

# James Petr, Rancher, Succumbs

## Born in Bohemia, He Immigrated to U.S. When Small Child

An 82-year-old O'Neill farmer rancher, James Petr, died at 5:30 a.m., Sunday, December 16, at his home southwest of O'Neill. He had been ill two months.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

A large crowd attended the requiem mass. Pallbearers were nephews—Joe Erychleb of Stanton, Joseph F. Peter and John A. Peter, both of O'Neill, Francis Peter Chambers; Joseph B. Peter of Clearwater; Louis Peter, George Peter and Cyril C. Peter, all of O'Neill.

A rosary was held at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday in Biglin's funeral chapel. The late James Petr was born September 18, 1874, in Bohemia, a son of John and Mary Korinek Petr.

The family immigrated to the United States when he was 4-years-old. He lived in Omaha before coming to Holt county. His parents homesteaded on the place where Cyril Petr now resides. That is where Mr. Petr was reared.

On June 4, 1906, he married Mary Pribil at O'Neill. They became the parents of five children. His wife died August 1, 1927. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, John and Charles, and one sister, Mrs. James Erychleb.

He had served as justice of the peace in Shamrock township. He was a member of St. Patrick's church. Survivors include: Sons—John G. and Harry, both of O'Neill; daughters—Mrs. Howard (Agnes) Marquis of Keota, Ia., and Mrs. Harold (Mae) Weiler of O'Neill; brothers—Frank and Cyril Petr, both of O'Neill; nine grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Archie (Irene) Stone, died in October 1943. Among relatives and friends from a distance here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marquis of Keota, Ia., Archie, Ardith and James Stone, all of Verdell; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erychleb of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chleboun and daughter, Joann, of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Kleinschmidt of Pilger.

# Trennepohl Rites to Be Held Friday

Edward E. Trennepohl, 77, a Wheeler county rancher for more than a half-century, died at 3 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, in the Tilden hospital. He had been in ill health for many years and had been a semi-invalid.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at the residence and at 2 p.m., at Bethany Presbyterian church, southeast of Chambers. The Trennepohl ranch is located 26 miles south of O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widow—Mabel; son—Edwin M. of Ewing; daughter—Mrs. Harry (Evelyn) McKay of Chambers; four grandchildren.

# S-T-A Sponsoring Essay Contest

An essay contest open to all high school students in cities and towns situated on the Omaha-Chadron line of the Chicago & North Western, 40 schools in all, is being sponsored by the Save-the-Trains association.

Essays are to be written on either of the two topics: "The Powers and Duties of the Nebraska State Railway Commission" or "The Importance of C&NW Trains 13 and 14 to My Town." A winner and a runner-up prize will be offered in each school submitting two or more entries.

Contest will close January 15. An impartial board of judges will choose the winning essays. Essays are not to exceed 300 words. First prize in each school for the best essay will be \$3; second prize, \$2. In addition, a grand prize will be offered for the best essay from all schools participating. The prize will be an all-expense weekend trip to Lincoln for the prize winner and chaperon, according to Ed Wilson of S-T-A, information officer for S-T-A. Runner-up will receive a \$25 U.S. savings bond.

# Legion, Aux to Host Children Tonight

Children of American Legion and auxiliary members will be entertained tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the American Legion auditorium.

There will be a 25-cent gift exchange, candy and fruit distributed by Santa, and films, including "The Christmas Story," cartoons and selected shorts.

# Arriving Friday—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Preston and Brenna Doyle of Wells, Minn., are arriving Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Watson and family.



Mr. Petr and two grandchildren, Callen and Marlene Petr. (story at left).

# Santa to Dump Pack for Children

## Bringing Goodies to Town Saturday

Santa will take time-out from his whirlwind schedule to greet kids in the O'Neill community Saturday afternoon, December 22. He will depart from the North Pole aboard a super sonic jet and will be at the controls himself. He is scheduled to land at Municipal airport and be escorted into town aboard one of the city's fire trucks. His schedule calls for arrival at the O'Neill public school at 3 o'clock.

