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"Grandma" Bowden (center) poses with her "kid" sister and brother, Mrs. Versau, 83, and Mr. Birtch, 78 .- The Frontier Photo.

'Grandma' Bowden

in Good Spirit

'Hardly a Tree'

of Gladstone, Ore.

Lovelock, Nev.

**Entertains Guests** 

#### Seal on Freight Car is Broken

Police Chief Chris McGinn about 2:30 a.m., Tuesday saw two men, wearing white T shirts, two men, wearing white I shirts, near a railroad car on the Bur- City's Oldest-93lington tracks at the Robertson Beverage Co. warehouse.

The men fled, but the officer, who inspected the car, found the seal broken and one case of beer oldest resident, last week entertain- first wife, Alma, who died March missing. Railroad detectives are investi- 83.

gating the incident.

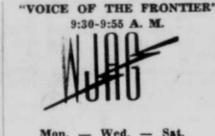
#### **Stuart Gets Flag** from U. S. Capitol

nity was presented a United States flag Thursday afternoon by U. S. Senator Roman Hruska, who was ing: Clyde, with whom she maker guest speaker at Stuart's old-fa- her home in the northeast section shioned Fourth of July celebration.

the United States capitol in Wash- Spangler of Dorsey and E. E. of ington, was accepted in behalf of the Stuart community by J. G. Brewster.

Senator Hruska's talk concerned liberties. He spoke of trends in legislation that are "chipping pioneer hardships. away at the constitutional liberties of Americans.

He illustrated his point by des-



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### Johnson,83, Early Celia Settler, Dies

Holt Homesteader, Sweden Native, in Lingering Illness

J. Victor Johnson, 83, 309 West Fremont st., a longtime Holt county resident, died at 4 a. m., Thursday, July 4, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. He had been in failing health about two years. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, July 6, at the Seger funeral chapel in Atkinson with Rev. Eugene Anderson of Newport officiating. Burial was in Wood Lawn Mrs. Della Bowden, 93, O'Neill's cemetery near the grave of his

ed her sister, Mrs. Viola Versau, 26, 1944. 83, of Surrey, N. D., and her "kid" brother, Guy S. Birtch, 78, Mr. Johnson was taken by am-

bulance from his home to the Mrs. Bowden, who was mar- hospital. Pallbearers were Ray Pease,

ried at 16 in Minnesota and came to Nebraska the following day, Alex Frickel and Emil Carlson, settled north of O'Neill with her all of Atkinson; Fred Zink and husband, George, on a homestead. James Deming, both of Stuart, They crossed the Missouri riv- and Clarence Ernst of O'Neill. er at Sioux City on a pontoon Singers were Mrs. Dean Flem-

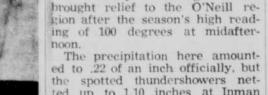
berga, Sweden, a son of Mr. and of the city; Mrs. Andy (Lillie) Wettlaufer of O'Neill, Mrs. Awalt Mrs. Swan Johnson.

To U. S. as Lad parents when he was nine-years-

Mrs. Bowden was in a reminis-He came to Holt county and cent mood during the visit of her homesteaded in the Celia combrother and sister. She told of munity, about 18 miles northeast of Atkinson where he was active bodies were found in the Ozark McCarthy to Head

"There was hardly a tree in O'Neill in 1882," she recalls. "Grandma" Bowden, as she is best known has kent active in community affairs for many were in community affairs for many years. Mr. Johnson was author of the news letter known as Celia the news letter known as Celia

He illustrated his point by des-cribing the status of forces treaty, by interpreting recent decisions til recently when she has been in by interpreting recent decisions til recently when she has been in by interpreting recent decisions til recently when she has been in by interpreting recent decisions til recently when she has been in by interpreting recent decisions til recently when she has been in til recen



Mercury Hits 100;

Heat, Showers Aid

**Crop Outlook** 

Sunday evening shower

ted up to 1.10 inches at Inman and Chambers. Some residents in the O'Neill locality estimated up to an inch where the clouds happened to

open up. Clearwater and Neligh were visited by high winds, also Dorsey. A belt extending from Sunshine Bottom, near Lynch, into Knox county was heavily hailed and there was a downpour of rain. Clearwater, Orchard ad Royal were out of power for 90 mi-The southwest section of ites. O'Neill was in darkness for about an hour because of a burned out transformer. Orchard received an inch of

rain; Brunswick, .25; Neligh, .75 and some hail; Ewing, .35; Newport, trace; Ainsworth, light shower. The alfalfa crop is considered

the best of the century. the past Hot weather during few days has speeded corngrowing.

