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Mrs. John Murphy, 53, **Ridgeways** Reared in Same Locality

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Mrs. Reel . . . to Boyd in 1913.

Longtime Boyd **Resident Dies**

Holt county's first death attributed to the influenza epidemic occurred at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. ("Ross") November 9, when Mrs. John Ridgeway celebrated their 50th Murphy, 53, O'Neill public school and Mrs. I. R. ("Ross") anniversary Monday, teacher, died in St. Anthony's hoswedding November 11, at theih home, pital. 218 South Second st.

She had been hospitalized four Their four sons and two daughdays. Her condition deteriorated ters are dispersed throughout the rapidly and unexpectedly. Death western part of the United States. was caused by complications of in-The celebration was a quiet affluenza and pneumonia A few of the neighbors

Funeral services were conductdropped in and Cal Stewart interriewed them for presentation on ed at 9 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Wednesday's "Voice of The Fronchurch with Very Rev. Timothy tier" program (WJAG, 780 kc). O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiat-Ridgeway's maiden name vas Florence Wrede. She was ing. Burial was in Calvary cemorn in Butler county and her etery.

VOICE OF THE FRONTIER

9:30 - 9:55 A. M.

Wed. - Sat

Teacher

Holt's First Victim

of Current Epidemic

parents came to Holt when she was six-months-old, purchasing a ranch in the Agee community in Murphy, Donald Murphy, Richard Murphy, Donald Murphy, Richard When she became eligible she Braun, Arlen Miles, Robert Miles, and Thomas McDonald.

northern Holt county. filed for a homestead on land ad- Rosary was held Monday evenjoining her father's ranch—and ing at Biglin's chapel. was successful in obtaining the The late Mrs. Murphy's maid was successful in obtaining the

en name was Mildred Marie Tro-Mr. Ridgeway was born at Rip-ley, Ia., near Des Moines. His 23, 1904, at Tobias, the daughter father came to Holt in 1883 and of Dell Trobough and Ada Tin-

was among the early settlers in dell Trobough. The family came the Agee community. Ross, his to Holt county in 1908. mother and other members of the family followed here in the spring Atkinson and Marie was gradu-

of 1884. The Ridgeway and Wrede fam-ilies lived only a mile and a half Nebraska State Teachers colleges at Chadron and Wayne, also Con-

Mr. Ridgeway and Miss Wrede cordia college at Seward. Mrs. George D. Reel were married at Sioux City. They She married Mr. Murphy at spent a year on her homestead, Emmet, June 30, 1934. They farmed in the Emmet and SPENCER – An 84-year-old Later they moved into the portunity localities before mov-ing to O'Neill. d shanty Boyd county since 1913, died Mon- several of their children were rick's church, Nebraska State Education association, and Si-In 1913 they moved onto the monson unit 93 of the American Legion auxiliary. Funeral services were conduc-ted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov-ember 13 et the Wednesday, Nov-1947 he had lost control of the bad lost control of the b 1947 he had lost virtually all vi- public schools. For the past three here with Elder Leslie Henry of Grinnell, Ia., officiating, assisted



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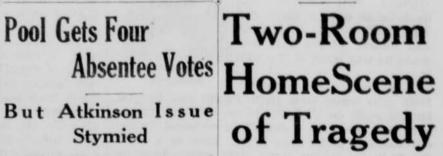
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Flu Fatal Family of 3 Overcome by Gas Fumes to O'Neill



This is the cabin-type Grimes home in which three members of the Bruce Grimes family were overcome with gas fumes. The dwelling is a short distance from the home of Mr. Grimes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes .- The Frontier Photo.





ATKINSON-The second bond issue try in six months in an effort to acquire a municipal swimming pool here apparently has failed

Following the Tuesday, No-vember 5, balloting, the proposal lacked six votes of getting 60 percent voter-approval. The unofficial ballot count was 308 "for" and "216 against" Monday the city council convened and canvassed the voting room cabin-type dwelling one mile east of Chambers. Four absentee votes record.

were counted, all favoring the 33-thousand-dollar bond proposal. votes In June the proposal lost by 21

votes It'll be another six months be-

fore the issue can be raised again. There was speculation some of

the negative votes might be formally challenged but Wednesday there were no indications there would be court action. Some irregular voting practices were charged in street-corner talk, but none became a matter