He has alerted a dozen men of the Chamber of Commerce to help distribute goodies to all the small fry who appear. Last year he was greeted by 1,100 bright-eyed youngsters. Santa told the Frontier by long distance telephone he would endeavor to chat with as many children as time will permit.

He said he would expect to see every child in the community on hand. Santa's visit annually is sponsored by the Chamber.

# Mother of 3 Hurt When Car Overtaken

CHAMBERS—An accident involving one car occurred Friday evening on highway 95 six miles west of Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Standage and three children, Duane, 13, Gail, 9, and infant, 2, Amelia residents, who were enroute to Chambers to have supper with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cody and children and three children, were involved in the accident. Mrs. Standage received a scalp wound, requiring 13 stitches, broken bones in one foot and an injured ankle. She was taken to the Atkinson Memorial hospital. Mr. Standage received a gash in his forehead and the children had only slight bruises. The car was badly damaged. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Standage of Ravenna came to care for the children while their mother is hospitalized.

Mrs. Standage is making satisfactory recovery from her injuries.

# Vandals Do More Damage in City

More vandalism to shrubbery and outside yule decorations has been reported to police. Mrs. Stanley Soukup reported that the identity is known of the adult, who girdled an attractive maple tree in the northwest corner of their lot. Type of tool used in the maliciousness also has been determined, Mrs. Soukup reported.

The vandalism was deliberate and planned, she declared. Insurance investigators are also probing the matter.

Last week vandalism was reported at the Mrs. Georgia Rasley and Mrs. J. J. Harrington residences.

Best gift idea yet, give a Frontier Gift Subscription.



# O'Neill ARC Girl Aiding Refugees

Miss "Lou" Birmingham, who is stationed at Nancy, France, with the American Red Cross, has been on temporary duty in Frankfurt, Germany, helping with Hungarian refugees. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham.

# 100 Warrants Await Election Officials

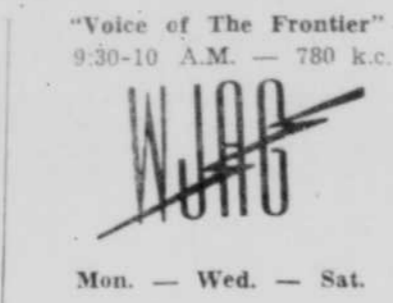
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# Become Ensign

Donald Hagensick (above) last Thursday was commissioned a navy ensign after completion of an officers' candidate course at Newport, R.I. He was graduated from the University of Nebraska last August, majoring in zoology, and went directly to Newport where he completed the 16-weeks course. Ensign Hagensick, a 1952 O'Neill high school graduate, has been assigned to an LST craft presently in Hawaii. He arrived here Sunday and will leave January 4 from San Francisco, Calif., to join his ship. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hagensick of O'Neill.



"Voice of the Frontier" 9:30-10 A.M. - 780 k.c. Mon. - Wed. - Sat.

# Longtime Merchant Dies at 79

## Fred Bazelman Active in Early Industry; Retired in 1950

A longtime O'Neill businessman, Fred Bazelman, 79, died at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, December 15, at his home here. He had been ill 2 1/2 years. A rosary service was held Monday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel and funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiated and burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed Quinn, Neil Ryan, John Grutsch, Frank Valla, Vincent Suchy and James Mullen. The late Mr. Bazelman was born March 1, 1877, in Belgium, a son of Gabriel and Philmina Delward Bazelman, both of whom were natives of Belgium. At the age of 4 he accompanied his parents to the United States, stopping briefly in Kansas before coming to Holt county in 1883. The family lived on a homestead southwest of Atkinson for several years before moving into O'Neill.

His father, assisted by two sons, Fred and Martin, established a chiscoly factory here—one of the town's first industries.

