



Aboard Jess Is Janice Berney

The George W. Cole three-ring wild animal circus came to town Sunday and played to a large matinee crowd. A handful of children were accorded a special treat when Charles Rex, elephant trainer and acrobat, arranged for Jess, an 8,000-pound 53-year-old female elephant, to hoist kids up over the head complete with boost from the trunk. This is Janice Berney of Orchard and will not too confident of getting down safely. (Other photos, "Kids And No Kids", on page 6.)—The Frontier Photo.

**Mrs. Mary Laney,
Early Settler, Dies
Came to County at
Age of Six**

Mrs. Mary Laney, 85, an early Holt county settler, died at St. Anthony's hospital Friday, June 27, after an illness of 12 days.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 30, at 9 a. m., at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiated. Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Bigler's.

A rosary was recited Sunday evening at the church. Mrs. Laney died two days before her 86th birthday anniversary.

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**O'Neill Visited
by Good Showers**

O'Neill early Wednesday received 1.22 inches of rain accompanied by an intense electrical storm. The showers came on the heels of .07 of an inch received Monday night.

Other rainfall reported early Wednesday: Crestighton and Winnetoon, one inch; Niobrara, .60; Verdigre, nearly an inch.

Clearwater received nearly two inches; Tilden and Neligh, each 1.25; Ewing, 1.10. Rainfall was lighter west of O'Neill and Ainsworth and Valentine reported none. Burwell received a bare sprinkle.

Allen, about 30 miles west of Sioux City, received a five-inch deluge. Laurel received 3.72 inches. There were severe storms at Ponca and Jackson, all in northeast Nebraska.

Petersburg and Albion both received moisture in excess of an inch and the rain there was badly needed.

Page early Wednesday received .40; Brunswick, .06; Osmond, .75.

Mrs. Thomas Zakrzewski, living 21 miles northeast of O'Neill, reported no rain Tuesday night. Several people living northeast coming to town reported they saw no signs of rain until they were three miles north of O'Neill.

Dennis VonSeggren, who lives at Venus, said a good, heavy rain was received there in the early Wednesday hours.

Week's weather summary.

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June 26	76	41	
June 27	89	44	
June 28	98	61	
June 29	99	65	
June 30	99	72	
July 1	94	64	.07
July 2	88	63	1.22

Sunday Guests—
Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mott were Mr. and Mrs. James Eveland of Hope, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Maynard and family of Madras, Ore.

Frontier want ads pay.

**Gabby Hayes Is
O'Neill Visitor**

Gabby Hayes, 73-year-old bewhiskered western movie and television character, pulled into O'Neill late Wednesday, accompanied by a younger brother.

When The Frontier pressed for an interview, Mr. Hayes sent word he was bathing, "dog tired" and "hitting the bed without seeing anybody."

**17.0 Mill Levy Is
Adopted by City**

The O'Neill city council Tuesday night adopted the 17.0 mills tax levy for municipal purposes for the new year. The levy will raise approximately the same amount of money as the 19.3 levy produced last year—an estimated 65-thousand-dollars.

The council decided to advertise for bids for a new police cruiser. The present car is in a garage needing a new crankshaft.

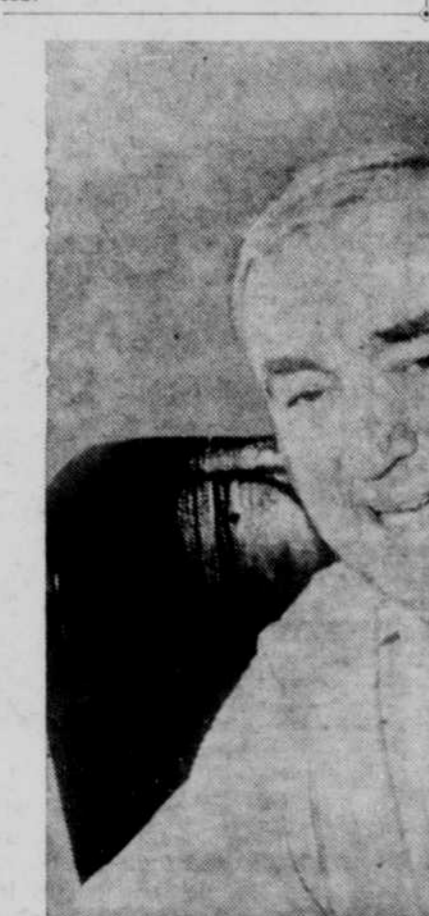
It was reported the new administration building at Municipal airport is now half finished, and it was pointed out the new omnirange radio directional facility at the airport has increased commercial, military and private air traffic considerably. Radio-equipped planes use the omni signals for guidance and checkpoint.

