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Miss Sparrow . . . "number please" is silenced at Orchard. She was telephone operator at Brunswick before taking over at Orchard 15 years ago. (Story on page 12.)—The Frontier Photo.

## Accident Claims 3rd Member of Family

### Gottlieb Braun, 79, Burial at Atkinson

### To U.S. from Russia in 1905

ATKINSON—Gottlieb Braun, 79, retired Atkinson farmer, died at 12:30 a.m., Saturday, December 28, in Atkinson Memorial hospital where he had been a patient about three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, December 30, at the Seger funeral chapel. Two members of the Saints religious group from Fremont officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Six grandsons were pallbearers—Richard Braun of Atkinson, Donald Braun of Bassett, Lennie Disterhaupt of Atkinson, Harold Turpin of Council Bluffs, Ia., George Kahler of Lincoln and Vilas Braun of Creighton.

The late Mr. Braun was born February 2, 1878, at Ruskak, Russia, a son of Carl and Anna Maroney Braun.

He married Anna Marie Bumgart at Ruskak, August 5, 1898. The couple and one daughter, Mollie, immigrated to the United States in 1905, living several years in the Humphrey locality.

In 1916 the Braun family moved to Holt county, residing on several different farms until 1936, when the parents moved into Atkinson.

His wife died July 4, 1938.

On March 12, 1940, at O'Neill he married Rozelle Johnson.

Survivors include: Widow—Rozelle; sons—Fred, Jacob, Theodore, Hans and Ben, all of Atkinson; Edward of Creighton; daughters—Mrs. John (Mollie) Ross of Mercer, Mo.; Mrs. Frank (Ida) Disterhaupt of Atkinson; Mrs. Henry (Pauline) Kahler of Lincoln; Mrs. William (Lucy) Ziska of Atkinson; Mrs. Marvin (Hannah) Focken of Princeton, Mo.; 49 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Nellie, died at the age of five.

### Correction

In Gambles advertisement on page 3, Haddon Hall muslin sheets, 81 x 108, full size, fitted bottom sheets, read \$1.72 per. The item should read \$1.72 each.

### Tired of Plowing Furrows?

## Land Bids Soon to Be Posted

Assume you are a Holt county farmer. You'd like to continue living on the old homestead, but you're tired of plowing those furrows and cultivating that corn. Well, you might deposit your entire farm in "pilot" plan of the federal soil bank.

Government officials describe in detail for the first time the new experimental program offering just such an opportunity.

Under the plan the farmer makes the government an offer—the amount of money he would want to retire all his crop land. If the government likes the offer, it is accepted.

Nebraska is one of four states in which the experiment will be tried. The others, as announced in Washington recently by Agriculture Secretary Earl B. Browder, are Tennessee and Maine.

**Details Outlined**

Details were outlined in Lincoln at a conference presided over by Thomas E. Hamilton, deputy director of the United States department of agriculture's soil bank division, and C. Ely Wickham, chief of the conservation reserve branch of the soil bank division.

Here's how the plan will work. Nebraska farmers will have until January 31 to make their offers. The bids will be submitted to county agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) offices, then be forwarded February 1 to state (ASC) head-

quarters for analysis. State and federal officials will decide, after examining the bids, how high a price per acre shall be the maximum. All bids under the maximum then will be accepted.

Farmers will be notified by February 15 whether their bids have been accepted or rejected. If the bid, if accepted, becomes binding on the farmer.

**5 or 10 Years**

The contract will run either five or 10 years and the cropland deposited will have to be put to conservation use as is any land placed in the regular conservation reserve. Only tilled land (1957) is considered.

The land may be planted to grass or trees, may be used for wildlife habitat or for water storage, or a combination of the uses.

Under no circumstances is a tenant to be displaced involuntarily because of the program, Wickham said. County ASC committees will have to be assured that this requirement is complied with.

Similarly, the county committee will have to be assured that the owner of the land has not purchased it merely for purposes of depositing it in the soil bank.

The new program merely supplements the present soil bank program which will continue in the state, Wickham said.

While the present program has

taken six million acres of farm land in the United States out of production, it does not inherently provide for the retirement of the operator or his machinery. It still leaves the farmer in business. The new experimental program enables the farmer to get out of the business altogether.

**Big Is Feature**

Principal new feature in the entire farm banking plan is the bid arrangement under which the farmer makes the offer.

