

# Amelia Patrons Take Decker into Court

## Curtis J. Terrill Expires at Page

## Rites Saturday for Kansas Native

**PAGE**—Funeral services for Curtis John Terrill, 76, were conducted Saturday, June 9, at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Page. Mr. Terrill died at 1 a. m., Thursday, June 7, at the home of his son, Otto, at Page.

Rev. Harry Johnson of Page and Rev. Ivan Turner officiated. Bernard and Wayne Strope each sang a solo. They also sang a duet with Faye Rutherford and Bernice Strope at the piano. Songs were "After 'Tid Rather Have Jesus" and "Going Down the Valley."

Mrs. Earl Parks and Mrs. William Neubauer were in charge of the floral tributes.

**Pallbearers** were William Neubauer, Myrl Elsberry, Owen Parks, Charles and Vernon Strope and Ernest Hall.

Biglin's of O'Neill had charge of arrangements and burial was in the Page cemetery.

The late Mr. Terrill was born May 26, 1880, at Robinson, Kans. He moved with his parents to Jewell county, Kansas, at the age of 3.

On August 15, 1900, he was united in marriage with Miss Ceelia Payne. They became the parents of three sons.

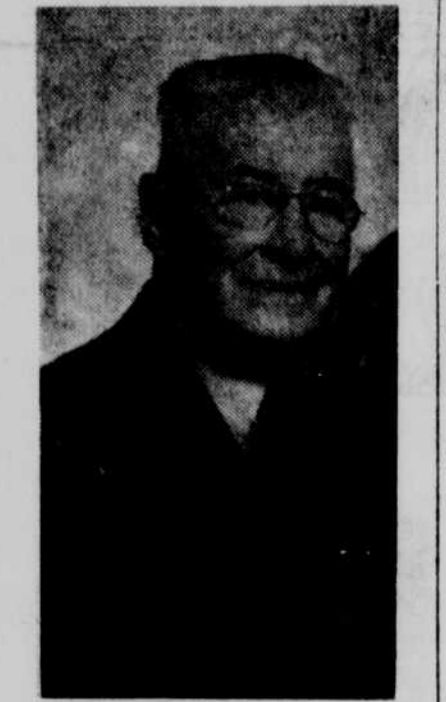
In 1910 the family moved to Page where they continued to make their home.

He was a member of the Free Methodist church. He was active in church affairs, organized different Sunday-schools and held a minister's license.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two grandsons.

Survivors include: Widow—Ceelia; sons—Otto of Page, Arthur of Rembrandt, Ia., and Virgil of Council Bluffs, Ia.; brothers—Frank of Humanville, Mo., and Everette of Burr Oak, Kans.; sister—Mrs. Harry Suttill of Burr Oak; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Among relatives from a distance attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terrill and son, Bernard,



Terrill . . . Page resident.

and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Larson, all of Rembrandt, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Darlyle Terrill and family of Storm Lake, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Terrill and family of Laurens, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Parsons and son of Miltonvale, Kans.; Jerry Terrill of Marion, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Terrill and Terry McBride of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. John Spence and sons of Wichita, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Terrill and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suttill, all of Burr Oak, Kans., and Mrs. Gordon Bouldin of Kansas City, Kans.

## Hay Crop Short This Season

Less than a week had elapsed following a round of local showers, which delivered up to two inches of rain here, before pastures, hay meadows and growing crops were thirsting.

Some areas missed by the early June moisture are hurting severely, including an area near Star.

The hay crop will be short. In the Elkhorn valley the hay is of good color and holding up well, but more rain is needed. The dryness prevails throughout most of Holt, Rock, Boyd and Brown counties.

Bluegrass crop will be short. Intense heat and high wind during the past few days has hurt.

Week's weather summary:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
June 7	79	54	
June 8	83	56	.01
June 9	91	58	
June 10	93	61	
June 11	92	65	
June 12	96	66	
June 13	98	69	

**Coffee Hour**—EWING—Mrs. Elvin Hamilton recently entertained Mrs. Jerry Tomjack and children and Mrs. Richard Edwards and daughter at a coffee hour.

