 years of that period the late Mrs. Krotter served as secretary-treasurer.

Her husband, who died in 1941, and one daughter, Helen, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Sons—Donald of Stuart, John of Spencer; daughter—Mrs. T. H. (Katherine) Schiefel of Lincoln; grandchildren—Robert Krotter of O'Neill and Mrs. C. T. McVay of Franklin; three great-grandchildren; brother—Henry Hall of LaMesa, Calif.

James Rooney was master-of-ceremonies for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartos and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Revel were the banquet committee.

Blaine Garwood of Amelia, Mr. Siders and Mr. Miner were the sale committee.

"We wish to take this means of saying a great big thanks to all who helped in any way to make our banquet and sale such a success," said Mr. Miner.



Mrs. Mabel Krotter... leader in church, social and business fields for many years.

## Irish Singers Please with Precision, Artistry

By a Staff Writer It was a big day for the Irish as well as over 1,100 music lovers in the O'Neill region when Kitty O'Callaghan and her ensemble of Irish Festival Singers presented the second in the 1955-56 series of Community Concerts here.

In brief, the concert was characterized by sweet and lilting music in the folk songs, up-and-at-em precision in the martial airs, geyness and lament in the love songs, and a pronounced Teutonic flavor in the selections done in Gaelic (native Irish language).

It can be said Kitty knew exactly what she was looking for in blend, harmony and balance. And O'Neill concert-goers are first to testify she achieved it.

O'Neill is the smallest American city in which the Singers have appeared. This is their second sell-out season. Last year's initial tour was limited to a dozen stops.

The hairdos and green gowns were Dublin editions and did not reflect the provincialism of some of the artists. One (Maureen Conover) attended prep school in St. Louis, Mo., and said she "idolized" Atkinson's Ed Scott when he was a basketball great at St. Louis U.

Another (Kitty Corcoran) had Miss Hope Condon, formerly of O'Neill, in a New York City apartment-hotel, so she was not totally unfamiliar with O'Neill when she arrived.

Pardon the chat. This is a music review.

The Singers were "as advertised." They were to portray in song the essence of the mystic and lovely Irish countryside. They did.

The varied program included solos, duos, trios, quartets, sextet and full choir. Several arrangements of "The Stuttering Lovers" delighted the audience with his colossal bass and warm personality.

The mixed choir revealed superior and perfected blend of voices in the plaintive love ballad, "Norah O'Neale."

Sylvia O'Brien, who opened the second grouping with "The Dandelion Song," displayed a genuine and controlled contralto voice. Messrs. Patrick Ring, Arthur Agnew, Jack O'Connor and Cuddeback blended their voices effectively in "The Shepherdess" and in the popular "Cocksles and Mussels."

Miss Sighle Larchet, a modest and quiet lady from Dublin, proved to be a skillful harpist and a fine artist. She played "Traditional Irish Airs."

The second group was completed by the group rendition of one of the earliest Irish folk tunes and a favorite in America since colonial days, "Believe Me I Am Those Endearing Young Charms."

Every occupation of the Irish people from milking cows to spinning is represented in Irish folk music. But the most popular subjects of their music are love (naturally) and sorrow.

The strange mingling of joy and sorrow was heard in the tonality of the music. The plaintive melodies reflected the prolonged oppres-

## L. L. Keeler, 75, Burial at Butte

### Retired Farmer Ill Seven Years

BUTTE—Funeral services for Luzerne Leslie Keeler, 75, of Anoka were conducted Monday afternoon February 6, at the Community church at Butte. Rev. Lance Anderson of the Butte Full Gospel church officiated. Music was by the Full Gospel quart with Mrs. Burl Jones as accompanist. Burial was in the Butte cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donald Lineback of O'Neill, Ervin Armfield, Henry Lampman, Delbert Scott, William Baumister, Roy Stockwell. Honorary pallbearers were his five sons and one grandson, Larry Keeler.

The late Mr. Keeler had lived in the Anoka community most of his life. He had been ill for seven years and his recent years he suffered a stroke. He had been bedfast prior to his death which occurred Friday, February 3, at his home in Anoka.

Survivors include: Widow—Mabel; sons—Friend of Riverdale, N.D., Dale of Rhame, N.D., Merle of Oakdale, Donald of Dover Del Carl of Anoka; daughters—Mrs. Earl (Verle) Orr of Lincoln, Mrs. Otto (Velda) Schaffer of Rapid City, S.D., Mrs. Marcellus (Leona) Howard of Omaha, Mrs. Donald (June) Lineback of O'Neill.

He was preceded in death by one daughter and one brother.

## Edward Joslin, 82, Expires in Hotel

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, for Edward Joslin, 82, former Stuart resident. He died at 12:30 p.m., Monday, February 6, at the Moore hotel in O'Neill, where he had been residing.

Rev. J. Olen Kennell, pastor of First Presbyterian church, officiated in the rites held at Biglin's funeral chapel. Burial was in prospect hill cemetery.