The council entertained a discussion for a drive-in letter-mail box to be erected on East Clay street on the south side of the postoffice, and the council urged to extend streets in North Heights to enable door-to-door mail delivery.

Storjohans Returns
From Trip—
Mr. and Mrs. John Storjohann, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Minnie Higgins, returned Sunday from a trip via Gavins Point through Iowa, where they visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thies. They also visited Don Storjohann and family. They went on to Independence, Mo., where they were guests of the Carl Storjohann family.

Tuesday guests of the Storjohanns were her nephew and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Byron Peterson and two children of Minneapolis, Minn.

LYNCH—Francis Fisher returned to his work at Verdigre after a week's layoff due to the measles.



Herley... new owner is veteran wholesale hardware salesman.

WJAB
"VOICE OF THE FRONTIER"
MON. - WED. - SAT.
9:30 to 9:55 A.M.

**New Owner
for Coyne
Hardware**

**Reed Herley Assumes
Management July 1;
Name Is Retained**

(Photos below.)
An old-established O'Neill business firm Tuesday went under new ownership and management.

Hugh Coyne, 75, announced that the Coyne Hardware store has been sold to Reed Herley of O'Neill.

Mr. Coyne said he had been looking forward for sometime to withdrawing completely from the business and retiring.

He was born and reared on a farm northeast of O'Neill, a son of the late Thomas and Catherine Lewery Coyne, who were Irish immigrants and early pioneers here.

When he was a young man, Mr. Coyne entered into the masonry and construction work at which he was self-employed for 14 years. In 1914 he erected the building which now houses the Coyne store.

Mr. Coyne started his hardware store in 1924 in the original frame building located on the Council Oak store site, owned then by the late Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Gatz. Two years later he expanded the business and moved into his own building.

Mr. Coyne developed the store into one of the largest and most successful independently owned hardware operations in north-central Nebraska.

He and his wife, the former Anna Dwyer, raised three daughters.

In January, 1948, Mr. Coyne admitted a junior partner, Melvin Ruzicka, who formerly managed Gambles here.

In announcing the sale to Herley, Mr. Coyne said he was retaining ownership of the building.

For the past 17 years Mr. Herley has been a traveling sales representative for Knapp & Spencer an old-established wholesale hardware firm at Soux City. He lives here.

Herley served in the air force during World War II and emerged as a captain. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery near the grave of her husband, who died in 1931. Pallbearers were Francis Angus, Robert Kruger, Richard Angus, Dorrance Hobbs, Merle Angus and Robert Mass, all grandsons.

Music at the funeral was provided by Eben Graff and Edward Hoag, singers, accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur Spangler at the organ.

Mrs. Angus, who had been a Ewing resident 20 years, had suffered a long illness.

Elizabeth Louisa Meyer was born January 5, 1883 at Fenimore, Wis., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meyer.

She came to Nebraska in 1900 and lived in the Clearwater, Orchard and Riverside (near Ewing) communities.

In 1901 she was married to Frank Angus.

Mrs. Angus continued to reside on the farm for a time following the death of her husband and in 1937 moved into Ewing where she continued to make her home until two years ago when she went to Madison to live with her daughter, Mrs. James Furley.

She spent 58 years in the Ewing community. Mrs. Angus was a member of the Ewing Methodist church.

Survivors include: Sons—Ray of Neligh; Lloyd of Ewing; Lester of O'Neill; and John of Ewing; daughters—Mrs. James (Buelah) Furley of Madison and Mrs. Marcus (Ruby) Snyder of Ewing; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Jessie Calfie of Frazier, Mont.; Mrs. Julie Points of Amarillo, Tex.; and Mrs. Syrena Maurer of Sebeka, Minn.

The Snider funeral home of Clearwater was in charge.

**Daughters Honored
at Family Affair**

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson entertained at their home Friday in honor of their daughters, Mrs. Louis J. Pautler and sons, Edward and John, of Patterson, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Thornton of Woodland Hills, Calif.