Very-Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan left Sunday to spend his vacation in California.

**Special to The Frontier**  
LINCOLN—The patrons of the two-grade Amelia high school in southwest Holt county, exercised over the pending case that school, Wednesday took their problems to court in a hearing before Judge Paul W. White in Lancaster county district court in Lincoln.

**Named defendants were State Education Commissioner F. B. Decker and members of the state board of education.**

The attorney-general's office is representing the defendants. Attorneys for the plaintiff are Robert Barlow of the Lincoln firm, Davis, Healy, Deves & Wilson, and Leo Clinch of Burwell.

The Amelia case, given final okay Monday at the annual school meeting at Amelia, has two aspects:

1. The patrons are asking an injunction against Decker and the board to prevent the carrying out of a "non-operative" order issued by Decker on March 1. The patrons are asking the court to disapprove that order which would deny free high school tuition. The order, if allowed to stand, would virtually sound the death knell for the two-grade high school.

2. The patrons are asking the Lancaster district court to declare that the school is more than 15 miles from a four-grade high school by "reasonably improved" road.

Regarding the road question, the Amelia patrons contend that a 2 1/2-mile segment (south and east from Amelia, linking the town with state highway 95) cannot be regarded as "reasonably improved." They offered evidence through their counsel to prove that segment often is impassable. There are stretches where there is no grade and other stretches of lowland where, during certain periods of the year, vehicles cannot move. The shortest distance from the Amelia school to the Chambers school is 10 1/2 miles.

By state highway Amelia is 17 1/2 miles from Chambers, and the Amelia spur (connecting the village with state highway 11) is to be dropped from the state highway system July 1.

Decker has ordered the Amelia high school non-operative because the enrollment for three successive years has fallen below a minimum of 12 pupils. Amelia patrons earlier declared the law was a product of the educational lobbyists. They cite that the school presently is at low ebb in terms of enrollment but the "war babies" in a few years will swell the enrollment to a near-record high. Patrons in the Amelia district and two adjoining districts have signed petitions agreeing to send their children there and the petitions urge the continuation of the two-grade high school. The patrons are 100 percent behind the Amelia board of education.

The non-operative order will not affect the grade school.

At the same time, Mr. Barlow was representing the Westerville two-grade high school (Custer county) in the Lincoln court.

For the past two years Amelia eighth graders have led all others in the county in the competitive eighth grade examinations.

Members of the Amelia board of education are Clyde Widman, president; Lloyd Waldo, secretary, and Glen White, treasurer.

The state may attempt to hold board members financially responsible personally for expending public funds to conduct a "non-operative" school if the Amelia board persists. Amelia patrons say they want to retain the school at all costs.

## Bellin to Head Water Department

Joh Bellin of O'Neill, formerly of Springfield, Tuesday evening was hired as the new superintendent of the water department.

Mr. Bellin has had experience with waterworks in several cities and towns and recently was in charge of the municipal water at Springfield.

Plans call for three to five rooms, including lavatory facilities and office space.

Airport Manager George Nachtman has been appealing to the council for this improvement. He stated air travel continues to increase and numerous east-west and Minneapolis, Minn.-to-Denver, Colo., transients are stopping here.

Mayor D. C. Schaffer and the council took the airport matter under advisement. It was an advisory meeting from the June 5 session.

## Davis Hurt in Jump from Plane

Pvt. Lyle E. Davis RA17440018, B Btry, 376 A Bn. F. A. Bn., Indiantown Gap, Penn., was injured May 12 in a paratrooper jump and is in the hospital. He would like to receive letters from his friends. He was jumping from an AC 12 type plane when he was hurt.

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# Accidental Gun Blast Kills Man

## Vernon D. Stewart Dies in Ambulance; Rites Held Tuesday

Vernon Donald Stewart, 52, of Ewing was fatally injured about 2:30 a. m., Friday, June 8, when a .410-gauge shotgun discharged, striking him in the neck and face. He was aroused from his sleep by coons, which had been harassing the chickens at the Pete Cooper farm near Orchard, where he was employed. Mr. Stewart grabbed the weapon went outside, tripped over a jar and the gun discharged.