On June 20, 1906 he married Margaret Tigh. They became the parents of five children—Agnes, Loretta, Leonard, Bernard and Theresa. Meanwhile, Mr. Bazelman assisted his father and his brother, Martin, in the operation of the family lumberyard. He operated a dry goods and clothing store for many years on South Fourth street. Both were destroyed by fire March 16, 1930. Later he operated a tavern in the Donoke building, retiring about five years ago.

The family for a time also operated a flour mill here on the Elkhorn river—a mill that long ago passed from the scene. On July 18, 1923, he married Mary Mae Carl at Neligh. They became the parents of three children—Leona, Eleanor and Irene.

His brother, Martin, died June 28, 1941. He was preceded in death by his parents and by one sister, who died in infancy.

Survivors include: Widow—Mary; Sons—Leonard of Newman Grove and Bernard of Mingo, Ia.; daughters—Mrs. George (Agnes) Derigo and Mrs. George (Loretta) Coon, both of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Theresa Schultz of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Alvin (Leona) Bausch of Reseda, Calif.; Mrs. Owen (Eleanor) Kissinger and Mrs. Leroy (Irene) Baumeister, both of (Holt) Park, Calif.; 15 grandchildren.

Among relatives and friends here from a distance for the rites were: Owen Kissinger and Mrs. Leroy Baumeister and infant daughter, Pamela Joy, all of Conogo Park; Mrs. Alvin Bausch of Reseda; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and family of Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. Garret Kluff of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Post of Pilger; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baumeister of West Point.

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# VERDIGRE—Adolph Hrbek died Friday evening, December 14. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 18, at Verdigre.



Mr. Bazelman... native of Belgium.

# Cunningham Rites Held Wednesday

## Inman Man Stricken Suddenly

INMAN—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, at the Methodist church here for Benjamin Charles Cunningham, 55, who was fatally stricken about 7 a.m., Sunday, December 16, at his home.

Leola Mewman, church pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Inman cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins, accompanied by Miss Linelle Tompkins. Pallbearers were Frank Shoales of Orchard, Clarence Finch and William Buxton, both of Page, Vaden Kivett, Charles Young and Virgil Morrow.

The church was filled to capacity at the funeral services. The late Mr. Cunningham, who was known as Ben, was born February 1, 1901, at Kingsley, Ia., son of the late Robert L. and Ida Boyer Cunningham.

On December 22, 1926, at the Methodist parsonage in O'Neill he married Alice Anna Myer. They became the parents of two sons and five daughters.

He came to Holt county in March, 1911, from LeMars, Ia. He had spent many years in road construction work. At the time of his death he operated a cafe at Inman.

The church was filled to capacity for the funeral. Survivors include: Widow—Alice; sons—Terry of Alliance and Thomas of Inman; daughters—Miss Patty of O'Neill, Mrs. Iris Carpenter of Puento, Calif.; Mrs. Ava Ellsworth of Worland, Wyo.; Miss Lucy of Puento, Calif.; and Miss Sharon of Inman; 13 grandchildren; brothers—Donald and LeRoy, both of Page; sisters—Mrs. Ida Stevens of Page and Mrs. Mary Stevens of Belvidere, Ill.

# 5 Held in Kansas Paroled; Return

The five men, all known at O'Neill, who were held at St. John, Kans., for three weeks as being principals in a check forged charge have been paroled, according to Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjak.

St. John sheriff, Charles Sanford, said the parole would be in effect 10 years. The men, all of whom returned O'Neill early this week, are: Clarence Albert Haight, 24, recently of Lincoln; Ralph Lawrence Ferris, 24, of O'Neill; Verdel Sherman Green, 28, of O'Neill; James Dale Kilcoin, 17, of O'Neill; Willard Barton Walton, 17, of O'Neill.

# Clare Patrick, 70, Expires in Idaho

Clare Patrick, about 70, of Fruitland, Ida., died Sunday, December 16. Burial was on Wednesday, December 19. Survivors include: Wife, three sons and a daughter.

Mr. Patrick was for many years a resident in the Neligh, Clearwater and Plainview vicinities. He is an uncle of Mrs. Lyle McKim.

