

Holt Supervisor Batenhorst (seated) and State Accountant Cecil Way discuss township orders and checks during Monday's special meeting of the Holt board.-The Frontier Photo.

## State Auditor Raps 'Improper' Procedure

Griffin.

eight years, was critized by

township accounting.

his further investigation.

\$3.100 plus."

ment; others don't".

show up'

han a month.

Ainsworth.

good cattle dog.

These Township Orders, Checks Probed

Batenhorst, are under investigation by the state auditor and the

Holt county attorney. The order-checks listed bear the same

dates. Several of the checks bear Mr. Batenhorst's first endorse-

ment; others carry second endorsements. The order-checks be-

A series of township orders and checks, made out to A. M

GAMES RAINED-OUT

(Thursday): Chambers at O'Neill,

Bassett at Atkinson, Stuart at

RABID SKUNK

LYNCH-In district 35, west of

Lynch, farmers have been watch-

ful for signs of rabid animals.

Joe Slechta, jr., killed a rabid

skunk in his yard and was in-

structed to destroy his cats and a

July 5, 1949 \$558.00

834.00

488.00

259.00

520.00

134.00

118.32

260.00

16.20\*

Nov. 23, 1951

Jan. 2, 1950

June 4. 1951

Sept. 29, 1951

June 14, 1953

Oct. 5, 1953

Holt board eight years.

Said the county attorney:

Johnson and two members of the Patsy Pollock, Marie Ritz, Mary

## Lionel Siefken, 40, Is Heart Victim

#### Beverage Man Dies Unexpectedly

Lionel L. Siefken, 40, manager of the Robertson Beverage company at O'Neill, died suddenly about 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 12, while working at the Rob-

The late Mr. Siefken, a veteran of the marine corps during World War II, had suffered a

May 15, at First Presbyterian 1949, according to Johnson. church in O'Neill with Rev. J.
Olen Kennell officiating. Burial ing at which all members of the was in Prospect cemetery at Norfolk at 3:30 p.m.

Pallbearers were Roy Robert- son told The Frontier:



son of Norfolk, Clint Riege, Neil Ryan, Wilber Kimes, Jack Lanman and Don Miller. The late Mr. Siefkin was born December 1, 1916, at Pilger, a son of the late William R. and to me by the county board and

On February 10, 1947, at Co- intend to make a complete and lumbus, he was married to Marie detailed investigation and run Christiansen. They became the down all of these various items parents of one son, Jerry.

Gladys Tift Siefken.

Survivors include: Denton, Md.; sisters-Ms. Mel-Follette of Norfolk, Mrs. Willers of Stanton and

#### 'Beck' Wallen Loses Right Leg in Surgery

Elwood ("Beck") Wallen, 76, retired O'Neill businessman who has been residing at Genoa in a coln, state accountant. rest home, submitted to the amputation of his right leg Frdiay in an Omaha hospital. He suffered from hardening of the arteries and gangerene had set in, neces-

His son, Jack, of O'Neill and baseball league. Meanwhile, these daughter, Mrs. Noel Keith of games are scheduled tonight Tex., were near him, also his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jack Wallen.

A series of rural and town school groups in the area have visited points of interest in including The Frontier and "Voice of The Frontier" studios, during the past Space limitations in this issue prevent publication.

Township

STUART, grading

FRANCIS, fixing road

STUART, road work

STUART, culverts

STUART, culverts

STUART, repair

STUART, labor



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**PAGES** 

## McConnell, 47, Dies as Tractor Upsets

## St. Mary's to Graduate 44 Seniors

Awards Announced; Eighth Graders to Be Graduated Today

St. Mary's academy seniors will graduate at 10 a. m., Friday, May State Auditor Ray C. Johnson 17, at rites in St. Patrick's Catho-Monday morning advised the Holt lic church. Rev. Alfred Hoesing county board of supervisors, call- of St. John's church, Deloit will ed into special session, that a give the address.

series of township orders and checks in the Sixth supervisory Members of the class: Patricia Alles, Cecelia Babl district are under investigation. | Connie Bazelman, Bonnie Buri Monday's 10 o'clock meeting val, Cera Corkle, Catherine Cudwas called by County Clerk Ken- dy, neth Waring at the order of Ernst, Mary Graham, Jean Hick-County Attorney William W. ey, Eleanor Hoehne, Mary Hoffman, Helen Hynes, Rita Jilg. A. M. Batenhorst of Stuart. Lorraine Kellar, Betty Krobot democratic supervisor for the past Peggy Lee, Charlene Mahony

state auditor's staff for "improp- Ryan, Carlene Schoenle, Donna procedure in handling of Lou Turner, Dorothy Vitt, Eunice Van Horn, Judy Wanser. The checks, now in the hands Richard Allen Arnold Babl, of County Attorney Griffin and James Becker, James Burival, heart ailment for more than a under investigation, aggregate Leo Havelka, James Froelich. more than \$3,100. The order- James Hickey, Richard Jonas. services were con- checks involved were issued to Jerry McGinn, John O'Keif, Gene ducted at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Mr. Batenhorst and date back to O'Neill, Dan Putnam, Tom Schnieder, George Shoemaker,

