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## Cynthia Marie Wins Holt's '58 Baby Derby

Weighing a healthy 7 pounds 7 1/4 ounces, Cynthia Marie Sytle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sytle, jr., of O'Neill, became Holt county's first-born of 1958.

And Cynthia will receive a host of gifts in a shower arranged by The Frontier in cooperation with leading O'Neill merchants.

She was born at 4:15 a.m., Friday, January 3, in Adolphus hospital. Luckily she arrived when she did, because two other babies were born the same day in the same hospital.

**Dark Hair**

Contest raised the baby had to be born within the confines of the county.

Cynthia, with an abundance of dark hair and a pony tail, posed for The Frontier photographer when she was but a few hours old. She was interviewed, too, for Saturday's "Voice of The Frontier" (WJAG, 780 kc), giving with lusty cries when her toes were tweaked.

There was speculation a-plenty the parents had hoped their baby would be a boy (there are two older girls, Judy, 10, and Gwendolyn, 4). But Cynthia scooped indignantly, and announced into the microphone she was a hale and hearty, her eyes are blue.

## Mrs. W. H. Block Burial at Grimton

**Resident of Boyd Past 5 Years**

SPENCER—Mrs. W. H. Block, who lived on a farm in the Walnut locality of Knox county for many years before retiring five years ago, died Saturday, January 4, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

She had been hospitalized only a few hours.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, at Immanuel Lutheran church in Spencer with Rev. John Rath, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Grimton cemetery, north of Orchard, under direction of the Jones funeral home of Spencer.

Mrs. Block and her husband retired from the Walnut farm in 1953 and went to Anoka to make their home with a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Boettcher.

Survivors include: Widower; William A. Maquokata, Ia., Hermon of Orchard; Fred C. of DuBoque, Ia.; Berthold F. of Valentine; daughters—Mrs. Wayne (Anna) Bauger of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mrs. John (Fred) Lux of Valentine; and Mrs. Oscar (Selma) Boettcher of Anoka, numerous grandchildren.

**Hynes, Minton Appeal to State Board**

The Nebraska state liquor control commission Tuesday set a hearing for Wednesday, January 22, for Jeanne Hynes and Lawrence Minton, on their appeal from the action of the O'Neill city council recommending denial of application for a retail beer license.

Hynes and Minton have sought to have a downtown license (Ralph McElvain) transferred to them in a west O'Neill location.

**EMMET—Mrs. G. Owen Cole** entertained at a luncheon last Thursday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Milton Boek, of Burlington, Ia.

**Roger Bennett New Conoco Agent Here**

Roger Bennett, formerly of Ewing is the new Conoco agent at O'Neill succeeding James Storms, who has returned to his hometown of Winner, S.D.

Storms has been agent here more than two years.

Bennett worked a number of years with the Rocky firm of Ewing, Conoco agent there, and has a wide acquaintanceship in the county.

Storms will become agent at Winner.

**Held Files Motion for New Trial**

A motion for a new trial was filed this week by William ("Bill") Held, who last week saw his 50 thousand-dollar damage suit against a neighbor, Herman Cook, dismissed in Holt county district court.

District Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh dismissed the case, while being heard by a jury, when he ruled no malice had been shown by Cook when he (Cook) had held arrested in December, 1956, following an alleged incident in a pasture.

The judge said the plaintiff, who alleged damage to credit and reputation by virtue of Cook's complaint, failed to prove "lack of probable cause".

**Amelia Pair Entering Service**

AMELIA—Hale Kennedy and Dale Doolittle will leave Tuesday, January 14, to be inducted in the armed services. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, jr., gave a farewell party in their honor Sunday evening, December 29. Both boys had been formerly employed on the Peterson ranch.

**Wins Dakota County Baby**

Dixie Lynn Weyrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Weyrich of Sioux City and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weyrich of O'Neill was the first baby born in Dakota county in 1958.

Little Dixie was born Friday, January 3, and weighed 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

O'Neill High Girls Going to Atkinson—O'Neill high girls will journey to Atkinson Friday for a volleyball game.

Final semester ends Friday, January 17. Final test will be given Thursday and Friday, January 16-17.