# Past Noble Grand Pins Are Awarded

CHAMBERS—Ramona Rebekah lodge held its Christmas party Friday evening, December 4, with 30 members present. Mrs. Elmer Wandersee was reinstated as a member. Past grand noble pins were awarded Mrs. Ina Lambert, Mrs. Charles Fauquier and Mrs. Ed Thorin.

An exchange of gifts was enjoyed followed by lunch served

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

Bruce Theodore McElhaney of O'Neill and Miss Hazel Marie Johnson of Star, Tuesday, December 18.

# THE FRONTIER

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# Golden Wedding Day Twisted Bumper Tale Revived

By a Staff Writer

EWING—It was in the small community of Mynard, near Plattsmouth, where Frederic Tams met Miss Dottie Cook back about the turn of the century.

His father introduced them at the home of her uncle. They kept in touch. Mr. Tams finally moved to Alvo, Miss Cook's hometown in which she had been born September 12, 1884.

The courtship led to their marriage at Alvo on December 15, 1906.

On Sunday, December 16, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Tams received a host of friends at a reception in the Methodist church parlors at Ewing in observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

The affair was arranged by their son, Robert, and wife, Rev. Lee Bridgen, church pastor, told the story of the lives of the honored couple. A duet, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You", was sung by Janelle and Donna Tams with Miss Carolyn Tams at the piano.

The luncheon table, lace covered, was flanked by crystal chandeliers, flanked by candles in crystal holders.

Miss Carolyn Tams poured. Mrs. Robert Tams, Mrs. Melvin Merceus of O'Neill, Mrs. Wendell Barton and Miss Linda Tuttle served.

The gift table, centered with a bouquet of golden mums, was in charge of Mrs. Barton. Jimmie Tams had charge of the guest book.

Guests were present from O'Neill, Ewing, Clearwater, Atkinson, Brunswick and Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Tams have accumulated uncounted friends and acquaintances during the half-century spent in seven communities.

They began housekeeping in the Danish Missouri river town of Blair where Mr. Tams was in the drayage business for about three years. Two sons were born there—Frederic, jr., 1908, and Robert, 1910.

Later they moved onto a ranch in the Stuart locality where they lived 12 years; also living near Atkinson and Newport. Leaving that community they moved onto the Golden Valley ranch near Ewing for two years.

They spent a total of 38 years on ranches. Mr. Tams decided to give up ranching in 1950 and entered the tavern business at Newport.

Leaving the Rock county town they went to Broad Bend, Ore., to live near a son, Frederic, and his family. But the West coast stay was only for five months and Mr. and Mrs. Tams wound up on a small chicken farm at Norman Ark.

"We liked it fine down there," Mr. Tams commented. "Did nothing but tend the chickens and a garden but got in a lot of fishing."

Mr. Tams, an inveterate fisherman, will always remember the fresh water bass, croppies, catfish and bluegills he pulled from the streams in the land of "razorbacks".

# Mrs. Enright Dies After Brief Illness

## Rites Wednesday for O'Neill Widow, 69; Lifelong Resident

Mrs. Mary Enright, 69, widow of the late Michael J. Enright, died early Sunday, December 15, in St. Anthony's hospital.

She had been ill since November 6 and had been hospitalized nine days.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's with Rev. Karl Kucera officiating.

A rosary rite was held Tuesday evening at the Enright home, 107 East Douglas.

The late Mrs. Enright's maiden name was Mary Fallon, daughter of John and Mary Hannigan Fallon, both of whom were natives of Ireland. She was born April 8, 1887, at O'Neill.

Her parents, coming to this locality with the early Irish colonists, homesteaded two miles north of town.

On February 6, 1906, she married Mr. Enright at St. Patrick's church. They became the parents of one son and one daughter.

Mr. Enright operated a tavern for a time and for many years operated a city dry line. The late Mrs. Enright spent her entire life at O'Neill.