of record. Holt Native, 62,

EMMET—Mrs. Birdie Delong Hickey, 62, of Boise, Ida., died in a Boise hospital Friday night, November 1, following a brief illing late" because of Bruce's ness ness. However, at 10 o'clock Wed-She was born at Redbird Jannesday morning she went to inuary 3, 1895 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton. She has vestigate and found the mother been a resident of Boise for 20 and baby lying on the floor, unconscious, and Bruce on the bed, years also unconscious. She was united in marriage to J. Hickey December 17, Blood Lost Peter Six children were born to Some blood had been lost and 921. this union. They lived in Holt, there were other signs of sick-Boyd, Pierce and Cedar counties ness. for 27 years before moving to Boise, Ida., where she had made burning in the tiny home and the At 9 Tuesday eve a light was her home until her death. same light was burning Wednes-Survivors include: Widower- day morning when help arrived. Peter J. Hickey; sons—Robert F. It was theorized the family had Hickey and Arthur M. Hickey been overcome by fumes from both of Boise and Frank H. Hick- one of three gas appliances-reters—Mrs. Etta McDonald of heater. The bulk tank is situated heater. The bulk tank is situated about 35 feet from the dwelling and the gas is piped into the

Bruce Grimes, 24, Is 'Critical'; Mother, Babe Recovering CHAMBERS-A family of three,

including a 20-months-old baby. was overcome with propane gas fumes late Tuesday in their two-

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grimes and their infant daughter. Patsy, This narrowed the margin to two were found unconscious about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The three were rushed to Anthony's hospital at O'Neill where attendants described their condition as "critical" for sever al hours.

Late Wednesday aftrnoon gen was removed from Mrs. Grimes and the baby. Both had regained consciousness, but Mr. Grimes showed no reaction and his condition was described as

'very critical" Wednesday night he was given a blood transfusion. Doctors held little hope for his recovery.

Bruce had been ill with influenza Tuesday and was confined to his home, situated about 60 feet from the home of his par-Expires in Idaho ents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes.

His mother had called at the cabin-home about 7 o'clock Tues-

Spencer woman, a resident of the spent four years and where day, November 11. Mrs. George born. D. Reel, who had been ill five in 1915 they still own.

by Rev. Harold Jensen, pastor of the Spencer Methodist church Burial was in the Western Bothe Spencer Methodist church. hemian Fraternal association

(WBFA) cemetery here under the direction of the Jones funeral Ridgeway is 74; his wife, 75. direction of the Jones funeral home

The late Mrs. Reel, whose maiden name was Mary Simp-son, was born July 18, 1873, in Sullivan of Colorado Springs, Illinois

They homesteaded in New Redwood City, Calif.

Mexico, where they lived several years, coming to Boyd county 44 Neligh Firm Will years ago. The couple lived on a farm in the Gross community until their retirement six years ago, when they moved into Spencer

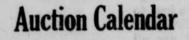
The Reels would have celebrated their 63d wedding anniversary this month.

Survivors include: Widower-George; sons-Roy of Colorade Springs, Colo.; Ray of Salem, Ore.; Paul of Spencer and Claude of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters-Mrs. R. L. (Ruth) Spahr of Dixon Mrs. Leo E. (Dorothy) Adams of Spencer; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister-Mrs. Fred Pawling of Fremont.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox mov ed Thursday, October 31, to 128136 So. Erwood, Norwalk, Calif. Mr. Fox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox of O'Neill. Mrs. Fox is the former Kathy Seger of Stuart.



Friday, November 15: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, 19 miles south of O'Neill, eight miles east, one of O'Neill, eight miles east, one and Veldon Tomlinson. south: 320-acre ranch and 120acre school land lease, at auction, on premises, 1 p.m.; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer-bro-Two minor accidents

Saturday, November 16: Mr. vestiga and Mrs. Louis Storjohann, 19 police. miles north of O'Neill and five miles west, complete farm closeout, 146 head of cattle, full line of farm and haying machinery, some household grade: Weller er, collided with a machine our of some household goods; Weller, Fleming and Pearson, auction-eers; First National bank of O'-

lin and Gladys Grossnicklaus and Gladys Fittje, owners, 966-acre Holt county ranch, 30 head of diary cattle, 35 head of Hereford

Their sons and daughters are: Jack (the oldest) who lives in

Colo.; Charles ("Chuck") of Colo-In November, 1894, at Lincoln rado Springs; Joseph of Denver, she married Mr. Reel. Colo., and Miss Marguerite of

Erect Ad Building

The O'Neill city council Tueslay evening accepted a \$12,835 bid for building of a new administration building at the O'Neill Municipal airport.

The successful bids came from the Udey Construction company Mrs. Murphy of Neligh. teacher .- O'Neill Photo Co. The bid was the only one re-

ceived. The cost breakdown fol- she had also taught at St. Mary's lows: Building-\$12,387; well- academy. \$250; fence-\$90; gate-\$31; total \$12,835.

the orginal estimates.

said.