Carolyn Muff, Sharon Murray

In addition to awards announwere invited, State Auditor John- Bazelman has accepted a scholarced last issue. Miss Connie Jo ship to Marycrest college, Dave-"I have just reported to the port, Ia.; Miss Bonnie Burival, scholarships to Creighton univercounty board findings of our investigation of five townships in this county relative to payments lege, Xavier, Kans.; Miss Marie made to one of the county sup- Ritz, Norfolk Junior college scholarship, and Miss Carlene

"I presented the claims to-Schoenle, Webster college. gether with the checks, showing The following students will be payment, and have turned them graduated from the eighth grade over to the county attorney for at St. Mary's academy today

(Thursday). Teresa Bosn, Gale Boyle, James "We presented the facts, as we found them, relative to the finan-Corkle, Kathleen Donohoe, Marces of these five townships, and garet Donohoe, Tim Gilligan, we have two or more to check. Leonard Havranek, Catherine The claims and checks in Hawley, Joseph Howard, Bill question go back to 1949 and total Hynes, Jerry Jergensmeier, Frances Kelly, Randy Lyons, Robert Mr. Batenhorst, after the meet-Murphy, Douglas Spittler, Maria ing, offered this comment to The Elena Stevens, Sue Tomlinson, Elizabeth Turner. "Well, I think his whole thing

Sue Tomlinson and Douglas can be ironed out. It's all through Spittler rank first and second in exchange of work on mail routes

#### and culverts. Some townships have machinery and road equip-Ex-Orchard Woman Mr. Batenhorst has been on the Spends 9 Years as Commie for FBI "The matter has been referred

ORCHARD-A former Orchard it is in the investigation stage. We voman, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, whose maiden name was Evelyn Strope, testified a fortnight ago tion. in federal court in Oakland, and see if there is a proper ex-planation for them. Until we Marie; son-Jerry; brothers- have completed that further in- a member of the communist par-Wallace of Norfolk and Clair of vestigation, I am not prepared to ty working under cover for the say what the investigation will federal bureau of investigation. Her father, the late Frank Most of the supervisors had no Strope, formerly was a postmast-Mrs. James Mello of Bakersfield, advance information that the er here. She attended school in doors leading to the rest rooms high school in 1926.

make a presentation. However, Mrs. Hanson made her dis-Keith Larson of Johnson's office closures before a federal judge in has been working at the courthouse and in the field for more Assisting Johnson in the presentation was Cecil Way of Linnists with her.

During the hearing she was tal of \$46.55 was realized from charge of the lunch program.

asked why she joined the party. sales.

Leonard Sawyer of Royal, by She replied: "To furnish informa-Rain and wet fields forced tion to the FBI." postponement of Sunday's open-

She belonged to an Oakland en ("Bud") Cole went to Omaha ent interested in taking band who to Creighton, in Knox county, and ing games in the North-Central cell and revealed to the court Friday where Bud entered the has not already contacted Mr. then to Pierce county.

exercises held here Monday .- O'Neill Photo Co.



for rancher .- O'Neill Photo Co.

### Ellen Donohoe, Frances Pauline Nickolite **Suffers Long Illness**

EWING-Mrs. Pauline Nick- left rear wheel). ite, 77, who died Thursday, May 2 was buried Monday, May May 6, in St. St. Peter's cemetery northeast of here following 9 a.m., funeral services in St. Peters Catholic church.

Rev. Peter F. Burke, church officiated. Pallbearers were John Bauer, Donald Vandersnick, Edward Kaczor, Jo-

Vandersnick, was born at Columbus August 19, 1879. She moved with her parents to Ewing when she was a small child and she spent 75 years on the same

She was married to John Gilster. Nickolite in about 1900. They became the parents of five chil-

The late Mrs. Nickolite sufshe was in poor health until her

Survivors include: Sons-William of Plainview, Steve of Dearborn, Mich., Ignatius and Pete both of Ewing; daughter-Mrs. Genevieve Muchlmeier of Al-

#### When I Grow Up' Production Ready

will present "When I Grow Up", and Mrs. Harry (Harriette) Little a song play in one act, at the of Omaha (twin sister); brotherpublic school auditorium at 8 Eli of Atkinson. p.m., Tuesday, May 21. It was written by Elinor Smith Gerber funeral arrangements. of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill. Mrs. Harry Petersen is the di-

There will be a matinee dress rehearsal Monday at 1:30 p.m., which will be a finished produc-Children unable to sit quietly through the evening per-Calif., that for nine years she was formance may be brought Monday afternoon. The grade school children will be present Monday afternoon with their teachers. During Tuesday evening's performance, the north and south state auditor would be on hand to bick school in 1992 opened at intermission only.

names of communists not regis- hospital for a back injury.