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Weather summary 51 59

**Revenue Branch** 

John McCarthy, 46, of Scotts-



Corn Prospering Batenhorst Is Paroled;

THE FRONTIER

North-Central Nebraska's BIGGEST Newspaper

O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, July 11, 1957.

Walter Smith, jr., (left), newly-appointed Holt county supervisor, receives the congratulations of Lawrence Pacha, who was a contender.-The Frontier Photo.

## **Backers Vocal in Tuesday's Hearing**

**Battle for** PostEnded in 4-2 Vote

TWELVE

PAGES

This Issue

Seven Cents

Smith, Pacha Backers **Come Twice Before** Holt Supervisors

Walter ("Skip") Smith, jr., of Stuart is the new Sixth district Holt county supervisor, succeeding A. M. Batenhorst, also of Stuart, who resigned last week under fire.

Smith was pressed for the position by Lawrence Pacha of Green Valley township, who farms 12 south of Stuart. Smith miles farms three miles northeast of Stuart.

Smith and Pacha were Both backed by enthusiastic delegations which made two simultaneous appearances before the board.

Petitions bearing 450 names were filed in behalf of Smith on Wednesday, July 3. The petitions had been circulated a few hours previously

Petitions in behalf of Pacha were filed Tuesday morning.

After listening to spokesmen for both delegations at Tuesday's session held in the courthouse assembly room, Board Chairman

Frank Cronk of Page called for a show of hands vote among the



Victim of Ambush

(Story at left.)

J. V. Johnson . . . he home-

steaded north of Atkinson with

his father; his son, Alfred, now

operates place.-The Frontier

He came to America with his Edwin Boysen Known at Chambers

Photo.

CHAMBERS-A South Dakota

of the U. S. supreme court, by its were high when she was inter- spread interest. explanation of various treaties frail health. However, her spirand agreements including the in-ternational atomic agreements urday's "Voice of The Frontier" in which Uncle Sam is committed to contributions far out of pro-portion to other nations. program. Until recently Mrs. Bowden regularly attended the Royal

"Each treaty, each agreement, theater and is a movie fan. E. E. Bowden and his son, in one manner or another, results in Americans surrendering some Richard, and grandson, Dick of their freedom," Senator Hruska Bowden of Burbank, Calif., detold the audience, assembled un- parted for their homes. der the trees in the Stuart park.

Hruska predicted congress this week would mend the laws un- Neligh Man Faces der which federal bureau of investigation files are made available to the defense of communists in this country. The suthe nature of evidence held by the day by County Sheriff Leo Tom-

prosecution. A parade featured Stuart's celebration.

Krysl of Stuart, first, and Richard Sunday night.

Ray Krysl of Stuart took first to the sheriff's office, was re- George (Helen) Nelson of O'Neill:

In 1907 Pranksters Busy, but . . .

five children.

Four years following the death The youth is Larry Irwin, 16, of and Minneapolis with the revenue service. Christine Johnson Walters of O'- Both were shot repeatedly from Neill. Their marriage took place close range with a .32-calibre,

October 22, 1948, at Newport at high-powered rifle. the residence of Reverend An- The gunman, the Missouri sherderson.

iff said, lay in wait for Mr. Boy- calls: Wednesday, July 3- Rug The following year the John- sen as the man and the boy walk- fire in trailer owned by Fred sons retired and moved to O'Neill. ed through a pasture.

homes.

Active in Politics Mr. Johnson was prominently Floyd F. Megrue of Neligh will identified with republican political Abbett said at Camdenton.

Survivors include: Widow-Christine; sons- Elmer of Oak-

Megrue allegedly stole a weld- land; Paul of Loon Lake, Wash.; winners in the doubles' match the Vincent Thiele farm, six miles Belgrade; daughter — Alpha Mcin horseshoes at Stuart July 4 south and two miles east of Ew- Kathnie of Belgrade; nine grandwere Warren Peterson and John ing. Mr. Thiele reported the loss children; two great-grandchildren; stepson-Henry Walters of O' Hovey of O'Neill and Richard The property, valued at "sev-Kaylor of Stuart, second place, eral hundred dollars", according (Louise) Robertson and Mrs.

**Telegraph Operator Takes Bride** 

friends called Sunday, July 7, when Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Dobbins. retired farm couple, quietly celebrated their 50th wed-

per ling anniversary. Prior to the observance Mr. Dobbins remarked that he hoped there wouldn't be as many complications as there were on the wedding day-July 6, 1907.

Thereby lies a tale. Mr. Dobbins had been keeping company with Sofia Brunckhorst for five years.