Yermo, Calif., who arrived late It was the second time bids for Sunday; daughter-Mrs. the building were received and (Maureen Carole) Laible of O'opened, Mayor D. C. Schaffer Neill; brothers — Cleode Tro-hauch of Atkinson: James D

baugh of Atkinson; James D. The Udey firm will not under- Trobough of Sacramento, Calif., take construction until spring, Orville Trobaugh of Chula Vista, Schaffer said, although it is likely Claif., and Norman Trobaugh of the well will be drilled yet this Sidney; one grandson.

Among those from out of town The Udey bid was approximat- attending the funeral were: Mr. ely two thousand dollars above and Mrs. Clede Trobough Mr. Mrs. Clarence Spence, Mr. and and Mrs. Richard Braun all of

Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Norman 'Haunted House' Set Trobough of Sidney; Mr. and

Friday Evening Mrs. William Murphy, jr. of Rushville, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. The junior class of O'Neill high Lake; Mrs. Marie McDonald of school will present the three-act St. school will present the three-act mystery-comedy, "House for Sale, Haunted", Friday, November 15, at the school auditorium, start-

ing at 8 p.m. Cast includes: Elaine Krugman, and Mrs. Ernest Wedige, Clar-Ronnie Smith, Connie Kurtz, ence Murphy, Frank Foreman, Sharon Marcellus, Betty Rodman, Mrs. John Conard and Mrs. G.

Two minor accidents were investigated this week by O'Neill

by Vern Reynoldson. Edward G. Winkler was driver

Neill, clerk. (Details on page 9.) Wednesday, November 27: Merby Ethel Schuman of Anoka. Damago was negligible.

Mrs. Attah Fosberg

the second time Mrs. Neilson has Mrs. W. H. Harty and Mrs. Attend Clinic-

Bruce and Bonita Grimes and their daughter, Patsy . . . all were found unconscious .-- O'Neill Photo Co.

Dies in Wyoming

Word was received Monday by Mrs. Hugh O'Neill of the death

of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Beaver

of Deaver, Wyo., She died sud-

denly at her son's home follow-ing a long illness. Mr. Beaver died May 12, 1957.

Survivors include two sons, one

daughter and several grandchil-

dren. Burial will be made today

(Thursday) at Powell, Wyo.

McIntosh said.

54 Turkeys Bought

Billie Marcellus Belzer, Veteran of Family to Coast World War I, Dies Mr. and Mrs. Billie Marcellus were guests of honor at a card

party Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saw Combat Duty in Harold Williamson. The Mar-France cellus family plans to leave Sun-

day for Whittier, Calif., where they will make their home. Carl K. Belzer, 68, a retired O'-Four tables of cards were in Neill farmer and World War I progress. Those attending were veteran, died at St. Anthony's to the national 4-H club congress Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peters, Mr. hospital Thursday, November 7. and Mrs. Jasper Hitchcock, Mr. He became ill Tuesday evening, Jim Gilg of the Clover club re- and Mrs. Orville McKim, Mr. and November 5, and entered the hoseived his trip through his farm Mrs. Owen Parkinson, Mr. and pital the following morning. demonstrations. For two years Jim has been a member of one Mrs. I. O. Wood of Page. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

the top purple demonstrations ams. This year he and his rother, Jack, demonstrated making a chute gate" Fach making a chute gate." Each vin, in the operation of the Mar- Funeral services were held is selected to attend the national cellus Implement firm in West Monday, November 11, at 9 a.m., O'Neill.

at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev Timothy O'Sulli-Mrs. Hickey . . . born in Redvan officiated. bird locality. Burial was in Calvary ceme-

Randolph and Mrs. Ruth Perry of tery. Emmet; brothers-Robert Hamil-A rosary was ton of Spencer, Harry Hamilton April, 1955, at Chambers. recited at Biglin's chapel Kennwick, Wash., Jason Hamil- school until their marriage. Sunday at 7:45 ton of Benton City, Wash., and p. m. Pallbear- Peter Hamilton of Moscow, Ida.; ers were Joe sisters-Mrs. Myrtle Hickey of Nekolite, Hur- San Gabriel, Calif., Mrs. Kathley Jones, An-drew Wettlauf-Mrs. Anna Nissen of Omaha; Bruce was bo er, Peter Don- 19 grandchildren and four greatohoe, Harry grandchildren.