#### Wheel Breaks Causing Machine to Go Out of Control on Hiway

investigated, said he believed Mc-Connell died instantly. McConnell's death was the first highway fatality in Holt county

snapped off while the rig was moving down the highway. Tomjack theorized the break caused the tractor to spin, veering off onto the soft shoulder of the road. The tractor traveled about 40 feet, Tomjack said, from the point where the wheel snapped. Tomjack believes the tractor went out of control completely finally upsetting backwards and pinning the driver under the right wheel (upright it would be the

Passersby summoned an ambulance, doctor and Sheriff Tom-

The McConnells lived for a

Survivors include: Widow Audrey; sons-Jay of Sudbury, Man., Can.; Larry, who is now in Japan with the navy; Pat, 12, at home; daughter-Miss Kathleen, at home, rural school teacher one grandchild; parents- Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell of Atkinson; sisters-Mrs. Walter (Le nora) Puckett of Atkinson, Mrs The O'Neill kindergarten class Fred (Maxine) Saunto of O'Neill,

#### O'Neill Couple Wed William Hock Will Head Page School

PAGE-William Hock has been lected superintendent of schools at Page for the coming year. He has been principal of the Regan niversary. schools the past four years. intendent, will go to Omaha Cen- daughter, Mrs. Walter (Lettie)

Stanley Gross, retiring supertral where he will teach biology. Calkins Tucker. A reception was Leigh Cull and Mrs. Anna Cart- held in the afternoon for friends ter, English, will return to Page. and relatives. The grade teachers, Mrs. Helen Braddock, primary, Mrs. Hazel Mrs. Strong enjoys good health.

poppy sales to her credit. A to- Hallman will continue as cook in uary 12, 1888 blizzard in which EMMET-Mr. and Mrs. G. Ow- Friday evening, May 17. Any stud- Point. Her parents later moved

Sawyer will please see him then.

Howard J. McConnell, 47, O'-Neill rancher living 13 miles south of here, was fatally injured about 1:15 p. m., Wednesday when his suothbound tractor upet, crushing him. Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack, who

The large tractor McConnell was driving was pulling an un-

One of the front dual wheels

The machine had to be propped in order to extricate the body. Assisting were Bernard Gribble. Omar McClenahan, Henry Durre, Frank Fiala, and several others. The accident occurred about seph Kaczor, Julian Sojka and S. highway 281 or about a mile south of the McConnell place. The late Pauline Vandersnick, south of the McConnell place.

McConnell had been working The late Mr. McConnell was born in Holt county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell of Atkinson. He was a twin. His wife is the former Audrey

number of years south of Emmet where they were in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckfered a stroke May 13, 1940 and ett. For the past several years they have lived 13 miles south of O'Neill on a ranch where Mr. Mc-Connell raised livestock.

Biglin's will be in charge of

## 'Bill' Strong, Wife Honored at Reception

great-grandchildren.-The Frontier Photo.

miles south of here.-The Frontier Photo.

#### Half-Century Mr. and Mrs. Arthur ("Bill" Strong, residents of Holt county since 1920, on Sunday, May 12,

observed their golden wedding an-

They were honored at a family dinner at the home of their Mr. Strong is in fragile health;

Park, intermediate teacher and Mr. Strong was born at Garden weeks ago. hearings of the subversive ac-tivities control board of Californ- the winner of the prize offered grade teacher, will remain.

