



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

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 Robertson warehouse on South Fourth street.

The late Mr. Siefken, a veteran of the marine corps during World War II, had suffered a heart ailment for more than a year.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p. m., Wednesday, May 15, at First Presbyterian church in O'Neill with Rev. J. Olen Kennel officiating. Burial was in Prospect cemetery at Norfolk at 3:30 p. m.

Fallbearers were Roy Robert-



Siefken... marine veteran.

son of Norfolk, Clint Riege, Neil Ryan, Wilber Kimes, Jack Lanman and Don Miller.

The late Mr. Siefken was born December 1, 1916, at Pilger, a son of the late William R. and Gladys Tift Siefken.

On February 10, 1947, at Columbus, he was married to Marie Christiansen. They became the parents of one son, Jerry.

Survivors include: Widow—Marie; son—Jerry; brothers—Wallace of Norfolk and Clair of Denton, Mo.; sisters—Ms. Melvin Follette of Norfolk, Mrs. Ray Willers of Stanton and Mrs. James Mello of Bakersfield, Calif.

'Beck' Wallen Loses Right Leg in Surgery

Elwood ("Beck") Wallen, 76, retired O'Neill businessman who has been residing at Genoa in a rest home, was 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 O'Neill, including The Frontier and "Voice of The Frontier" studios, during the past week. Space limitations in this issue prevent publication.

These Township Orders, Checks Probed

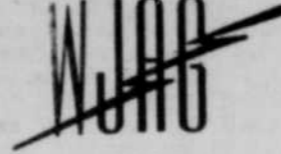
A series of township orders and checks, made out to A. M. Batenhorst, are under investigation by the state auditor and the Holt county attorney. The order-checks listed bear the same dates. Several of the checks bear Mr. Batenhorst's first endorsement; others carry second endorsements. The order-checks being investigated:

Township	Date	Amount
STUART, repair	July 5, 1949	\$558.00
FRANCIS, fixing road	Nov. 23, 1951	\$34.00
STUART, grading	Jan. 2, 1950	\$88.00
STUART, labor	June 4, 1951	\$28.00
STUART, road work	Sept. 29, 1951	\$20.00
STUART, culverts	June 14, 1953	\$134.00
STUART, culverts	Oct. 5, 1953	\$118.32
STUART, snowplow and drag	Aug. 2, 1954	\$260.00
STUART, culverts	Jan. 17, 1955	\$16.20*

* Check on this order is still outstanding.

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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 17, at rites in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Alfred Hoising of St. John's church, Deloit will give the address.

Members of the class: Patricia Alles, Cecelia Bahl, Connie Bazelman, Bonnie Bural, Cera Corkle, Catherine Cuddy, Ellen Donohoe, Frances Ernst, Mary Graham, Jean Hickey, Eleanor Hoehne, Mary Hoffman, Helen Hynes, Rita Jig, Lorraine Kellar, Betty Krobot, Peggy Lee, Charlene Mahony, Carolyn Muff, Sharon Murray, Patsy Pollock, Marie Ritz, Mary Ryan, Carlene Schoenie, Donna Lou Turner, Dorothy Viti, Eunice Van Horn, Judy Wanser.

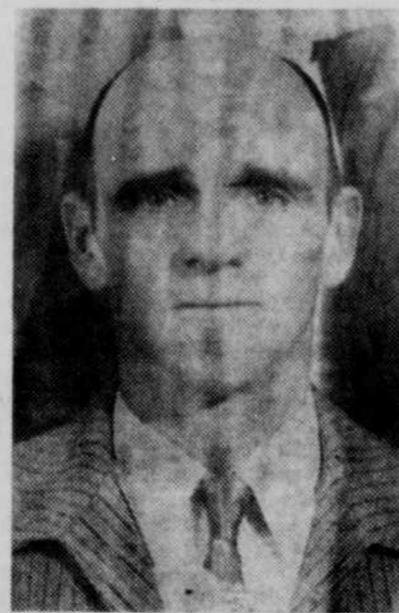
Richard Allen Arnold Bahl, James Becker, James Bural, Leo Havelka, James Froelich, James Hickey, Richard Jonas, Jerry McGinn, John O'Keif, Gene O'Neill, Dan Putnam, Tom Schneider, George Shoemaker, Gordon Slight, Mike Murphy.