Present, besides the honored guests, were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Benson of Spencer, Elwin and Stanley Benson, both of Omaha; Mrs. Mamie O'Neill, Carroll O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, Gene O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grutsch and Edwin and Maurice Grutsch, all of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nemeec of Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manson attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Honeywell near Wahoo on Sunday; all 10 children and their children were there. In the evening they visited at the Lynn Briggs home in Omaha.

Coyne... leaving business directory but the firm name will continue.—The Frontier Photo.

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**Venus Is Visited—
Champ Hiker Hits 'Planets'**



World's Champ Hiker DeVon Smith... "space flight" takes him to Venus.—The Frontier Photo.

By a Staff Writer
DeVon Smith, 32, is a slightly-built (145 pounds), brown-haired guy who is the self-styled world's champion hitchhiker. Letters emblazoned across the back of his fire-engine red jacket tell part of the story: "Have thumb, will travel!"

Another part of Smith's story was in the making Wednesday morning when he visited the rural community of Venus, north of Orchard (in extreme southwest part of Knox county).

You see, Smith is making a "space flight" and is visiting all the cities, towns and hamlets he knows of that bear names of planets or satellites. After orbiting around these United States via the thumb, he will return to Earth (in Texas, population 600) and will announce to the world that he is the first man to make the "space trip" and return to Earth.

After Venus there is only one more stop on his imaginary flight. It will be Star, Ida., near Boise. He passed up Holt county's Star, he said, because the name had been stricken from the postal records more than a year ago.

He says Star is the name of localities in Oklahoma, Oregon, Alabama and Alberta, Canada, but none of these have a postoffice. He authenticates his stops by having the postmaster plant a postal seal on a large certificate. He has already been to Star, Tex., Star, Miss., and Star, N. C., for official "space stops."

Smith hopes to present the certificate to President Eisenhower after safely returning to Earth.

Art Linkletter of television fame gave DeVon a weekoff and was first to sign the parchment scroll which he carries. The scroll now measures 12 feet in length. Among the signers during Tuesday night's stopover at Orchard, and Wednesday morning's visits at Venus and O'Neill were Lloyd Manske, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Raff and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevens, all of Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Art VonSeggren and Dennis VonSeggren, all of Venus, and The Frontier editor.

Smith pulled into Orchard Tuesday evening and put up at the Stevens home overnight. Wednesday he made his pilgrimage to the tiny community that bears the celestial title of Venus.

Here are some of the cities and towns he has visited, sounding like a page from an astronomer's notebook: Mercury, Tex., Star, Tex., Eros, La., Star, Miss., Sun, La., Jupiter, Fla., Star, N. C., Pluto, W. Va., Moon, Va., Neptune, N. J., Ceres, N. Y., Apollo, Pa., Mars, Pa., Vesta, Minn., Venus, Neb., Star, Ida., and Earth, Tex.

Neptune in Jersey has a population of 15,000 and is the biggest town on the detailed itinerary. Smith announced to Venus people that the Nebraska community was the smallest.

"In fact, it's the smallest place I've ever sought out in nine summers of hitchhiking."

Smith has hiked more than 165-thousand-miles. He works in an automobile assembly plant in Los Angeles, Calif., during winter (Continued on page 6.)



Mrs. Eidenmiller... appears to be making recovery.

**Duane Dempsey, 22,
Killed in Crash**

Korean Veteran Born at O'Neill

Duane Dempsey, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dempsey of Denver, Colo., formerly of O'Neill, was killed Sunday evening, June 29, in an automobile accident near Denver.

The youth was born at O'Neill, and spent a number of years here. In January he returned from Korea where he had served in the armed forces three years.

Relatives here learned no details of the accident except that another passenger in the machine in which Dempsey was riding escaped unhurt.

The young man's father is a brother of Phillip Dempsey of O'Neill. His mother is the former Violet Pinkerman, daughter of James Pinkerman.

Besides the parents, other survivors include a brother, Billy, nine, and a sister, Sally, six.

**Retired Rail Man
Dies at 92—
AMELIA—Word was received here of the recent death of R. W. McGinnis, 92, a resident of Fremont, and a retired railroad agent.**

He owned the ranch, known as the McGinnis ranch, located one mile south east of Amelia and now tenanted by the George Fullerton family.

Mr. McGinnis died Thursday morning, June 26, at a rest home. Survivors include: Son—George of Nickerson; daughter—Miss Jane McGinnis of Beatrice.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 29 at 2:30 in the First Congregational church at Fremont.