Mr. Enright died April 27, 1944. Survivors include: Son—Donald of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Gerald (Catherine) Wreide of Van Couver, Wash.; brothers—Frank Fallon of O'Neill and William J. Fallon of Gregory, S. D.; sisters—Mrs. John (Kathryn) Burns of Columbus, and Mrs. J. C. (Anna) Mosler of Leigh; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Patrick's church and the Altar society.

Pallbearers were John Pribil, Herbert Janzing, Dr. E. M. Gleason, Dale Kersenbrock, H. E. Coyne, Edward Campbell, Ralph McElvain and John Murray.

# MYF Meets in New Chapel at Page

PAGE—Members of the MYF held their first meeting in the new chapel at the church and entertained their parents with a skit, "Christmas at Home" with Harold Freemyer as reader, assisted by the other members.

The Misses Carol Harris and Janice Crumly sang a duet with Kaye Nissen, accompanist. Linda Fischer played the music for the skit.

A social hour followed with the young people playing games. The rooms were decorated for the occasion.

About 50 were served in an adjoining classroom because the kitchen is not yet usable. The MYF group will go caroling on December 24 and finish the evening with a chili supper at the Merwyn French, sr., home. Mr. and Mrs. French are the sponsors.

# Game Association Seeking Members

## Membership Drive to Be Sponsored by the Newly-Formed North-Central Nebraska Game Conservation Association in Now Underway. Membership is One Dollar per Year and May Be Purchased from the Following Community Representatives:

Creighton—A. W. Hengstler; Niobrara—A. J. Ryan; Stuart—Ira M. Ready; Bloomfield—Lovel Fleming; Center—Jack Lockert; Butte—Warren Jordan; Spencer—Lloyd Klassen; O'Neill—Guy Cole, Virgil Laursen, Dr. Harry Gildersleeve.

The purpose of the association is to help improve conditions in the state of Nebraska in general and in the north-central area in particular.

Arrives for Wedding—Miss Betty Gallagher arrived home Friday from California. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, she will be married to Anthony Anawalt on Saturday, December 29, at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 12 o'clock noon.

# LIBRARY CLOSED

Grattan township library will be closed Monday, December 24, and for two weeks thereafter, Miss Bernadette Brennan, librarian, will be taking her vacation.

# Charges Against Held Dropped

Assault and battery charges against William Held of Chambers were dismissed Tuesday in Holt county court.

Earlier a complain against Held had been signed by Herman Cook, also of Chambers.

A six-man jury had been drawn among northern Holt countyans to hear the case scheduled for today (Thursday).

Cook went to County Attorney William W. Griffin and asked that the complaint be withdrawn.

# Anspach Family Arrives for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Anspach and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marston and family, all of Lincoln, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays at home. Keith Anspach and Charles Marston are students at the University of Nebraska.

Little Debbie Marston celebrated her third birthday anniversary today (Thursday).

# Free Show Set at Page

PAGE—Beginning January 3 there will be no Wednesday or Thursday night show at the Page theater during the basketball season.

A free show will be shown for the children Saturday afternoon, December 22, at 1:30 o'clock, sponsored by the Commercial club.



The Tams... lived in seven communities.—The Frontier Photo

lived for a time at Plattsmouth until he was a young man. His parents were German. Mrs. Tams' parents represented English and German stock. Her grandparents were Joseph and Mary Cook and they came to Nebraska by covered wagon from Ohio in 1856. Mrs. Tams' father, George C. Cook, was only 2-years-old at that time. Mrs. Tams is now 72. She appeared at the reception in a dark grey worsted dress. Her white carnation corsage complemented her silver hair.