They talked of marriage but Mr. Dobbins, a telegraph operator-station agent-relief agent for the Great Northern railroad, never could arrange enough time off to make it from his job at Appleon, Minn., to Osmond where the inancee lived.

They finally decided Miss Brunckhorst would go to Apple-ton. The bride-elect hoped the ceremony could be performed in the Lutheran church there.

She went to Appleton, took up residence at a hotel for a week while Mr. Dobbin busied about finding someone to work in his place Relief agents were scarce and the rail traffic was heavy. Fellow workers, in those days, were capable of playing a joke on man-even on his wedding day! On the morning of July 6, 1907. Mr. Dobbins and his brideelect boarded a train for nearby Benson, Minn.

Because of the time element,

Boarding a return train for Appleton, Mr. Dobbins was paged and a telegram advised him that his presence was required im-(Continued on page 6).

of Sioux Falls, S. D., was known vision of the Nebraska district of Mr. Johnson and Miss Alma at Chambers where he competed the internal revenue service.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Alma at challers where he complete Johnsen were married in Omaha October 24, 1900. Mr. Johnson and Miss Alma at challers where he complete in several rodeos at the Holt county fair. During his stays here Carthy and Mrs. N. Gonderinger. They became the parents of he was a guest at the Whitaker Mr. McCarthy has served at Hastings, Grand Island, Omaha service.

#### FIREMEN BUSY

O'Neill firemen answered these Gatz, no damage; Monday, July "It's bound to have been a 8-Rear cushion fire in car on grudge killing," Sheriff Herman South Fourth street, car owned by T. J. McCarthy of Greeley;

preme court recently ruled that a defendant was entitled to learn county court, filed early Wednes- years. recently as a hand. Riley residence.

Father of Eight Is Amputee Victim-

canev.

pital.

Fay;

Batenhorst . . . out.

Mr. Weibel said the funds col- Ohde.

# **Alva Parks Benefit Launched**

By a Staff Writer DELOIT—A band of good neigh-lowing the ordeal and since has their home for the amputee vict-Ray Krysl of Stuart took first to the sherin's office, this to the sherin's office, the sherin's o in the Holt - Wheeler - Antelope arm.

post.

county border community of De- But farming and ranching with Clearwater creek. loit to lay plans to aid a one-arm- one good arm is a tough job and The children are Lee Allen, 11; ed friend, who is a World War II the good neighbors have decided Mary Ellen, 10; Thomas Joe, 9; veteran and the father of eight to provide financial help. children.

In a solicitation of funds intend- State Bank at Clearwater and Joed to carry into the Ewing, Clear- seph Thramer of Clearwater have collected will be used exclusively water, O'Neill, Neligh, Elgin, Or- been named trustees of the fund. chard, Bartlett, and Page com- Contributions may be mailed to for Mr. Parks' rehabilitation and By MRS N. D. ICKES, SR. PAGE—Eighty-two relatives and interference of the second dependence of the committeemen, which interference of the committeemen, which want to help Alva Parks, 47, who is a list of the clearwater bank or given to one of the committeemen, which Sanders post of the American Mrs. Fay Doty, 71, lost his right arm September 5, in clude's Joseph Weibel, Alex 1956, in the rollers of a field chop-Thramer and Joe Minark. 1956, in the rollers of a field chop- Thramer and Joe Mlnark. Mr. Parks was born at Foster, years in the army during the

He was working alone on the moved with his parents to the war, most of the time in the Huffman ranch, in Wheeler coun- Page community in 1920 and was Aleutian islands on a lonely outty, when the accident occured, reared there.

Flesh was torn away on the upper His wife is the former Teresa All contributions will be ac- conducted Friday afternoon, July peared Wednesday, July 3, bearm, leaving not much of a stub. Thiele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. knowledged in the columns of the 5, at the Free Methodist church fore Judge D. R. Mounts in Holt Mr. Parks was hospitalized Carl Thiele, who are moving into Frontier



One-armed Alva Parks, 47, poses with his wife Teresa, and their eight children: Front row Billy, 6; Jane, 4; Linda, 3; Jackie Sue, 8; and Thomas Joe, 9; back row-Lee Allan, 11, Mr. Parks and Kenneth, 15-months-old; Mrs. Parks and Mary Ellen, 10 .- The Frontier Photo.