Under the conservation reserve program in Nebraska, the payment rate has been \$10 per acre, although ranging between \$7 and \$11 depending on locality involved.

Some Holt-Boyd observers seriously question if good land will be put into the "pilot" plan, which is intended to reduce production. If so-called poorer land is signed the ag output won't be changed much.

County ag officials will fix an index on the value of land (with improvements, location and other features considered). If the sealed bid is below the committee-fixed value, the bid will be accepted, if the bid is excessively high the farmer will be automatically excluded.

A Lincoln source said an estimated 20,000 Nebraska farmers would sign.

Holt ag officials have not been thoroughly briefed on the program.

## Held-Cook Action Is Dismissed

### Judge Jackson Pules No Malice Shown by Rancher's Arrest

The publicized William ("Bill") Held vs. Herman Cook trial, which was on and of last month, at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday was dismissed by directed verdict of District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh.

Judge Jackson, whose own district embraces Antelope, Knox, Madison, Stanton, Pierce, Wayne and Cuming counties, ruled after a day and a half of testimony, cross-examination and argument that:

1. The plaintiff (Held) failed to prove malice was a factor when Cook, Held's neighbor, signed a complaint causing Held's arrest.

2. The plaintiff failed to show sufficient evidence on the question of "lack of probable cause."

The Holt county district court room was filled to capacity at 9 a.m., Monday when the jury trial began and a slightly smaller crowd was on hand for Tuesday's proceedings.

Held was seeking 50-thousand-dollar damages to reputation and credit by virtue of Cook's complaint. The complaint, which Cook signed from his hospital bed, charged that Held had assaulted him in Held's pasture late in the day on December 2, 1956.

Held and Cook are neighbors in the Chambers locality.

Judge Jackson, in directing the verdict on legal grounds, dismissed the case which was never turned over to the jury.

### Claims Held Attacked

Cook testified Held attacked him and beat him. He disclaimed knowledge of signing the complaint at the hospital and subsequent events. Held, through family and friends, testified he was not in the vicinity at the time Cook was hurt.

Cook suffered facial injuries, concussion, fractured collar bone, and chest injuries.

Judge Jackson, in dismissing the case, found no malice in Cook's complaint.

The plaintiff's attorney, Arthur O. Auserod of Bartlett and Elmer Rakow of Neligh, have 10 days in which to file a motion for a new trial. There was corroboration speculation the plaintiff might appeal to the Nebraska supreme court.

Julius D. Cronin of O'Neill was Cook's counsel.

Witnesses subpoenaed by Held and heard Monday were County Judge Louis W. Reimer, Mr. Held, Kenneth Hunt, Charles Coolidge, Thomas Lambert, Ned Alderson, G. E. Miles, Carroll W. Stewart, Tuesday County Attorney William W. Griffin, Wayne Mattern, County Sheriff Leo Tomjack, Mrs. Minnie Damm, Doris Held, Ray Hoffman and Virginia Neeman.

Cook's witnesses Monday were Mr. Cook, his wife, Dr. Lanex W. Wilson; Tuesday—Gay, Wintermote and Bob Strong.

Members of the jury were: Emma Richter, Alvin Wedge, Clare Enbody, Mrs. Helen Burival, John Kramer, Edward Crowl, Clarence Brennenman, Mrs. Francis Musil, M. L. Spence, Byrl Beck, C. E. Jones and William Derickson, sr.

### Longtime Keya Paha Attorney Is Dead

SPRINGVIEW—Ross Ampsoker, 83, longtime attorney here and former state legislator, died Sunday evening, December 29. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 2, at Springview.

The late Mr. Ampsoker was born November 18, 1874, at Villisca, Ia. He was educated in Keya Paha county and was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1903.

He married Getha McKee November 14, 1906 at Bonesteel, S.D.



William Held (left) sought 50-thousand-dollar damages from Herman Cook (right) in unusual trial. Held charged Cook caused him to be arrested falsely.—The Frontier Photo.



Florence L. O'Neill, 75, widow of the late John O'Neill, died Saturday, December 28, in Omaha.



Court Reporter Ted McElhaney (left) and District Judge Lyle C. Jackson of Neligh . . . studied motions during recess of the Held vs. Cook trial.—The Frontier Photo.



Japanese Student Toshiro Isa, a Nebraska Wesleyan university in Lincoln, spoke at Sunday morning and evening services at First Methodist church and has been a guest this week at the Held, Arnold, Claire Engdahl, Neil Dawes and Grant Peacock homes. He left Tuesday morning for Lincoln.