**Mrs. D. W. Gemmill Expires in Wyoming**

EWING—Funeral services for Mrs. D. W. Gemmill, 84 of Lander, Wyo., formerly of Ewing, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 4, at the Methodist church here.

Word of her death was received by friends in Ewing, Tuesday, December 31. Mrs. Gemmill suffered a broken hip in a fall Saturday, December 21.

She made her home with her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Minshall, at Lander but Ewing was her home for many years. While active and in good health, she participated in the work of the Methodist church of which she was a member, and in affairs of the community.

Mrs. Gemmill was preceded in death by her husband and an infant son.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Rex Minshall; son—Ray; grandson—David Minshall, all of Lander.

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**McConnell HURT**

Larry Gene McConnell was hurt and hospitalized briefly after his car struck a bridge on U.S. highway 281 a half-mile south of O'Neill. The accident occurred at 1 a.m., Thursday while McConnell was southbound, headed for home. The front end of the machine was smashed. He was alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shellhase and family of Atkinson spent new year's day at the home of Keith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shellhase.

## 80-Year Resident Succumbs

**Mrs. Anna Thoendel Pioneer in Cache Creek Community**

EWING—Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 4, at St. Peter's Catholic church here for Mrs. Anna Thoendel, 88, a resident of this community nearly 80 years and a gold star mother.

She died Wednesday, January 1, in Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh after being hospitalized almost three weeks. She had been in failing health nearly two years.

Rev. Peter Burke, church pastor, officiated at the requiem high mass. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Clarence Gallenz, Carroll Donaghue, Joe John Thoendel, Jerome Thoendel, Ronald Thoendel and Frankie Thoendel. In charge of flowers were Mrs. Dave Burk and Mrs. Frank Hawk.

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**Born in Germany**

Anna Cracker, oldest daughter of Carl and Victoria Cracker, was born January 30, 1870, in Germany.



Mrs. Thoendel . . . mother of 13 children.

She came to this country at the age of seven with her parents and two younger sisters, making their home for about two years at Columbus.

The family then moved onto a homestead along Cache creek, southwest of Ewing, where she continued to make her home until her fatal illness.

She was married to Joseph Thoendel October 27, 1891. They became the parents of 13 children. The Thoendels celebrated their golden anniversary in 1946.

For several years she also maintained a home in Ewing while her children were attending high school.

**Active in Church**

Mrs. Thoendel was an active member of the Christian Mothers society and she belonged to the Saunders unit of the American Legion auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, who died January 28, 1946; by one son, 2 1/2, Victor Thoendel, a B-17 flying officer with the Eighth air force in England (missing in action two years and officially declared dead in August, 1945); by three children, who died in infancy and by one sister, Mrs. Bertha Bauer.

Survivors include: Sons—Joseph and Albert, both of Ewing; Frank of Chadron; daughters—Mrs. Rose Gabriel, Miss Jo Hannah Thoendel and Mrs. Alfred (Theresa) Koch, all of Columbus; Mrs. James (Edith) Donaghue of Fremont; Mrs. Anna Klein and Mrs. Wesley (Helen) Larson, both of Ewing; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Among those attending the funeral were relatives and friends from Columbus, Omaha, Petersburg, Elgin, Hoskins, Chadron, Clearwater and Neligh.

## TV Towers Going Up: One Topples



The camera snapped this picture of television tower number two about to go up. Tower number three fell Wednesday afternoon, cutting a gash in the head of the engineer, Kenneth Werner (hidden left). Robert Scott is shown securing a hook.—The Frontier Photo.

## Former Resident of Inman Dies To Holt County in 1897

INMAN—Funeral services for Estella Mae Goree Johnson were conducted Tuesday, December 31. Rites were held at Fremont with Rev. Max O. McCamley officiating, and at the Methodist church at 2:30 p.m., here with Rev. Lisle Mewmaw, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Inman cemetery under direction of Biglin's.

Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins accompanied by Mrs. L. F. Kopecky at the piano.

Estella Mae Fraka, daughter of Henry and Liza Fraka, was born at Hooper May 12, 1879, and died at a Fremont hospital, Saturday, December 28.