Antelope county officials, who investigated, said it was an accident.

Stewart was taken to St. Anthony's hospital at O'Neill for



Stewart . . . victim of accidental gunshot.

emergency treatment and blood transfusions.

He was placed in an ambulance and was being transferred to an Omaha hospital when he died. He was dead upon arrival at 11 a. m. at Dodge county hospital, Fremont.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, June 12, from the Methodist church in O'Neill. Rev. Walter Millett of the Evangelical United Brethren church, Orchard, officiated. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers were Hylas Farrier and Blake Ott, both of Amelia; Clarence Young and James Platt, both of Chambers; H. L. Smith and Floyd Keyes, both of Inman. Singers were Mrs. Letha Cook and Mrs. Wayne Rowe, both of Chambers, and Miss Florence Lindsey of Amelia was pianist.

The late Mr. Stewart was born April 12, 1904, in Boone county, the son of Charles and Kathryn Stewart. His early childhood and youth were spent at the place of his birth and, for a time, he was partnership with his father. At age of 21 he moved onto a farm near Bartlett and, in 1934, moved to the Chambers locality.

On November 25, 1934, he married Miss Violet Engelhaupt. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter.

For seven years the Stewart family resided near Chambers and Amelia and in 1943 they moved to Inman.

In March of this year Mr. Stewart began working for Mr. Cooper near Orchard (Ewing address).

He was a member of the Baptist church at Chambers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers—Everett and Gurney, sister—Mrs. Minnie Morris.

Survivors include: Widow—Violet; daughter—Mrs. Goldie DeLancy of Omaha; sons—Edwin, who is in the navy stationed aboard the USS Leyte, Marvin and Everett, both at home; four grandchildren; brothers—Manly of Brushnell, Ill., Ivan of Hooper and Charles of Omaha; sisters—Lydia Stewart of Omaha, Mrs. Cecil (Marie) Kopp of Corydon, Ind., and Mrs. Kathryn Stokes of Wabaska, Minn.

## Jeri Southern Sings at Royal

ROYAL—Jeri Southern, nationally known radio-recording artist, will sing Friday night, June 15, at the meeting of the community club in Royal. Miss Southern, who returned the last of the week from six weeks engagement in Honolulu, T. H., will stop in Royal to attend a family gathering.

Miss Southern is on the way to New York City for a return engagement at Birdland where she has previously made several appearances.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hering.

## Charles E. Stout, Wife Quietly Note 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stout, who were married June 9, 1901, in St. Patrick's Catholic church here, quietly observed their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 10, at the H. J. Birmingham residence. They received a few of their friends between 4 and 6 p. m.

Mrs. Stout's maiden name was Kitty Dwyer. She was a daughter of Irish emigrants. Mr. Stout, a native of Blair, had just completed his apprenticeship as a pharmacist, when they took their marriage vows.

The late Rt.-Rev. M. F. Cassidy performed the rites.

Mr. Stout spent a half-century as a druggist here. He is a former mayor of the city.

The Stouts have two daughters—Mrs. H. J. (Damaris) Birmingham and Mrs. W. J. (Irma) Froelich. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Five from Region Become Citizens

### 3 Wives of Former Servicemen

Five residents of the O'Neill region—three of them wives of former servicemen—Tuesday were granted final citizenship and took the oath.

District Judge Fay Pollock of Stanton administered the oath in the Holt county district courtroom.

The new citizens, addresses and their native country follow:

Mrs. Byron Derickson of Star, native of South Wales, wife of a former serviceman.

Mrs. Margaret Ruda of Bristow, native of Canada, wife of a former serviceman.

Mrs. Byron (Joan) Grenier of O'Neill, native of England, wife of a former air force man.

Mrs. Pauline Noffke of Ewing, native of Germany.