In addition to awards announced last issue, Miss Connie Jo Bazelman has accepted a scholarship to Marycrest college, Davenport, Ia.; Miss Bonnie Bural, scholarships to Creighton university, Omaha, and St. Mary's college, Xavier, Kans.; Miss Marie Ritz, Norfolk junior college scholarship, and Miss Carlene Schoenie, Webster college.

The following students will be graduated from the eighth grade at St. Mary's academy today (Thursday).

Teresa Boen, Gale Boyle, James Corkle, Kathleen Donohoe, Margaret Donohoe, Tim Gilligan, Leonard Havranek, Catherine Hawley, Joseph Howard, Bill Hynes, Jerry Jergensmeier, Frances Kelly, Randy Lyons, Robert Murphy, Douglas Spittler, Maria Elena Stevens, Sue Tomlinson, Elizabeth Turner.

Sue Tomlinson and Douglas Spittler rank first and second in their class.



McConnell... fatal accident for rancher.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Wheel Breaks Causing Machine to Go Out of Control on Hiway

Howard J. McConnell, 47, O'Neill rancher living 13 miles south of here, was fatally injured about 1:15 p. m., Wednesday when his subcompact tractor upset, crushing him.

Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack, who investigated, said he believed McConnell died instantly.

McConnell's death was the first highway fatality in Holt county in 1957.

The large tractor McConnell was driving was pulling an under-slung.

One of the front dual wheels 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 left rear wheel).

Passersby summoned an ambulance, doctor and Sheriff Tomjack.

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 13 1/2 miles south of O'Neill on U. S. highway 281 or about a mile south of the McConnell place. McConnell had been working with Eldon Butterfield of O'Neill.

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 Gilster.

The McConnells lived for a number of years south of Emmet where they were in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett. For the past several years they have lived 13 miles south of O'Neill on a ranch where Mr. McConnell raised livestock.

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 (Lena) Puckett of Atkinson, Mrs. Fred (Maxine) Saunto of O'Neill, and Mrs. Harry (Harriette) Little of Omaha (twin sister); brother—Eli of Atkinson.

Biglin's will be in charge of funeral arrangements.



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 13 1/2 miles south of here.—The Frontier Photo.

Pauline Nickolite Suffers Long Illness

EWING—Mrs. Pauline Nickolite, 77, who died Thursday, May 2 was buried Monday, May 6, in St. Peter's cemetery northeast of here following 9 a. m. funeral services in St. Peter's Catholic church.

Rev. Peter F. Burke, church pastor, officiated. Pallbearers were John Bauer, Donald Vandernick, Edward Kaczor, Joseph Kaczor, Julian Sojka and Lewis Vandernick.

The late Pauline Vandernick, only child of John and Mary Vandernick, 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 farm.

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

The late Mrs. Nickolite suffered a stroke May 13, 1940 and she was in poor health until her death.

Survivors include: Sons—William of Plainview, Steve of Dearborn, Mich., Ignatius and Pete both of Ewing; daughter—Mrs. Genevieve Muehleimer of Albion.

'When I Grow Up' Production Ready

The O'Neill kindergarten class will present "When I Grow Up", a song play in one act, at the public school auditorium at 8 p. m., Tuesday, May 21. It was written by Elinor Smith Gerber of Lexington, formerly of O'Neill. Mrs. Harry Petersen is the director.

There will be a matinee dress rehearsal Monday at 1:30 p. m., which will be a finished production. Children unable to sit quietly through the evening performance 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 doors leading to the rest rooms will be closed. They will be opened at intermission only.

William Hock Will Head Page School

PAGE—William Hock has been elected superintendent of schools at Page for the coming year. He has been principal of the Regan schools the past four years.

Stanley Gross, retiring superintendent, will go to Omaha Central where he will teach biology.

Leigh Cull and Mrs. Anna Carter, English, will return to Page. The grade teachers, Mrs. Helen Braddock, primary, Mrs. Hazel Park, intermediate teacher and Mrs. Faye Taylor, 6, 7, and 8 grade teacher, will remain.

