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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boelter... they continue to serve 70 families in the neighborhood by operating the telephone switchboard.—The Frontier Photo.

Carl Boelter, Wife Feted in Celebration

36 Jurors Called for Spring Term

Gaylen-Oberle Suit on Docket

Thirty-six jurors have been summoned for duty in the spring term of the Holt county district court, which will convene at 9 a.m., Monday, March 4. There are two cases set for trial, neither of which is a criminal action. The summonses were issued Monday, February 18.

Wayne Gaylen of Atkinson is suing Howard Oberle and DeLayne Oberle, both of O'Neill in the amount of \$1,950 on two charges. Gaylen alleges broken glasses and house damage in an incident that took place May 7, 1954, at Atkinson.

Francis D. Lee of Atkinson is attorney for the plaintiff, Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill is attorney for the defendants.

The second matter scheduled to come before the court involves Arthur Ruroede of Ewing, plaintiff, and Raymond McGuire of Ewing, (now of California), defendant. Counsels are Cronin and Harold Rice of Neligh, for Ruroede and McGuire, respectively.

The controversy involves an accounting in a semi-partnership affair.

Tenborg Matter Settled Another action, John A. Tenborg vs. Francis Tenborg, has been removed from the docket, having been settled out of court.

William Held of Chambers is seeking to recover 50-thousand-dollars in alleged damages and \$350 in expenses in a suit against Herman Cook, also of Chambers. Elmer Rakove of Neligh is Held's attorney; Cronin is Cook's counsel.

Held alleges "personal injury to his reputation" when Cook signed a complaint which led to Held's "false arrest. An answer to the charge has not yet been filed and no date for hearing has been set.

Ruroede Is Sued In the matter of Crete Mills, division of Lathous Grain Co., of Crete, vs. Arthur Ruroede of Ewing, involving \$21,225.53, Bartlett & Boyles are attorneys for the plaintiff. Goods, wares and merchandise are involved in the action.

In county court today (Thursday) a jury of six has been summoned to hear the case of the state of Nebraska vs. Donald R. Fritz, Norman and Opal Grothe, defendants. The case will be tried at 1 p.m. Jurors summoned are Frank A. Murray, Ed Dampert, George Head, Melvin Ruzicka, Roy Parker and Les Weber. (There will be a substitute for the latter). A dispute over the weight of a truck has resulted in the call of a jury.

John Kee, Wife Plan Observance Mr. and Mrs. John Kee, 705 East Clay st., will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 10.

They will receive friends at an open-house to be held in the parlors of the First Methodist church from 2 until 4 p.m. No invitations have been issued. The couple requests no gifts.

Christ Lutheran Calls Missourian Rev. A. S. Gedwillo of Poplar Bluff, Mo., has accepted a call to serve Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill and the Missouri synod parish at Atkinson.

WALNUT—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boelter, longtime residents of this western Knox county community, Sunday, February 24, observed their golden wedding anniversary. They held open-house during the afternoon in the parlors of the Venus Lutheran church and the entire neighborhood—plus a good many others—turned out.

Mrs. Boelter's maiden name was Edna Butterfield. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butterfield. There were 10 girls in the family.

Mr. Boelter, now 73, was the youngest child in his family. His mother died when he was six-years-old.

He was born in eastern Germany and when he was one-year-old he came to America with his parents. The family settled north of Walnut.

They were married by Rev. W. C. Clifton of the United Brethren church of Orchard at the farm home of her parents.

They began housekeeping on a farm 2 1/2 miles north of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Prior to their marriage Mr. Boelter was "batching" at the place, which originally belonged to his parents.

Disappointed in Dakota They tried farming at Fall River, S. D., for four months, but "dried out" for lack of water.

For 19 years the Boelters have been operating the Walnut rural telephone exchange, which serves 70 families.

Mr. Boelter quit farming about 10 years ago but continues to operate an acreage and raise a big garden.

Mrs. Boelter is 68. Both enjoy good health, although Mrs. Boelter has lost the sight of one eye.

The Boelters are members of St. Paul's church—the Missouri synod church—in the Walnut-Venus localities.

Mrs. Boelter says life is interesting in running a rural switchboard. "Occasionally we have general alarms for prairie fires and floods. We know when the buzzer sounds in the middle of the night someone is in trouble or the message is important.

Patrons Considerate "Our patrons are very considerate of us," she explains. "Golden wedding observances have been common in Mr. Boelter's family.

His sister, Mrs. Annie McElhose of Creighton, was married in 1901.

Mr. Boelter's brother, August, and his wife were married in 1902 and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. August is now deceased, but his widow lives in Norfolk.