JoLee Loffin of El Dorado, Kans., was a Wednesday to Saturday, June 25-29, visitor at the Ralph Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker Jr., and family of Omaha spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker.



New Minister, Family Arrive
The new minister of First Presbyterian church, his wife and their infant son arrived in O'Neill Monday. John Hart is the new pastor. His wife's name is Barbara Ann, and their son is Timothy Scott. He will be ordained at a service to be arranged by the Niobrara Presbytery. The ordination and installation as pastor for the O'Neill and Bethany churches will probably take place later this month.—The Frontier Photo.

**Resident for
45 Years Is
Dead at 75**

**Alice Eidenmiller Is
Hospitalized Three
Weeks After Fall**

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Ely Eidenmiller, 75, a lifelong resident of Nebraska and a resident of O'Neill for 45 years, were held at 11 a. m., Monday, June 30 at the Methodist church. Rev. Robert L. Embree, superintendent of the O'Neill district of the Methodist church officiated.

Burial was at 11 a. m., Tuesday, July 1, at Elmwood cemetery. Biglin's were in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Robert Kurtz, L. M. Merriman, D. E. Baker, W. B. Gillespie, O. E. Davidson and Robert Worth.

Mrs. Eidenmiller died at St. Anthony's hospital Friday, June 27, after being hospitalized for three weeks following a fall, which resulted in a fractured hip.

The hip injury occurred on June 7 and the next day she submitted to surgery. For about a week, relatives said, she appeared to be making recovery and gaining strength. From that point on, however, her condition deteriorated.

She was born in Alvo July 29, 1882, the daughter of William R. and Flora E. Lewis, both residents of Ottawa, Ill. In April 6, 1909, she was married to Ray V. Eidenmiller at Alvo. They came to Holt county in March, 1913. They became the parents of two daughters.

Mr. Eidenmiller died in May 1949. He operated a fleet of commercial trucks here for many years.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. R. E. (Vivian) Moore of O'Neill, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Lloyd (Vivian) Serck of Denver, Colo.; sister—Mrs. E. A. Dimmitt of Long Beach, Calif.; four grandchildren.

**Doctor Sucha
Leaving O'Neill**

Dr. L. M. Sucha, who has been associated with Dr. Rex W. Wilson here for about two years, has announced that he has entered into a partnership agreement with Dr. Howard L. Fenel at Schuyler.

Formalities of the agreement were completed two weeks ago and the effective date is August 1.

One of Schuyler's three medical doctors recently moved to Wayne. Doctor Sucha's moving original will restore the number to three.

The Schuyler Sun last week said: "For Doctor Sucha, located in Schuyler will be more like coming home. He was born in California, county, was graduated from Leigh high school, and attended Midland college at Fremont before taking up the study of medicine."

Doctor Sucha was graduated from the University of Nebraska college of medicine in 1955. He served internship at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, and came to O'Neill in 1956.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Sucha, route 2, Schuyler. His wife is the former Delores Dolez of Iowa. They are the parents of a three-year-old daughter.

O'Neill now has six medical doctors but three are in "poor" health: Dr. J. P. Brown, Dr. L. A. Carter, Dr. O. W. French.

The other three are Doctor Wilson, Dr. W. F. Finley and Doctor Sucha. The latter will be leaving in several weeks.

**Increased Valuations
Told by Tax Board**

Minutes of the Holt county board of equalization in session in June showed the following revisions of actual valuations on business schedules for taxation purposes:

Ready Printing company, Stuart, equipment, from \$834 to \$1,183.

The Frontier, O'Neill, equipment, O'Neill from \$3,194 to \$5,220.

Holt County Independent, equipment, O'Neill, \$6,138 to \$6,628.

O'Neill Drug, O'Neill, equipment, from \$730 to \$1,080.

Johnson Drug, O'Neill, equipment, from \$290 to \$415.

Schultz Drug, Atkinson, equipment, from \$695 to \$1,115.

Gonderinger Motor company, Atkinson, inventory, from \$6,916 to \$9,928.

O'Neill and Auto Supply, O'Neill, inventory, from \$38,377 to \$46,600.

Keating Implement company, Atkinson, inventory, from \$24,376 to \$26,750.

A table of comparisons on real estate and personal property valuations, 1958 and 1957, appear on page 4, showing figures for the various townships.