Mrs. Anna Mashek of Spencer, native of Czechoslovakia.

(Mrs. Noffke and Mrs. Mashek have been in the United States quite a number of years.)

Judge Pollock, who substituted for District Judge D. R. Mounts, currently is mentioned for the federal district bench vacancy created by the death of the late Federal Judge James A. Donohoe of Omaha, formerly of O'Neill.

District Court Clerk Howard Manson assisted Judge Pollock.



The Stouts . . . married 55 years.—The Frontier Photo.

# Farmer, 35, Loses Both Arms in Baler

Leonard Lorenz, 35, a Middlebranch farmer and a son of Fred Lorenz of Inman and the late Mrs. Lorenz, is "progressing satisfactorily" in Veterans hospital at Omaha after losing both arms in a baler accident.

The right arm was severed at the shoulder and the left arm was severed between the elbow and shoulder.

The accident occurred about 8:30 a. m., Friday, June 8. Mr. Lorenz had gone to the field alone a half-hour before to bal alfalfa.

The right arm was caught in the roller mechanism which is used to squeeze moisture from the hay. Details are lacking on how the arm was caught.

While the one arm was being destroyed, Mr. Lorenz attempted to free it with his left arm and it, likewise, was caught in the mechanism.

The machinery still running, Mr. Lorenz's cries for help were heard by Junior Sorensen and two companions, who were not far distant. They estimated the injured man had been in trouble 20 minutes or more.

Lorenz was taken to St. Anthony's hospital where Dr. J. P. Brown and Dr. Rex W. Wilson

performed emergency surgery. The injured man was flown by air ambulance to Omaha.

His condition was listed as "critical" until Monday when hospital attendants had him on his feet for a few moments.

Doctors said they would continue to regard his condition as "critical" for several more days. The shock, they said, was extremely severe. The Omaha surgeons, both of whom had combat experience during World War II, told the injured man's father they "had never seen such courage and determination."

He was in surgery at Omaha for 3 1/2 hours.

The father and the wounded man's two brothers, Melvin and Vernon, have been making frequent trips to Omaha to be near the patient.

During World War II, Lorenz trained as a B-24 bomber-pilot at Pensacola, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Tex. He was in California enroute for the Far East when the war ended. Lorenz was a navy ensign.

He had been living on the Melvin Held place, on the Holt-Knox boundary, with his adopted son, Larry, 9. The two have been steadfast companions.



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Larry Lorenz . . . he and his dad were inseparable.—The Frontier Photo.

# Circuit Rider Aids in Jubilee

CHAMBERS—Only one charter member of St. Paul's Lutheran church could be present Sunday, June 10, for the 50th anniversary celebration. Peter Brown attended both morning and afternoon services and was specially honored.

Two other living charter members are Charles Brown and John Walter, sr.

Rev. Harry Fricke, who was pastor between 1920 and 1923, recalled his circuit riding days and noted the many changes.

"Our church (Missouri synod) today serves many, many more people," he declared. "In the early days of St. Paul's the services were in German; today they're in English."

"We didn't know the meaning of the mimeograph, slide projectors, movies—even typewriters—back in the early twenties."

"Besides the Chambers parish, I would travel to Conley, Amelia, Atkinson, Bassett, Oak Creek, occasionally O'Neill, relying on my pony (with saddle pouches), bobbed, model T or whatever conveyance could be arranged."

A dinner was served in the church parlors at noon. The day marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Ladies Aid.

Rev. Henry C. Niermann of Laurel, who served St. Paul's between 1925 and 1930, preached at the afternoon service during which the new electronic organ

was dedicated. Reverend Niermann chose "Jubilee Prayer" as his sermon title. Richard C. Zwick, former teacher at Zion Lutheran in Plainview, was guest organ soloist. The church pastor, Rev. Howard Claycombe, jr., led in the liturgy.

St. Paul's was founded at Holt Creek a half-century ago and the congregation acquired property in chambers in 1912.