Another sister, Mrs. Jake Effe of Creighton was married in 1903.

Their children are: Sons—Delbert of Creighton, Willis of Orchard and Francis of Packer; daughter—Mrs. Elmer (Delores) Koehn of Winnetoon. They also reared one of Mrs. Boelter's nieces, Mrs. Elmer (Lucille) Alder of Emmet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butterfield. Lucille's mother died when Lucille was a child.

They count 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. All of the grandchildren except Diane Boelter, who is in the service and is stationed at San Antonio, Tex., were present for the celebration. All of the great-grandchildren were on hand.

Loys Note Their 50th Anniversary

Over 200 Register at Affair Honoring Parents of Nine

It was at a housewarming party in 1904, when David N. Loy, a new arrival from Allen, met Miss Lila Jones, daughter of Mrs. Emma Jones. Clayton Messner, an O'Neill resident today, introduced them.

They "kept company" about two years and on February 21, 1907, they were married at the home of the bride's mother in an 8 p. m., ceremony. Rev. T. W. Bowen, Presbyterian church pastor, officiated.

The Loys began housekeeping in an Uttley dwelling on East Everett.

For many years they have been residing at 629 East Everett—the original Jones family home in which they were married.

M. Loy, 74, was born at Independence, Ia., in a Quaker community not far from the place where Herbert Hoover was reared by an uncle. When he was an infant, his parents moved to the Springbank rural community, east of Allen. Springbank also was a Quaker settlement.

In 1904 he moved onto a farm northwest of O'Neill where he "hailed out" for several years. Moving into town he went to work for O. O. Snyder in the lumber yard.

Mrs. Loy, one of 11 children, was born at O'Neill. Her father, the late George Jones, died when she was five-years-old. He had been one of the original pioneer residents here and helped establish the Masonic lodge. Her father had come from Wisconsin. He homesteaded here and operated a livery.

After leaving the lumber yard, Mr. Loy operated a dray line for a time in partnership with the late J. B. Mellor.

Then he took his family to Allen and farmed for four years, but farming proved too strenuous due to a back ailment.

Worked for Burlington Returning to O'Neill, Mr. Loy worked for Standard Oil for four years and for five years operated a feed store and barn with "Ike" Boggs. With the decline of the barn business, Mr. Loy went to work for the Burlington railroad as a terminal employee, working 11 years.

After 1930 Mr. Loy went into carpentry work and also painting, decorating and wallpapering.

For 43 consecutive years the (Continued on page 7.)

Long Illness Fatal to Harrison J. Row

Health Frail Since Young Man

SPENCER—Harrison J. Row, 55, who for many years operated a Conoco oil products bulk and service station at Spencer and Bristol, died Saturday, February 23, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch. He had been ill for a number of years and had been in frail health since he was a young man.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, at the Methodist church in Spencer with Rev. Clyde Wells, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Union cemetery at Spencer, under the direction of the Jones funeral home.

The late Mr. Row was born February 4, 1902.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Row, and by two brothers.

Survivors include: Widow—the former Marguerite Dickey; one daughter—Miss Nancy, a Spencer high school student.

Midnight is Deadline Midnight tonight (Thursday) is the deadline for motorists to have 1957 plates on motor vehicles. License business has been brisk the past two days at the office of County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock.

Firemen Called O'Neill firemen were summoned to a brush fire on the Clarence Ernst farm late Wednesday. Mr. Ernst had started the fire in a "bog" and the fire was controlled. However, a passerby turned in an alarm.

Leave for Denver—A/3c and Mrs. Leonard R. Ritts left for Denver, Colo., Saturday after spending the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritts. Leonard is stationed at Lowry air force base in Denver.

Returns from Missouri—Mrs. Ietta Woods of Excelsior Springs, Mo., returned home on Monday after visiting two weeks with relatives at Atkinson and O'Neill.



The Loy family reunited during the weekend—the first time the parents and all nine children had been together in 20 years. Seated: Mrs. Ray (Agnes) Lawrence of O'Neill; Mrs. Charles (Wilma) Green of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Loy; Mrs. Arthur (Bonney) Goree of White Salmon, Wash.; and Mrs. Henry (Grace) Layton of Monte Vista, Calif.; standing—Donald of St. Paul; Mrs. J. M. (Catherine) Kennedy of Ainsworth; Roland of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Howard (Davene) Holliday of Grand Island, and Richard of Lakewood, Calif.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Earl Switzer, 43, Dies in California

Funeral Rites Set Here Today

Earl Switzer, 43, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Switzer of O'Neill, died Friday, February 22, at Bell, Calif. He had suffered a lingering illness.