Smith, Pacha Pledge five other members of the board to fill the vacancy. Support to Other

Show of Hands

He prefaced the voting by say-ing: "It is unfortunate we cannot The assembly room at the Holt county courthouse overflowed Tuesday morning when rival fac- appoint both, because we are convinced, by the fine testimonies, tions appeared for the second that both are well-qualified men time before the Holt supervisors to boost their respective candi-datas and both would be valuable board members.' dates for the Sixth district va-The voting:

For Pacha-Alex Frickel (R), Successive speakers lauded the qualifications and neighborliness of Walter Smith, jr., and Law-For Smith—Clarent Kenneth Barthel (D). For Smith-Clarence Ernst (R), rence Pacha. Only one or two bits Kenneth Barthel (R), Edward N.

of rhubarb were injected into the Flood (D) and Cronk (R). Batenhorst, Sixth district supdiscussion before Smith won on a 4-2 vote among the six mem- ervisor eight years, came under bers of the board. Both Smith fire two months ago when State

Auditor Ray C. Johnson of Linand Pacha are republicans. coln appeared at a special board Speaking for Pacha: Ed Bouska: "Mr. Pacha is well- meeting and pointed up "impropqualified in every respect; he er and irregular'' handling of knows the district and he knows county funds totaling \$3,187.92.

how to meet the road problems" The irregularities, Johnson said, Bouska was chief spokesman for involved township orders and checks relating to road repair, Pacha).

Charles Kubart: "I live in Sher- culverts and snow removal in idan township and nobody has Stuart and Francis townshipspaid much attention to us. We two of seven townships in the district. These orders and checks want Pacha."

Mrs. Frank Hanel: "Mr. Pacha were made payable to Batenhorst. tempt to farm the 160 acres on fairminded; his honesty and in- amount was pared to \$3,156.72 tegrity cannot be questioned". when Batenhorst made restitution Others boosting Pacha were at the county treasurer's office, Gene Livingston, who presented the board having conceded that be provide financial help. Howard Miller of the Citizens Linda, 3, and Kenneth, 15-months. Definitions, John Flannery, Leon the county had derived "some good" out of some of the transactions under study. (Continued on page 6).

**Embezzlement** Count

Batenhorst offered his resignation at last week's meeting and the board readily accepted it.

Dies in Hospital Meanwhile, County Attorney William W. Griffin filed a crimi-nal charge of embezzling county funds against Batenhorst, who was specifically charged on a \$50

EWING-Funeral services were item. He pleaded guilty and apat Riverside, near here, for Mrs. district court. Fay Doty, 71, who died Tuesday,

Mounts suspended sentence and July 2, in a Yankton, S. D., hos- paroled Batenhorst to the county sheriff for two years.

She had suffered a heart ail-Batenhorst was represented by ment and had been hospitalized Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney. recently at O'Neill. The statute of limitations pre-Burial was in the Clearwater vented criminal charges against cemetery. Rev. Ivan Turner of- Batenhorst on other counts, Griffin told the court.

Survivors include: Widower-Griffin's complaint alleged that daughter-Mrs. Mardell Batenhorst, an agent and officer Kleckner of Craig; sons-Delbert of the county, received and took and Loren, both of Crofton; Glenn into his possession a \$50 check of Green River, Wyo.; Herbert of which was the property of Holt Rawlins, Wyo.; sisters-Mrs. Ef- county; that he (Batenhorst) fie Taylor and Mrs. Nora Lucas, fraudulently, unlawfuly and willboth of Clearwater; brothers- fully converted it to his own use Grant and Gail Wolcox, both of and embezzled the money with-Clearwater. out the consent of the county.

Relatives and friends from outof-town attending the funeral Reverend Su Will kle, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Doty, all of Green River, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. James Drinkle, Mr. and

Move from Stuart

Mrs. Glen Doty, Larry and Linda STUART-Sev. D. D. Su, pastof Green River; Mr. and Mrs. H. or of the Stuart Community Doty and Duane of Rawlins, Wyo.; church and the rural Cleveland Mr. and Mrs. L. Doty, Patty and Presbyterian church, submitted Larrie, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hassel his resignation Sunday to the conand family, all of Dakota City; gregations of both churches.

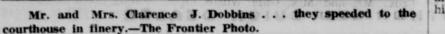
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Riser and Linda Jo, of Wisner; Mr. and combined pastorate from a sem-Mrs. Clem Putman of Bassett; inary in California five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Doty and Mrs. Su has served at choir di-Lynn of Wayne; and Mr. and rector of the Stuart church sev-Mrs. Oliver Kleckner of Craig; eral years.

Mrs. Effie Taylor, Mrs. Nora Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wil-cox, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Wilcox, leave Stuart the first of Septemall of Clearwater. ber following a month's vacation.



Call on Judge

they speeded to the courthouse at Benson where they were married by a judge.





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