## Bees Attack Child; Surgery Is Needed

EMMET—Marian Margaret Dusatko, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dusatko, is recovering after being hospitalized. She was attacked by a swarm of bees. She was treated for shock and had the stingers removed by surgery.

## GOLF WINNERS

Dr. Rex W. Wilson and Mrs. William C. Artus posted low scores Sunday in a mixed tournament at the Country club. The informal tourney followed a breakfast at which more than 60 were served.

# Woman, 66, Drowns in Boat Upset

## Three Non-Swimmers Flounder in Water Nearly 50 Minutes

EWING—A day's outing at the Ft. Randall reservoir ended in tragedy Sunday, June 10, for a Ewing family.

Mrs. Perry Saiser, wife of a retired rural mail carrier, was drowned when the boat in which she was riding capsized.

Her husband, 63, and their son, Raymond, 41, of Omaha, were other occupants. None was able to swim.

The three floundered in the water for 50 minutes before help arrived. Raymond held onto his mother but she died in the struggle.

The elder Mr. Saiser was wearing a life jacket. Although unable to swim, he managed to survive. He suffered from shock. High winds were partially blamed for the overturning of the craft.

Among those from this area who were in the vicinity of the tragedy were Mr. and Mrs. George Winkler of Emmet, Homer Barton of Orchard, Mr. Cavannah of Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kemper of Norfolk.

Several of the men helped effect the rescue of the Saiser men. The three Saisers had intended to leave Ewing this week to visit relatives in Washington state.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, June 13, from the Methodist church at Ewing. Pallbearers were Lyle Dierks, Waldo Davis, Elmer Graham, Elmer Bergstrom, Elvin Hamilton and Charles Rotherham. Rev. Lee Bridgen, church pastor, officiated.

The late Mrs. Saiser, whose maiden name was Emma Bridgen, was born in Germany. At the age of 5 she accompanied her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Bridgen, and one sister to the United States.

She married Mr. Saiser at Ewing and they spent all of their married life here. Mr. Saiser retired as a mail carrier about five years ago.

Survivors include: Widower—Perry; sons—Raymond of Omaha and Arthur of Anacostis, Wash.; daughter—Mrs. Gordon (Helen) Host of Omaha; four grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Harry Keeler of Ewing.

## Methodists Tell Year's Assignments

Assignments for the ensuing year highlighted the close of the annual Nebraska Methodist conference, which convened last week at Fremont.

Dr. J. LaVene Jay, head of the O'Neill district, was returned for his sixth year.

Other area appointments: O'Neill—Emmet: Rev. Glenn Konicott, second year; Atkinson: Rev. E. G. Hughes, for seventh year; Bassett: Rev. Arthur A. Hammann, for second year; Chambers-Amelia: To be supplied, replacing Rev. J. M. Hodgkin.

Page-Inman: Rev. Lisle Mewmaw, for fourth year; Clearwater-Ewing: Rev. Lee Bridgen, for third year; Lynch—Monowi: Rev. Anna Nelson, for fourth year; Neligh: Rev. C. E. Copley, for third year; Royal: Rev. J. M. Etheredge, for second year; A. Wells.

Spencer—Bristow: Rev. Clyde A. Wells.

## Predicts Nephew to Try for Governor in Colorado Soon

W. J. McNichols, native O'Neillite now practicing law in Hollywood, Calif., arrived Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends. His wife is visiting relatives at Lexington.

Mr. McNichols told friends his nephew, Steve McNichols, "very likely" will be candidate for governor in Colorado this year on the democratic ticket.

Steve, named for W. J. McNichols' father, is lieutenant-governor of that state and has been acting governor during the illness of the state's chief executive. Steve's father was an O'Neill native and was a county auditor in Denver 40 years.

## Grady Graduates from U.S. College

John F. ("Jack") Grady, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady, has been graduated from the United States industrial college at Ft. Lesley J. McNair.



The Reverends Walter, Fricke, Niermann and Claycombe . . . participate in church's golden jubilee.—The Frontier Photo.