The remains will lie in state between 11 a.m. today (Thursday) and the 2 o'clock funeral hour at the Methodist church. Rev. Glenn Kennicott, church pastor, will officiate at the funeral services and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers chosen are Earl Hunt, Harold Asher, William McIntosh, Lavern Clausen, Ray Eby and Derald Graham.

The late Mr. Switzer was born March 13, 1913, at Meadow Grove, a son of Charles Switzer, a native of Madison, and Virginia Pugh Switzer, a native of Grant, Va. He attended a rural school south of Meadow Grove. At the age of 22 he moved to O'Neill.

In 1939 he went to California to reside. On July 3, 1939, at

Verdigre, he married Verna Gish of Orleans, Calif.

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The Thomas Tikalskys... honored at ZCJB hall in Verdigré on 50th wedding anniversary.—The Frontier Photo.

Tikalskys Celebrate Married 50 Years

VERDIGRE—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Tikalsky celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open-house affair Sunday afternoon, February 24, in the ZCJB hall at Verdigré. Mr. Tikalsky, 72, a barber-turned farmer, and his wife, 74, enjoy excellent health. More than one hundred persons signed the guest book.

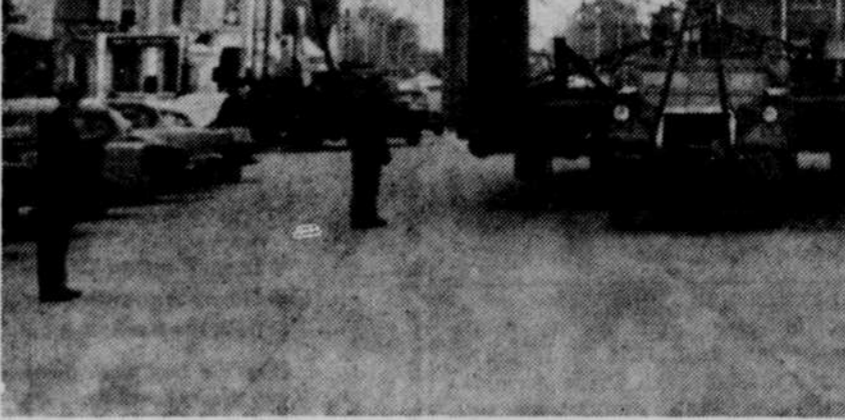
Mr. Tikalsky is a son of the late John and Marie Tikalsky. Mrs. Tikalsky's maiden name was Augusta Groeling, daughter of the late Herman and Louise Groeling.

The couple was married in Omaha and returned to Verdigré to commence housekeeping where Mr. Tikalsky—"Tom" as he is best-known—was barbering. They had a try at homesteading in Meek county, South Dakota, about 23 miles east of Sturgis.

In 1919 they moved onto a farm 12 miles west of Verdigré, in the Walnut neighborhood, where they lived until four years ago when they retired. They now live at the edge of town and raise a garden on a small acreage.

The Verdigré couple became the parents of five children. One daughter, Ione, is deceased. Their living children are Mrs. Margaret Tomjack of Rock Springs, Wyo., Chester of Verdigré; Arnold of Page, and Derald of Detroit, Mich.

All but Derald were present for the celebration. They have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Lilies decorating the hall were sent from California.



Building Goes for Ride A stucco building about 60 feet long and 24 feet wide was removed from its age-old location on South Fourth street Wednesday morning and moved south to a location near the railroad tracks. The structure, purchased by O. E. Davidson, formerly housed the Charles McManus recreation parlor. Cecil Thorton of Chambers was in charge of moving, which was accomplished without a hitch.—The Frontier Photo.

Burlington May Lay New Rails

Anyone who may have considered the Sioux City-O'Neill branch of the Burlington a "has-been" with certain other branch lines might have an opportunity to revise his thinking come summer of 1957.

A proposal to replace the 65-pound rails between Osmond and O'Neill (west half of the line) with heavier rails has cleared hurdles in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy official circles in Nebraska and now is under study at the road's Chicago headquarters.

A spokesman, who did not want to be quoted, said the time had come "to go one way or the other."

He indicated the laying of heavier rails would result and is in the projected plans for 1957. However, he insisted, the final decision has not yet been made.

Tri-weekly freight service is provided to cities and towns along the line.

Considerable livestock has been moving out of O'Neill on Thursday nights via the Burlington.

Meanwhile, the Chicago & North Western railroad filed an application with the Nebraska railway commission for authority to cancel pickup and delivery arrangements and allowances on less-than-carload lots at all points in Nebraska. Regular station-to-station LCL service, however, would continue.