Edd Stewart will remain as custodian and Mrs. Harrison Hallman will continue as cook in charge of the lunch program.

Leonard Sawyer of Royal, band director, will be at the town hall Friday evening, May 17. Any student interested in taking band who has not already contacted Mr. Sawyer will please see him then.

WINS PRIZE

PAGE—Mrs. Elsie Cork was the winner of the prize offered to the lady selling the most poppies on poppy day. She had 83 poppy sales to her credit. A total of \$46.55 was realized from sales.

EMMETT—Mr. and Mrs. G. Owen ("Bud") Cole went to Omaha Friday where Bud entered the hospital for a back injury.

81 Rural Eighth Graders Promoted

Small Class Hears Doctor Hoiberg

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

"Learning to Live" was the title of the graduation address presented by Dr. Otto G. Hoiberg of the University of Nebraska.

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

Song, "On Our Graduation Day", by pupils of district 107—Delbert Fleck, Larry Swanson, Thomas Taggart, Roger Walker and Ronald Young; piano solo, "The Music Box", by Maxine Pacha of district 77; vocal duet, "Beautiful Ohio", by Joyce Mikkelsen and Douglas Jarman of district 178.

Accordian solo, "The Merry Widow Waltz", by Terry Gallagher 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."

(Superior students are listed alphabetically; also others are listed alphabetically):

Superiors: Roseanne Blake, Ben Bollwitt, Bonnie Crumly, Gary Davall, Edward Ethington, Gary Fleck, John Gilg, Gayleen Kangas, Marion Rosenkrans, Larry Swanson, James Tomberg, Rita Vequist, Beverly Whitcomb, Marilyn Ziska.

Others: Paul Adams, Dale Bogue, Rita Braun, Shirley Braun, Phillip Breehner, Norma Brewster, Ken Butterfield, Halie Carsten, Janette Clemens, Robert Clifford, Rodney Dobias, James Dusatko, Vieta Edwards, Darold Ermer, Ruth Evans, Delbert Fleck, June Focken, Robert Fugelberth.

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

Gaylor Rossman, Terry Ruegge, Maureen Schaff, Navonne Schmidt, Owen Schmidt, Bruce Schollmeyer, Thomas Taggart, Judy Tinsley, Edgar Tumender, Gordon Vanek, Michael Wabs, Roger Walter, Karon Weller, Norman Wetlaufer, Leo Withers, Leon Wragge, Ronald Young, Patricia Zakrzewski, Dave Ziems.

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.

'Bill' Strong, Wife Honored at Reception

O'Neill Couple Wed Half-Century

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur ("Bill") Strong, residents of Holt county since 1920, on Sunday, May 12, observed their golden wedding anniversary.

They were honored at a family dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Walter (Lettie) Calkins Tucker. A reception was held in the afternoon for friends and relatives.

Mr. Strong is in fragile health; Mrs. Strong enjoys good health. Mr. Strong was born at Garden Grove, Ia., and came to Madison county with his parents when he was 18-months-old. He was 11-years-old at the time of the January 12, 1888 blizzard in which both of his feet were frozen.

Her maiden name was Martha Slothe. She was born at West Point. Her parents later moved to Creighton, in Knox county, and then to Pierce county.

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ARC Drive Being Kept Open During Month of May

General Alfred Gruenther announced 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 be raised.

J. B. Grady, Holt county chairman, reports that the drive has raised \$1,817.01 to date with several towns missing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGraw have taken over the drive in Inman where the original chairman, Ray Siders, died several weeks ago.

Incomplete reports to date show the following:

O'Neill	\$705.86
Atkinson	\$519.45
Page	\$76.60
Emmett	\$198.50
Chambers	\$278.60
Stuart	\$38.00

Mrs. John Wells expects to leave Friday for Topeka, Kans., where she will visit with friends.



Miss Alice L. French, Holt county superintendent (in black, seated at center) poses with the 1957 rural school eighth grade graduates during promotion exercises held here Monday.—O'Neill Photo Co.