## Who'll Be No. 1 in the New Year?

### Former Holt Farm Woman Dies at 75

### Florence L. O'Neill Rites in Omaha

ATKINSON—Mrs. Florence L. O'Neill, 75, widow of the late John O'Neill, died Saturday, December 28, in Omaha.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Monday, December 30, in St. Cecilia's Catholic cathedral in Omaha.

A brief rite was conducted at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, at Seger's funeral chapel and burial was made in St. Joseph's cemetery with Rev. Robert Morocco officiating. Pallbearers were Arthur Regal, Eli McConnell, Frank Prusa, Albert Lemmer, Joseph Judge and Lloyd James.

The late Mrs. O'Neill was born March 18, 1882 at Sutton, the daughter of Thomas and Alice Dean Smith.

She married Mr. O'Neill in 1903 at Sutton. The couple lived for a time at Fairfield before coming to Atkinson in 1907. The O'Neills farmed a number of years eight miles north of Atkinson, but lived on a small tract of land a quarter of a mile north of town at the time of Mr. O'Neill's death in 1937.

Mr. O'Neill did commercial grain threshing.

Following her husband's death she moved to Omaha.

Survivors include: Daughters—Miss Alice, Mrs. George (Mary) White, Mrs. John (Grace) Sheehan and Mrs. Phillip (Florence C.) Gere, all of Omaha; sons—Jerry of Omaha, Raymond of Norfolk, Va., and Vernon of San Diego, Calif.; 13 grandchildren.

### None Hurt in Forced Landing

BASSETT—A four-passenger aircraft bound from Tracy, Minn., for Denver, Colo., ran out of gas and crashed-landed Thursday night. No one was injured.

Theodore Nixon, 24, of Denver, a Lowry air base electronics instructor, was pilot. Hed said he was attempting to make Ainsworth with which he had established radio contact. With him were his wife, Marie, 22, and their two daughters, Kathy, 2½, and Gloria, 18-months-old.

### Leonard Mumanus Dies

LEONARD MUMANUS DIES—Leonard Mumanus, 50, who had been away from here 20 years and whose whereabouts was unknown, died Friday in San Francisco, Calif. He was unmarried. Survivors include: Sisters—Mary and Genevieve.

### James B. Carl, 80, Expires at Butte

James Benjamin Carl, 80, a retired farmer, died at 6 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, at the Louis Pesicka farm north of Butte. He had been ill 18 months.

Funeral arrangements, which will be charge of Biglin's, are incomplete.

Mr. Carl was born November 15, 1877 at McCallsburg, Ia., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carl. The family came to Holt county from Missouri in 1898 and homesteaded south of O'Neill.

Mr. Carl married Josephine Barbara Bures at O'Neill, November 28, 1904. Four children, one son and two daughters, were born to them.

He was preceded in death by one of children.

Survivors include: Widow—Josephine; son—John Carl of Winner, S. D.; daughters—Mrs. Fred Bazelman of O'Neill; Mrs. Vernon Davis of Inman; brother—Jake of Missouri; sister—Mrs. Byrd Siler of Tonkawa, Okla.

### Birmingham Family Sailing for Orient

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and three daughters, the Misses Mary Louise, Barbara and Marde, will sail from San Francisco, Calif., Tuesday, January 7, aboard the SS Lurline on a South Seas Orient tour.

They will visit the following ports: Papeete, Nukualofa, Suva, Auckland, Wellington, Sidney, Port Moresby, Bali, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Hong Kong, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

Their Auckland address will be in care of Henderson & MacFarlane, 56 Quay st. The family will reach Singapore February 15 and may be reached in care of the SS Lurline, American President Lines, Union Building, Collyer Quay, Singapore.

The tour will end March 19 with arrival at San Francisco.

Arrangements for the tour were completed by Mrs. Birmingham's husband, the late Mr. Birmingham, who had contemplated the trip but death interceded in October.

### Presbyterians to Meet with Ware

A congregational dinner and meeting will be held Sunday evening, January 5, at First Presbyterian church. The dinner will be at 6:30 o'clock.

Rev. Robert Ware of Norfolk will moderate the meeting at which time a replacement for Rev. Olen C. Kennel will be discussed.