As a young woman she moved with her parents, in a covered wagon, to Cedar Rapids. In about 1897 they came to Inman. She was married to Charles D. Goree November 29, 1900. Eight children were born to this union. Mr. Goree died in 1924.

After the death of Mr. Goree, she moved to Fremont where she made her home for many years. She married William Johnson of Herman in 1945 and in 1949 they moved to Missouri.

In October 1957 she came to Nebraska to visit her children and while here became ill. She was hospitalized at Fremont almost continuously thereafter.

Pallbearers were six of her grandsons, Warren Sherwood, Duane Donald, Duane Summers, Duane Donald, Gordon Goree and Alvin Goree.

Survivors include: Widower—William Johnson of Buffalo, Mo.; daughters—Mrs. Della Runnels of Compton, Calif., Mrs. Ethel Summers of Page, Mrs. Blanche Snook of Columbus; sons—D. Henry Goree of Thornton, Wash.; Charles W. Goree of Fremont; Roy E. Goree of Buffalo, Mo.; Robert M. Goree of Fremont; two stepsons—Alfred Johnson of Omaha, and Elmer Johnson of Flemington, Mo.; 31 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Lena, preceded her in death.

## Channel 13 Might Go Into Operation Friday Evening

Despite a mishap Wednesday afternoon in which one of four television antennae towers crashed to the ground while being erected, half of O'Neill's new community television apparatus is expected to be in operation by Friday night.

Kenneth Werner of Chambers, project engineer, said he is hopeful of having KTIV's signal amplified and being rebroadcast locally on channel 13. KTIV (Sioux City) is the channel 4 station.

The other half of the twin-pick-up-booster relay apparatus was damaged in Wednesday's accident. When repairs are completed, it will pick up KOLN-TV (Lincoln), channel 10, and rebroadcast the programs locally on channel 2.

Two towers were erected Tuesday without a hitch. But when the third was being elevated the next day by Cecil Thornton's crew, the 95-foot tower broke loose from the boom and fell, striking Mr. Werner on the forehead. Several stitches were needed to close the wound. Werner returned to the scene after treatment and Wednesday night was directing work at a blacksmith shop where portions of the damaged tower are being mended.

Werner said if new segments are needed they will be added in a few days, but he is confident half of the system (KTIV's portion) will be in operation in a matter of hours.

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## Eli McConnell Files for Holt Supervisor

Eli McConnell of Atkinson has filed for Holt county supervisor in the Seventh district. He will be a candidate in the 1958 republican primaries.

The Seventh district post is held by Alex Frickel of Atkinson, a republican. Frickel was originally appointed to the board to succeed the late Edward J. Matousek, GOP, who was forced to resign because of his health.

County Clerk Kenneth Waring said McConnell's filing is the first for a county office. Only other filing made here thus far was that of Frank Nelson, seeking reelection as state senator in the 28th legislative district (Holt, Boyd, Rock and Keya Paha counties). Nelson's filing was made a month ago.

Gov. Victor Anderson recently polled state legislators with reference to a special session to study the tax structure. Senator Nelson's vote was "no". Eleven senators favored a special session; 29 were opposed.

## Return from Mead

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tompkins and wife returned Wednesday from a three-day meeting of the Nebraska Peace Officers Association held at North Platte.

## 66-Degree Spread in Week's Weather

Holt countyans enjoyed a spread of 66 degrees of difference in the weatherman's bill-of-fare during the past eight days.

On new year's morning the official reading was three degrees below zero. Yesterday afternoon the mercury climbed to Miami-like 63 degrees.

Weather has been excellent for early January, and a touch of green can be seen in some of the fields and pastures.

Week's summary:

	hi	lo
January 1	30	-3
January 2	21	3
January 3	24	1
January 4	34	3
January 5	48	15
January 6	43	18
January 7	30	0
January 8	63	20

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## Delay at Sea

During the Atlantic crossing with a shipload of immigrants, the vessel lost its propeller and floundered at sea for two weeks before help came. Passengers stowed in the steerage had brought along their own food and rations ran short. The voyage required more than a month.