The late Mr. Joslin was born April 2, 1873, at Spencer, Ind. He was married in December, 1926, to Edna Mae Head, at Topeka, Kans.

Mr. Joslin has been a Holt resident since 1898. He was a watch repairman and gunsmith by occupation, and lived many years at Stuart.

Survivors include: Brother—Hebert Joslin of Oakdale; sister—Gertrude Stege.

## 2 O'Neill Youths Back from Service

Army Sgt. James Morrison, who spent much of his military career with a tank battalion near the 38th parallel in Korea, and Pfc. Edward Cuddy, both of O'Neill, have been separated from service. Each had spent two years in service as volunteers through the selective service office.

Cuddy served at Ft. Riley, Kans., but spent most of his two years at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Morrison arrived home last week and Cuddy reached O'Neill on Sunday.

The Catholic Daughters of America held a business meeting on Tuesday night at the K of C hall. Mrs. Bernard Janzing was chairman. Miss Mary Crowley won high, Mrs. Mary Dusatok won the door prize. Mrs. Nora Mullen won low. Lunch was served by the committee.



Decker school dedication speaker.—The Frontier Photo.

## Otto Butler Dies While Doing Chores

VENUS—Otto C. Butler, 64, of Niobrara, formerly of Venus, died Wednesday, February 1, while doing the evening chores at his feed lot at the east end of town.

Mr. Butler was born at Emerson on May 3, 1891. He was the last member of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

In 1904 the family moved to Knox county near Venus, where he and his brother, George and Robert, and the latter's family farmed and did blacksmith work. In 1949 he and George moved to their farm east of Niobrara.

At the next year the brothers sold their farm at Venus and their family moved to Niobrara. George died in 1950 and Robert in 1951.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Grace Bible church at Creighton. Mr. Butler was a member of that church. Burial was at Emerson in the family plot.

Survivors include: sister-in-law—Mrs. Butler, four nephews and seven nieces.

## New Boundaries for Fire Districts

Holt county supervisors in session Tuesday, February 1, revising boundaries for proposed rural fire protection districts in the O'Neill and Page communities.

Legal notices outlining the boundaries for these districts and also proposed Chambers and Ewing districts appear on pages 8 and 10 of this week's issue of The Frontier.

Twenty members of the Chamber of Commerce in regular monthly session Monday evening voted to add \$50 to a sign fund which had been raised by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The signs completed several weeks ago are to be erected at three entrances to the city.

The C of C also voted to add \$15 to a fund for erecting an O'Neill sign in South Dakota.

G. E. Miles, presided. Mayor Alva Marcellus discussed possibilities of municipal airport improvement, establishment of a weather station here and prospects for a national guard armory.

## War Babies Will Create Big Problem

### State Education Chief Says High Schools Soon to Overflow

State Education Commissioner F. B. Decker congratulated O'Neillites Friday for their "beautiful new building" which houses O'Neill public school elementary grades. He was principal speaker in dedication ceremonies held in the public school auditorium and attended by the student body and the public.

"I am very happy for the people of O'Neill," he declared. "I've seen some things in this interesting building which I've never seen before and I like them very much."

As the state's first education commissioner (an appointive post formerly the elective job of state superintendent of public instruction), Mr. Decker is interested in and closely follows all types of school construction in the state.

"We never try to tell any school district what to build. We tell boards of education where the new schools are, we urge prospective builders to investigate very closely the various types, and we offer assistance in a variety of ways."

"To be sure, the O'Neill school will be visited frequently—as it already has."

In a "Voice of The Frontier" (WJAG, 780 kc.) interview, Mr. Decker touched on Nebraska school problems.

"They're the same as in other states. We have a terrific shortage of teachers in the city and town grade schools and high schools and have plenty of rural teachers."

"Looking into the future, I anticipate many problems when the crop of war babies, now in the fifth and sixth grades, get into high school."

"In Nebraska we have no school problems that cannot be solved by Nebraskaans if they adopt a reasonable redistricting program. At present we simply have too many schools."

Mr. Decker commented briefly on the two-grade Amelia high school problem in southwest Holt county. Decker's department is insisting the school be closed down because the enrollment is below the prescribed number for an approved school and Amelia is relatively near four-grade high schools at Chambers (10 miles east on an "improved road") and Atkinson.

Prospects of losing the high school have stirred Amelia residents, who appeared last fall in a hearing at Lincoln to protest and last week made further protests at the statehouse.

The Amelia people feel that if they want to pay for and maintain a two-grade high school regardless of the number of pupils it is their business.

Decker said: "Our office is charged with the responsibility of accrediting and approving high schools in the state. We are charged with visiting these schools, encouraging improvement of the good ones and trying to make the poor ones better. But there is a point beyond which we cannot go."

"We don't believe you can have a high school with only four or five students and offer the kind of courses that merit accreditation."

## Hardings Feted in Surprise Farewell

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg entertained at surprise farewell party Saturday night, February 4, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harding who are moving to California.