Mrs. Ida Calkins, 67, Burial at Ewing

EWING—Mrs. Ida A. Calkins, 66, widow of the late Lee Calkins, died at 10:40 p.m., Sunday, February 24, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Schollmeyer, at Crofton. She had been seriously ill with influenza one week. However, she had been in failing health 20 years.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, at St. Peter's Catholic church with Rev. Peter Burke, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

A rosary service was held Tuesday evening at the John W. Miller residence southeast of town.

The late Ida Anna Calkins was born November 14, 1890 at Ewing, a daughter of Alois Lorenz and Antonia Kreher Lorenz.

She married Mr. Calkins at Ewing, May 14, 1914. They lived on a farm for several years before moving into Ewing in 1923. Mr. Calkins, who died in 1941, was a well-driller and road builder.

She was a member of the Christian Mothers.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Ernest (Antonia) Schollmeyer of Crofton and Mrs. John W. (Margaret) Miller of Ewing; 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joseph Weibel, Albert Thoendel, Joseph Thoendel, Wesley Larson, John Bauer and Louis Funk.

The Christian Mothers served dinner at noon to relatives at St. Dominic's hall.

The late Mrs. Calkins, who suffered from arthritis, had made her home with Mrs. Schollmeyer since 1941.

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Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. John J. (Helen) Prokop of Verdigré and Mrs. R. M. (Marie) Enders of Omaha; son—Frank of Spencer.

Burial was in the ZCJB cemetery at Spencer under the direction of the Jones funeral home.

Mrs. Nels Anderson Dies at Fremont Mrs. Nels Anderson of Fremont, the former Esther Widfeldt, died Saturday at Fremont. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Widfeldt, pioneer residents of Holt county.

Survivors include: Sons—Ben and Donald, both of Fremont; two grandchildren; brothers—Carl Widfeldt of O'Neill, Henry Widfeldt of Omaha and Helmer Widfeldt of Hay Springs; aunt—Mrs. Peter Lindberg of O'Neill. Relatives who left Tuesday to attend the funeral included Mrs. Peter Lindberg, the Misses Eleanor and Esther Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg and Mrs. Carl Widfeldt.

New Route for Hiway Gets Okay

Commission Approves O'Neill-Emmet Plan for Federal Road

The Nebraska highway commission Tuesday approved the highway department's plans for extending U.S. highway 20 straight westward from the West O'Neill corner for 1 1/2 miles, then parallel to the Chicago & North Western railroad tracks for approximately three miles, then angling northwest to join up with a new section of highway 20 at the north edge of Emmet.

No cost estimate for the relocation was announced.

At present the highway turns north in West O'Neill for 1.7 miles to the drive-in theater corner and then extends westward to Emmet.

Hearing Held A hearing on the proposed relocation was conducted Friday morning at the city hall by Ralph A. Baker of Valentine, district highway commissioner; Owen J. Boyles of Lincoln, secretary of the commission, and J. V. Marquardt of Ainsworth, district engineer.

The 20-minute hearing was attended by 30 persons.

Speaking in protest of the proposed new route, claiming property damage, were Robert A. Hornby, Otto Lorenz, Robert Fritton, Ben and Ed Wayman and Clarence Ernst.

Seeking in support of the new route were Fred Heermann, member of the present city council, and Emmett Crabb, member of the council when negotiations were made to keep highway 20 on its present location (Douglas street) through the city.

Heads Quoted In a show of hands, 14 opposed the new route; four favored; 16 were non-committal.

Overall costs were not discussed at the hearing. Commissioner Baker, however, told The Frontier considerable money would have to be spent to keep 20 on its present route because of low grade, snow clogging and deferred maintenance. New right-of-way might also be necessary on the old route. He said cost of bringing the present route up to standard would "to a considerable degree" offset the costs of the new route.

Mary F. Nemeck, 78, Burial at Spencer

SPENCER—Mrs. Mary F. Nemeck, 78, a longtime resident of the Spencer community, died Friday, February 22, in Omaha at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Enders.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, February 25, at the United Lutheran church in Spencer. Rev. Paul Nelson of Rock Springs officiated.

The late Mrs. Nemeck was born September 18, 1878.

She and her husband, the late Frank Nemeck, lived on a farm west of Spencer for many years. Her husband died in 1941.

Mrs. Nemeck went to Omaha about a year ago to reside with her daughter.

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Benefit Fashion Show Scheduled The O'Neill Women's club is sponsoring "Suddenly It's Spring," a library benefit fashion show to be held at the American Legion club, Wednesday, March 20, at 8 p.m.