Mrs. Arvid Erb

Adamson. Boise, Ida., at 10:30 a.m., Tues-

for Nov. 30 Event the son of August and Elizabeth ton W. LaMunyon officiating. Suster Belzer, both natives of Burial was in Morris Hill ceme-

The Chamber of Commerce turkey day committee reports that 54 turkeys have been pur-chased for turkey day which will be Saturday, November 30. Con-centrated effort is being made to call on O'Neill husinesses, but of the commerce daughter of the to call on O'Neill businesses, but One daughter, Mary Kathryn,

Belzer

if anyone would like to cooperate, contact either the First National or the O'Neill National bank, France in com He spent considerable time in France in combat during the Committee Chiarman William W. first conflagration and was member of Simonson post 93 of

VENUS-Word has been the American Legion. Survivors include: Widow-Barin the college of engineering at the distributed at three different times during the day. received his trip through his out-Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Clifford went by plane from there to join (Mary) Burival of O'Neill; sons— her husband, who is stationed Former Verdel in Church Affair PAGE—The young people of Geotcin of Oakland, Calif., and grandparents of Sp-3 Erb. the Wesleyan Methodist church Mrs. Lillian Halpap of Chicago,

dance and show in the evening. CHAMBERS-Mrs. Louis Neil-CHAMBERS - Mrs. Chambers of Cardon and Harvey Neil-CHAMBERS - Mrs. Chambers of Cardon And Casper, CHAMBERS Sondaz of Gordon and Harvey town hall in Chambers, on Sat- Wyo., and Donald of Grand Is- mer residents of Verdel. Neel of Sidney were guests.

urday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m., land and Miss Patty Wedige of according to J. H. Gibbson, sec-Grand Island.

house The space heater has an outside vent. Gerald Grimes, 26, function. No official investigation ed the appliances and found the refrigerator and space heater 'on'' and cook stove "off". He also said he could detect no malfunction. No investigation of the had been conducted up until Wednesday night.

Bruce, 24, is a three-year veteran of the marine corps. He was aboard ship Korea-bound when hostilities ended. During his high school days he lettered three years in both football and basketball.

He was graduated from Chambers high school in 1950. Married in 1955

His wife, Bonita, 19,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Osborn of Burwell, who re-

cently moved from Chambers. The couple was married in of Fremont; Fred Hamilton of wife attended Chambers high

Upon his separation from the marine corps, they established housekeeping at the home place where Bruce is in partnership

Bruce was born November 26, 1932, at Chambers.

Chambers firemen who came Jolly and Emil Adamson. Funeral services were held at to the scene with oxygen helped the Summers funeral chapel at remove the unconscious persons to the scene with oxygen helped to the O'Neill hospital. Ralph The late Carl Kastner Belzer, day, November 5, with Rev. Wes- Adams, Duane K. Miller and Bill Thomson took Bruce; Ed Coday and Tim Reed took the 19-yearold mother to the hospital, and Gerald Grimes took Patsy.

Mr. Coday was at the Grimes

home when the tragedy was dis covered.

Bonita was confused late Wed-nesday and could not recount just what had happened.

Relatives theorized the "inverted" Reaches Africa air pressure condition Tuesday night might have restricted the ventilation in the tiny dwelling. The area was enveloped in fog. received that Mrs. Arvid Erb ar- which moved in around 9 o'clock

It is believed a leak or a mal-

Youth Killed

VERDEL - Funeral services Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wichman nd family were Sunday dimon Edward Moravec, 18, a Bellevue and family were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and

The Moravacs are related to

the Hanzlik families at Verdel.

Jim Gilg Atkinson Gary Holcomb Chambers Farm Demos Tractor and recreation activities as well as school and community activities all contribute to his achievement record

Gilg, **Holcomb**

Win Club Trips

Pair Excels in 4-H

Club Work

Two Holt county youths are

among the 31 Nebraska 4-H club

members named winners of trips

year only one farm demonstrator

Last year Jim's sister, Mary Claire, was selected for the hon-

jects in addition to being active

in all other 4-H activities. Pub-

lic speaking, junior leadership

or. Their topic last year was "making a picnic table." Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clar-nce Gilg of Atkinson, has how

December 1-5 in Chicago, Ill.

eams.

meeting.

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Wood

Survivors include: Widower-

John; son-Ronald Edward of

orother.

Joseph's Hall in Atkinson. Gary Holcomb, 18, is the son

CHAMBERS — Veterans day the University of Nebraska. Gary ferent times during the day. sored by the American Legion standing record and activities in College Duo Feted

His 10-year membership in the hand to enjoy the roast turkey public speaking, recreation, lead-and also the Old Farm House ership and community service. the Wesleyan Methodist church Mrs. Ill.

son of Chambers has a meditation years of club work.

booklet for December 19. This is To Omaha-

Quartette which entertained dur-ing dinner. Film was shown and school and church activities, all Miss Faye Rutherford and Miss

program and turkey supper, spon-

post 320, was reported by those tractor clubs. participating, as a "big success". In spite of sickness in the com- 212 South Fork club have been munity a large turnout was on filled with activities including

a dance and show in the evening. of which contribute to a fine Marilyn Terrill, who were home on

"The Upper Room" devotional

LuAnn Fritton of Omaha; Mr.

Jim who is 16, is a senior at St.

'Big Success' of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb Persons will register at the C of Chambers. He is a freshman of C office for the turkeys, which