### Delay, Damage Slows TV for O'Neill

Two important items in connection with O'Neill's community TV project have not yet arrived, Kenneth Werner of Chambers, project engineer and contractor, said late Tuesday. Lack of the transmitting antennas and receiving antennae wire. Concrete bases have been readied for the towers, which will go up immediately upon receipt of wire. Amplifiers are here. Some equipment, however, was damaged in shipment between the factory and the Minneapolis, Minn., supplier.

Werner said if the missing and replacement items are received within a few days the improved reception here might be a reality within a week.



Christ Lutheran church (above) has been one of the major construction projects in O'Neill during the past year. First Presbyterian church parishoners built a Fellowship hall, kitchens, study, choir rooms and Sunday-school classrooms (below) as another major improvement. (See editorial, "Looking Ahead with Confidence" on page 2.)—The Frontier Photos.



## John Pribil Succumbs in Hospital

### Native of County; Funeral Set for Thursday Morning

John F. Pribil, 66, retired O'Neill farmer and a lifelong resident of this community, died at 7:45 p.m., Monday, December 29, in St. Anthony's hospital.

He was the parents of three children Monday, December 16, and never showed much improvement.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Thursday, January 2, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Rosary will be said at Biglin's funeral chapel Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The late Mr. Pribil was born May 15, 1891, at O'Neill, a son of Frank and Mary Chermek Pribil. He was reared on the homestead about nine miles southwest of here.

**Married at Omaha**

On May 29, 1917, at Omaha he married Marie Korinek. They became the parents of three children. His wife died May 29, 1940, at Atkinson on September 22, 1952, he married Margaret Allen.

Mr. Pribil lived on the homestead for many years. He retired several years ago.

The late Mr. Pribil was a member of St. Patrick's church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Annie his twin sister, and Mrs. James (Mary) Peters of O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widow—Margaret; son—Joseph B. of Osborne, Mo.; daughters—Mrs. Floyd (Grace) Wilson of O'Neill and Mrs. J. L. (Ruth) Murphy of Sioux City; brother—Casper of O'Neill; sisters—Mrs. Frances Erychleb of Denver, Colo., Mrs. John (Hattie) Shoemaker and Mrs. Josephine Stewart, both of O'Neill.

### Couple Unhurt

A Wisconsin couple escaped unhurt Friday morning when their westbound car struck a bridge 2½ miles east of O'Neill on U.S. highways 20-275. Arnold S. Thompson and his wife of Iowa, Wisc., had been attempting at driving. The husband apparently fell asleep and his machine hit the bridge. Damage was estimated by State Patrolmen Robert Gude at four hundred dollars.

### Weather Summary

Several inches of snow fell here Monday. Little snow fell north of here. Summary:

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December 24	44	21
December 25	40	25
December 26	49	14
December 27	42	32
December 28	49	14
December 30	31	08
December 31	14	-5

### Auction Calendar

Friday, January 3: Quarter-section of Holt county land, one-half mile east of Emmet and six miles north, known as A. V. Forsberg estate land; Col. Ed Thors of O'Neill, auctioneer-broker.

Saturday, January 11: Wilmer E. Sedivy, who lives two miles east of Monowi and one mile south, will sell 48 head of cattle, including 28 choice Angus breeding cows, 40 hogs, hay, grain, full line of Ferguson, Dearborn and other equipment, household goods; Lester Pearson and Marvin Larson, auctioneers; O'Neill National Bank, clerk.

Wednesday, January 15: John O'Connell, one mile west of Emmet and one mile north, complete closetout, fine line of farm machinery, hay and feed, household goods; Col. Wallace O'Connell, auctioneer. (Details next issue.)

Friday, January 17: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lieswald & Son, who are quitting the farm, will offer their highly-improved 160-acre farm, including irrigation unit, 15 cattle, machinery and equipment at auction on premises, four miles east of Chambers and 4¼ miles south; Col. Wallace O'Connell, auctioneer; Col. Vernon Bronstad, auctioneer-broker; Col. Merle Grossnicklaus, auctioneer; Chambers State Bank, clerk. (Full details next issue.)

Tuesday, January 28: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen will hold a farm closeout. Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill and Lester Pearson of Spencer, auctioneers; First National Bank of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in subsequent issues.)

Monday, February 17: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gifford of Dorsey, will offer 200 acres of pasture land, running water, located in Paddock township and personal property, on premises; Col. Lester Pearson of Spencer, auctioneer; O'Neill National Bank, clerk. (Details in subsequent issues.)