Cards were played. High score for men was won by Dewayne Anson, low by Elmer Devall. High for ladies was won by Norma Hanson, low by Helen Nelson. Lunch was served and a going-away gift of luggage was presented to the Hardings from their friends and neighbors.

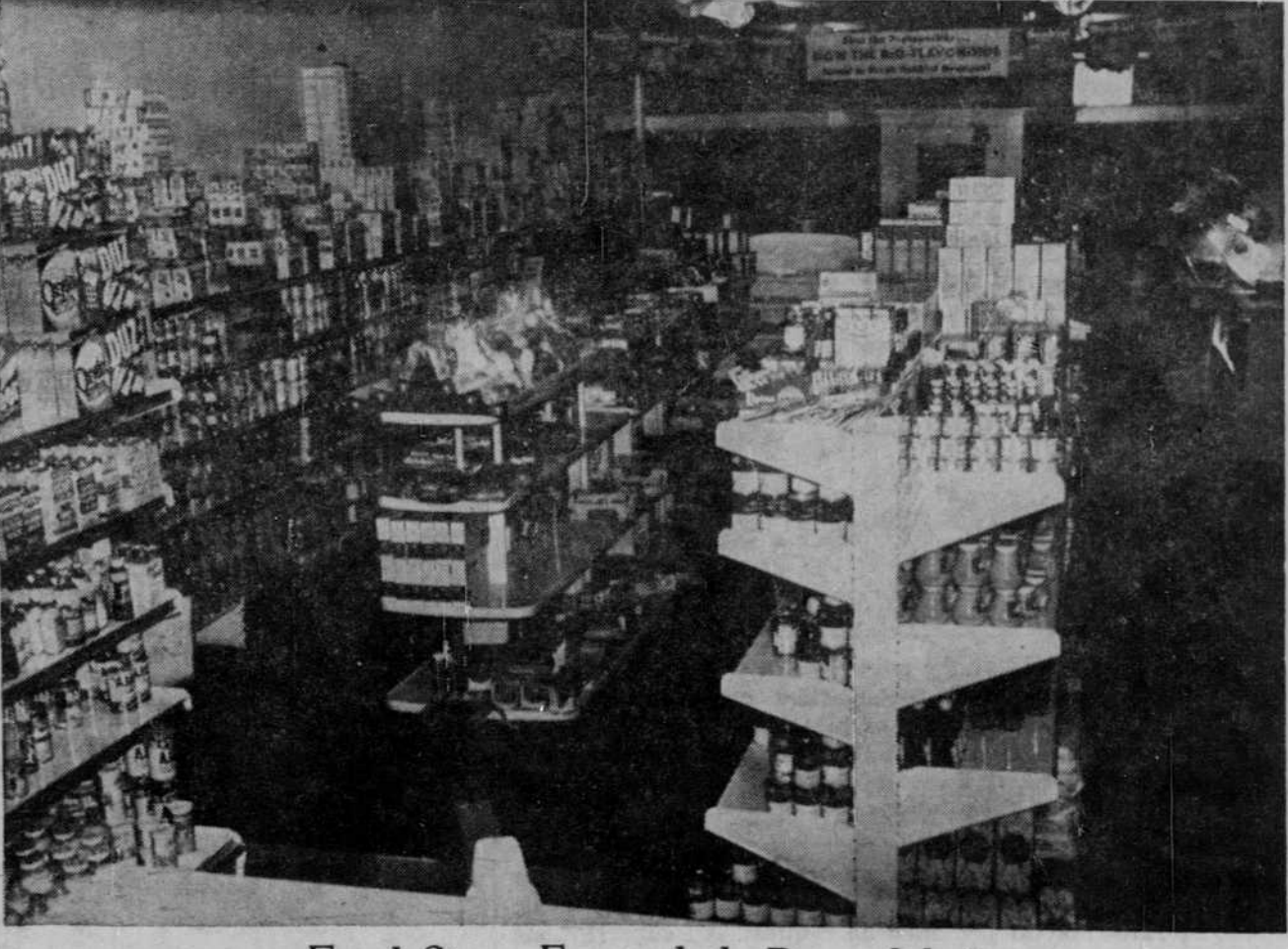
The Hardings are holding a farm sale on Friday, February 10.

## Backhaus, Fetrow Sweetheart Royalty

The Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, O'Neill chapters, staged their annual valentine sweetheart dance Tuesday evening in the O'Neill public school recreation room.

Kenneth Backhaus was chosen king; Miss Mary Fetrow, queen. Attendants were the Misses Sharon Miner and Brenda Cole, Bennett Devall and Robert Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Every visited last Thursday afternoon at the William Anderson home.



Food Store Expanded, Remodeled This is an interior view of the expanded, remodeled and redecored Fourth Street Market, Janousek. The meat department has been owned and operated by George Janousek and installed to provide greater merchandise capacity. is the son of Mrs. Lod Janousek and the late Janousek. The meat department has been owned and operated by George Janousek and installed to provide greater merchandise capacity.