Mr. Tams was born February 16, 1883 at Omaha and

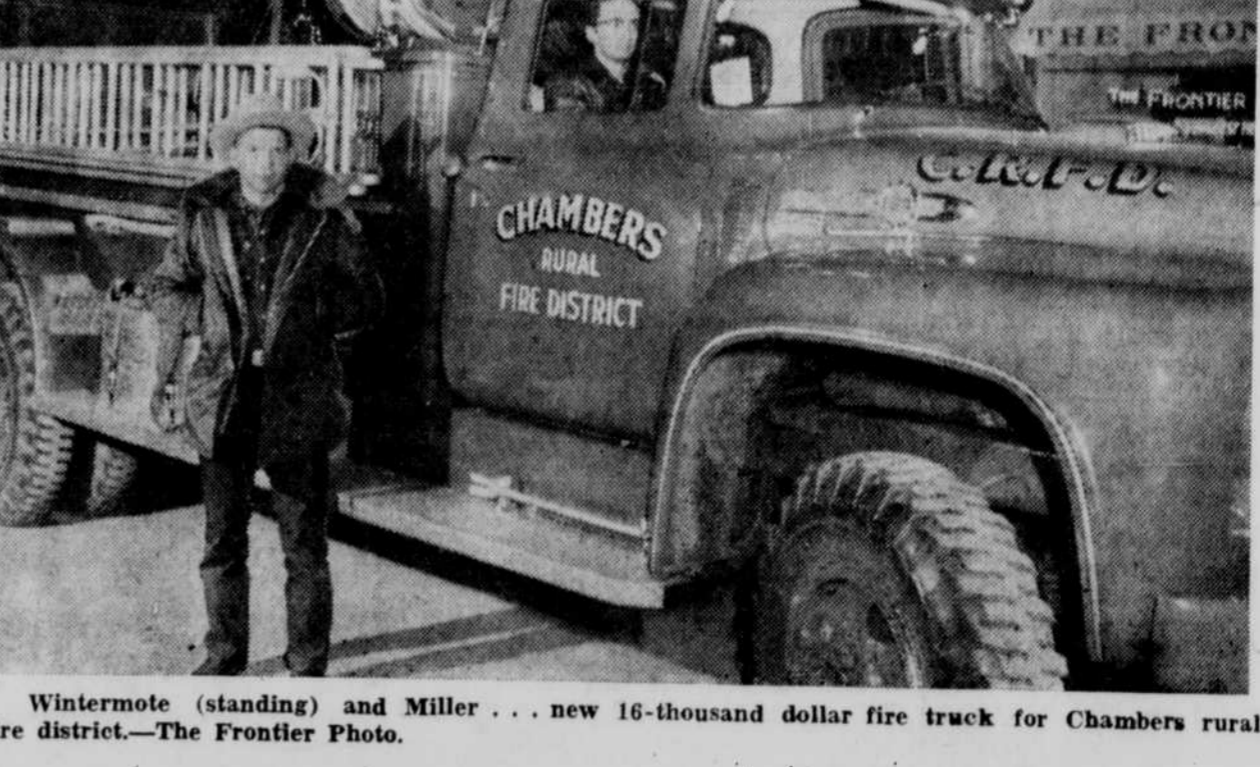
# Eastern Star Selects Officers

At a regular meeting of Symphony chapter, Order Eastern Star, held Thursday, December 13, the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. W. Waller, worthy matron; H. G. Kruse, worthy patron; Mrs. Gene Porter, associate matron; Mrs. Don McKamy, conductress; Mrs. Gale Dierberger, associate conductress; Mrs. Carrie McMahan, treasurer, and Mrs. John Osenbaugh, secretary.

# Chambers Gets New Fire Truck

CHAMBERS—Fire Chief Duane Miller and Lloyd Wintermote reached here late Monday with the new Ford 800 series fire truck recently purchased by the Chambers rural fire district. The duo drove the four-wheeled drive rig from North Branch, Minn., where the fire-fighting equipment was installed. Cost of the truck is in excess of 16-thousand-dollars.

The truck will be housed in the fire hall. The retiring truck has been purchased by Dewey Schaffer and several neighbors.



Wintermote (standing) and Miller... new 16-thousand dollar fire truck for Chambers rural fire district.—The Frontier Photo.