



Jim Salem (right) serves his uncle, Joe Daas, in Chambers restaurant. Jim recently served 3 1/2 years in Lebanese army.—The Frontier Photo.

Lebanon Soldier Now Holt Businessman

Catherine Hiatt Lifelong Resident

Stroke Is Fatal to O'Neill Woman

Mrs. Catherine Frances Hiatt, 71, a lifelong Holt county resident and the widow of the late Clyde E. Hiatt, died at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 12, in St. Anthony's hospital here. She had been hospitalized three weeks.

Mrs. Hiatt entered the hospital late in June and submitted to surgery June 27. She suffered a stroke Friday, and she died the following day.

Requiem high mass was held at 10 p. m., Tuesday, July 15, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Robert Duffy officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Palbearers were Homer Matting, John Donohoe, Andy Clark, James Holsclaw and Owen E. Davison.

Rosary was recited at 8 o'clock Monday evening at Biglin's funeral home.

The late Mrs. Hiatt was born July 29, 1886, at O'Neill, the daughter of Michael Slattery and Sarah E. McKeown Slattery. Her father was a native of Ireland; her mother was born in Pennsylvania.

Her parents were homesteaders southwest of town on land now known as J. B. Ryan estate land. Improvements on the place have long since been torn down.

On June 12, 1912 at O'Neill she married Mr. Hiatt. They became the parents of two children.

She was a member of St. Patrick's church.

Survivors include: Son—Owen of Ralston; daughter—Mrs. Harry (Arlene) Larsen of O'Neill; brother—Edward Slattery of Wintter, Wis., who was unable to be here for the funeral; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The son, Owen, spent each weekend with his mother while she was in the hospital.

Mother of Four Children Expires

Funeral services for Mrs. Roderick Evans, 46, mother of four children, will be conducted at 2 p. m., today (Thursday) at the Evangelical Reformed church at 7th and Main streets.

Mrs. Evans, who was the former Martha Block of the Walnut community, died Sunday, July 13, in a Norfolk hospital.

She suffered a lingering illness.

Survivors include: Widower—Roderick of Neligh; daughter—Meredyth, 15; sons—Roderick, 13, Richard, 10, and Gene, 8; sister—Mrs. Robert Miller of Star.

Hosses, Here We Come!

10 Caravan Seats Available

Today is O'Neill Frontier day at the Madison races.

Two baskets of horse racing enthusiasts will board sleek air-conditioned Greyhound buses at the Frontier building at noon and set out in a holiday atmosphere for an afternoon at famed Madison Downs.

The Frontier has, like in the past, arranged for a "package deal." For \$5.50 total cost, the caravaners will be provided roundtrip bus fare (regular \$4.40 value). They'll enjoy the best grandstand seats, and will be served a prime ribs of beef dinner (regular \$2.25) following the races at Ye Old Tavern in Norfolk.

Genial Ed Prenger, bossman of the caravan, will be the host. The caravan of chartered buses will head westward from

CHAMBERS—Overnight the diminutive Middle East country of Lebanon became a household word, all because rebel forces threaten the pro-Western government and at nearby Iraq the pro-Western government has been overthrown.

Jim Salem, 27, a native of the young republic of the Arabic world and a 3 1/2 year veteran of the Lebanese army, quietly goes about his business in this sandhills town where he operates a restaurant.

While headlines, telexing and radio blared the invasion of United States marines at Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, this young chap stayed close to his "hashing" chores and greeted and waited on his patrons in business as usual fashion.

Jim's parents, five brothers, three sisters, a number of aunts and uncles and a host of cousins are still in Lebanon. Jim and his cousin, Abdou Salem, came to the United States in May, 1953, when "fresh out" of the Lebanese army.

He is a nephew of the late Tom Salem, who was a prominent and successful Chambers businessman. Joe Daas, a Chambers merchant, is Jim's cousin even though there is a differential in their ages. Joe is 59.

Jim was reared on a farm in the rugged, mountainous land which is bordered by Syria (on the east) and Israel (on the south).

The ancestral home for Jim, Joe and Abdou is Mt. Marone, about 17 miles from Damascus of biblical fame. The Saunto, Syfie, Toy and Salem families, known throughout Holt, all originated in the same general area.