PAGE—Mrs. Elsie Cork was Mrs Faye Taylor, 6, 7, and 8 Grove, Ia., and came to Madison county with his parents when he ia. She named several persons to the lady selling the most pop- who she said worked as commu- pies on poppy day. She had 83 custodian and Mrs. Harrison years-old at the time of the Jan-Edd Stewart will remain as was 18-months-old. He was 11both of his feet were frozen. Leonard Sawyer of Royal, band Her maiden name was Martha director, will be at the town hall Slothe. She was born at West

### ARC Drive Being Kept Open During Month of May

Mr. and Mrs. Strong . . . nine children, 29 grandchildren, 12

General Alfred Gruenther anannounced that the Red Cross fund drive will be kept open during the month of May, and asks that all who have not made donations to please do so. The floods in Texas and the

the tornadoes in Nebraska alone have accounted for much higher expenses that will have to J. B. Grady, Holt county chairman, reports that the drive has

raised \$1,817.01 todate with several towns missin Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGraw have taken over the drive in Inman where the original chairman, Ray Siders, died several

Incomplete reports todate show the following. O'Neill Atkinson Chambers

Mrs. John Wells expects leave Friday for Topeka, Kans.,

Stuart

# Howard McConnell, driver of this tractor, was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon when one of the front dual wheels (black arrowed) snapped off and caused the tractor to go out of control, upsetting on the driver and crushing him to death. Body was extricated from under partially seen rear wheel (white arrow). Camera faces north on U. S. highway 281 at point 131/2

81 Rural Eighth

#### Small Class Hears **Doctor Hoiberg**

**Graders Promoted** 

Eighty-one rural eighth graders from Holt schools were promoted Monday in exerrises at the O'Neill public school audi-

"Learning to Live" was the presented by Dr. Otto G. Hoiperg of the University of Ne-

Program included: the Priest's March", by Roy Bridge and John Kurtz of the O'Neill public school; invocation, by Rev. Egon Kirschman; singing of the national anthem by the audience; flag salute, led by Prof. Merton V. Welch of Norfolk; piano solo, "Water Spri-tes at Play", by Marilyn Ziska of district 169.

Song, "On Our Graduation Day", by pupils of district 107-Delbert Fleck, Larry Swanson. Thomas Taggert, Roger Walter and Ronald Young; piano solo, "The Music Box", by Maxine Pacha of district 77; vocal duet, "Beautiful Ohio", by Joyce Mikkelson and Douglas Jarman of

district 178 Accordian solo, "The Merry Widow Waltz", by Terry Galla-gher of district 157; piano solo, "The Guitar" by Mary Lou Head of district 169; piano solo. "Saints Go Marching In", by Beverly

Meyer of district 180. The seventh and eighth grade chorus, directed by Professor Welch with Mrs. Howard Manson as piano accompanist, sang "Marines Hymn", "Old Folks at Home" and "Home on the Range." Miss Lucille Mitchell, president of the Holt Rural Teachers' association, presented arithmetic awards, and Miss Alice French, county superintendent, presented diplomas. Benediction was offered by Reverend Kirschman. (Superior students are listed

alphabetically; also others are listed alphabetically): Superiors: Roseanne Ben Bollwitt, Bonnie Crumly, Gary Devall, Edward Ethington, Gary Fick, John Gilg, Gayleen Kaasa, Marion Rosenkrans, Larry Swanson, James Tenborg, Rita Vequist, Beverly Whitcomb, Mar-

ilyn Ziska. Others: Paul Adams, Dale Bogue, Rita Braun, Shirley Braun, Phillip Breiner, Norma Brewster, Ken Butterfield, Hallie Carsten, Janette Clemens, Robert Clifford, Rodney Dobias James Dusatko, Vietta Edwards Darold Ermer, Ruth Evans, Delbert Fleek, June Focken, Robert Fuelberth.

Roma Fundus, Terry Gallagh er, Jerry Gokie, Donald Grieg, Nicky Hammerlun, Pat Harkins, Gene Harvey, Mary Lou Head, Georgia Herold, Robert Howard, Sharon Howard, Arthur Hrbek, Ralph Kaup, Robert Knutson, Robert Jansen, Douglas Jarman. Joyce Krogh, Roger Lange, Jerlyn Leubcke, Agnes Mahony. Beverly Meyer, Joyce Mikkelsen, Dick Mlnarik, Margaret Mullen Orville Osborne, Maxine Pacha, Lavern Phipps, DeLynn Pickering, Veldeen Pinkerman, Sharon Prewitt.

Gaylor Rossman, Terry Ruegge, Maureen Schaaf, Navonne Schmidt, Owen Schmidt, Bruce Schollmeyer, Thomas Taggart, Judy Tinsley, Edgar Tunender, Gordon Vanek, Michael Wabs, Roger Walter, Karon Weller, Norman Wettlaufer, Leo Witherwax, Leon Wragge, Ronald Young, Patricia Zakrzewski, Dave

Miss French said the class was one of the smallest in recent years. Ten of the 14 superiors attained a "median of 11.3 grade level.



Miss Alice L. French, Holt county superintendent (in black, seated at cen ter) poses with the 1957 rural school eighth grade graduates during promotion

Aug. 2, 1954 STUART. snowplow and drag STUART, culverts Jan. 17, 1955 \* Check on this order is still outstanding.