She went to Hanover, Kans., with a group of other Russian-born immigrants. In 1901 at Hanover she married Dominick Bohn. They moved to Knox county where they leased school land for a time and adopted a daughter, Marie. A few years later they moved to Ewing where Mr. Bohn died in May, 1934.

Nick Bohn of O'Neill made his home with the Bohns at Ewing after he was in his teens. He was a nephew of Dominick Bohn. On October 28, 1945 at Lynch she married Joseph Schollmeyer, a widower who for many years had been a Holt county supervisor. The couple made their home in O'Neill.

## Hurt in Accident

Mrs. Schollmeyer and her husband figured in an auto accident at Danceland corner in 1949 and Mrs. Schollmeyer was seriously hurt.

Mr. Schollmeyer died June 26, 1954.

The late Mrs. Schollmeyer was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church here.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Howard (Marie) Tucker of Central City, who was ill and unable to attend the funeral; sister—Mrs. Margaret Issman of Yankton, S. D.; several nephews and nieces, including Mrs. Clara Schafer of O'Neill, a great-niece.

Among relatives from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. David S. Greep of Hays, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beaumont of Clifton, Tex. Mrs. Greep is a niece of the deceased; Mr. Beaumont, a nephew.

## Jesse T. Harris Discovered Dead

SPENCER—Jesse T. Harris, 71, was found dead at his home on new year's eve.

Relatives and neighbors theorized Mr. Harris died sometime Sunday, December 29.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 4, at the Methodist church in Spencer. Rev. Harold Jensen officiated. Burial was in the Union cemetery at Spencer under the direction of the Jones funeral home.

Pallbearers were Frank Klasmay, Roy Forbes, George Brock Wilkins, Braithwait, Don Erpp and Carl Nelson.

Jesse Thomas Harris was born January 6, 1886, at Union Grove, Ia., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harris. He was married to Mary Luella Huckins at Bartlett March 5, 1906. They became the parents of eight children.

Mr. Harris's wife died in 1951 and one son, Thomas, was killed during World War II.

Survivors include: daughters—Mrs. Nick Berens of Spencer; Mrs. Roy Haney of Butte; Mrs. John Stroh of Monowi and Mrs. James Musselwhite of Tenaha, Tex.; sons—Howard of Spencer; Joseph of Mills and Carl of Worland, Wyo.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; brother—David of South Sioux City; sister—Mrs. Belle Rockwood of Eureka, Calif.

## Brownies Make Kites

Brownie troop 1 met Wednesday at Patsy Davidson's house. Va Ronee Gray was hostess. Joyce Jansing will be the next hostess. They made kites.—By Marlene McManus.

## Minister Dies At 'Y' Pool

**Kirschman, 34, May Have Broken His Neck at Milwaukee**

Funeral services for Rev. Edom Kirschman, 34, former pastor of the Assembly of God church at O'Neill, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m., (MST) Friday, January 10, at Scottshuff at the Assembly of God church there.

The body will lie in state at the Benson funeral home in Scottshuff until the funeral hour.

Services were also conducted at Milwaukee at 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 8.

Reverend Kirschman died Monday, January 6, in the Central YMCA swimming pool at Milwaukee, Wis. He had moved from O'Neill to Milwaukee in July. He had joined the YMCA Monday, He and Rev. Harvey L. Flaherty, 40, pastor of the Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, went swimming. Rev. Kirschman went into the pool. His body was found floating on the water. A rescue squad administered first aid and artificial respiration for 45 minutes but to no avail. It is theorized his neck might have been broken in his jump or dive.

Joseph Lamonte of Milwaukee, deputy county medical examiner, said the young minister's body was seen floating in the water shortly after he jumped in to the deep end of the pool.

Reverend Kirschman was a swimmer and a diver. He was a native of Elgin, N.D.

He was pastor of the Bethel tabernacle in Milwaukee at the time of his death. Prior to coming to O'Neill in the summer of 1955, he served churches in Wood Lake and Aurora.

He was ordained in 1951 in the Nebraska district of the Assembly of God.

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Tri-County Bank, Stuart	1,419,739.19	1,302,730.99	500,138.97
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