Joe came to the United States in 1914 at a time when Lebanon was a part of the Turkish empire. Mt. Marone is at the border of Syria and Lebanon.

Jim told The Frontier he spent a considerable portion of his military career at Beirut. He was in an armored unit.

"I wouldn't trade anything in Beirut or in any of the other capitals for my little cafe in the town of Chambers," Jim emphasized. He has hopes that one day other members of his family can come to the U. S.

Jim married a Winner S. D. girl, Phyllis Harless, and they are expecting a baby.

Young Salem insists the trouble in Lebanon, inspired by leftists and communists, also has religious background. The rebels generally are uneducated Moslems and they have traditional feeling against Christians, he points out.

Because Moslems and communists are anti-Christian, they have a common feeling against the Lebanese Christians, who have lots of high schools, colleges, (Continued on page 6.)

Norfolk following the dinner for the return to O'Neill.

An extra bus had to be ordered and late bookings will be accepted this morning at The Frontier office (cash with order). It appeared late Wednesday there would be bus accommodations for 10 or more caravaners.

Enroute to Madison the carefree caravaners will pull up in front of WJAG's new radio building at Norfolk where Evans Meier and Don Broadstone and their wives will board. Meier and Broadstone are WJAG staffers. They'll have carnations for the ladies, pocket protectors for the men, and neatly sharpened pencils for everyone.

Buses will stop to and from Madison at Inman, Ewing and Clearwater in the event caravaners wish to board or leave the buses at those points.

Secretary Earl Moyer of the Madison County Agricultural society, which sponsors the races, said there would be an O'Neill purse and O'Neill's Mayor D. C. Schaffer, who will be in the bus group, will make the presentation.

The buses will reach Madison Downs in ample time for trips to the daily double parimutuel workouts.

Arrive from Texas—

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Waggoner of Houston, Tex., visited recently with Mrs. Waggoner's relatives at Butte and with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilligan here. Mr. Waggoner formerly was a pharmacist at Gilligan Rexall drug.

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West-Holt Resident 79 Years Dies

Gilman V. Davis, 87, to Homestead Near Atkinson in 1878

STUART—Gilman V. Davis, 87, who farmed 1 1/2 miles east of Stuart for many years, died Sunday, July 13, at the Stuart Rest Haven where he had resided the past 2 1/2 years.

He had been in failing health for several months. Death was caused by complications of his advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Wednesday, July 16, at the Community church here with Rev. Harold Young of Stuart officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson near the grave of his wife, Jennie. The Seger funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. William Schorn and Mrs. Jay Jungman of Atkinson sang; Mrs. Mark Nelson was accompanist.

Palbearers were Herman Kramer, Arthur Kopp, Clarence Johnson, Walter Smith, Paul Kunz and Joseph Kramer.

The late Mr. Davis was born November 12, 1871, at Mazeppa, Minn. He was one of 13 children of the late James Davis and Arina Wyman Davis.

He came to Stuart with his people 79 years ago. He was a child of seven at the time. His parents settled on a homestead 4 1/2 miles southwest of Atkinson on what is now known as the Joe Milnar place.

Mr. Davis was reared there and attended school at the John Nightengale home. This was before districts were formed and Mr. Nightengale was the teacher.

He was married to Jennie Weekly of Bellevue December 25, 1901. She had lived for a time with her parents in Holt county but the family "sold out" about the turn of the century and returned to Bellevue. The Weekly-Davis nuptials were performed at Bellevue.

The Weekly family had lived on what is now known as the Joe Roche place near Atkinson. The newlyweds began house-keeping 2 1/2 miles southwest of Atkinson on a farm and lived there 12 years. They lived at Newport 1 1/2 years and then moved to Stuart. After a short time they moved onto the place east of Stuart where they continued to reside many years.

Following the death of his wife in 1951, Mr. Davis retired from the farm.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and by 11 of his 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: Sons—Marion of Stuart; Ray of Des Moines, Ia., and Fernie of Atkinson; daughter—Mrs. Arthur (Winnie) Weber of Bassett; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers—Ira of Carnation, Wash.

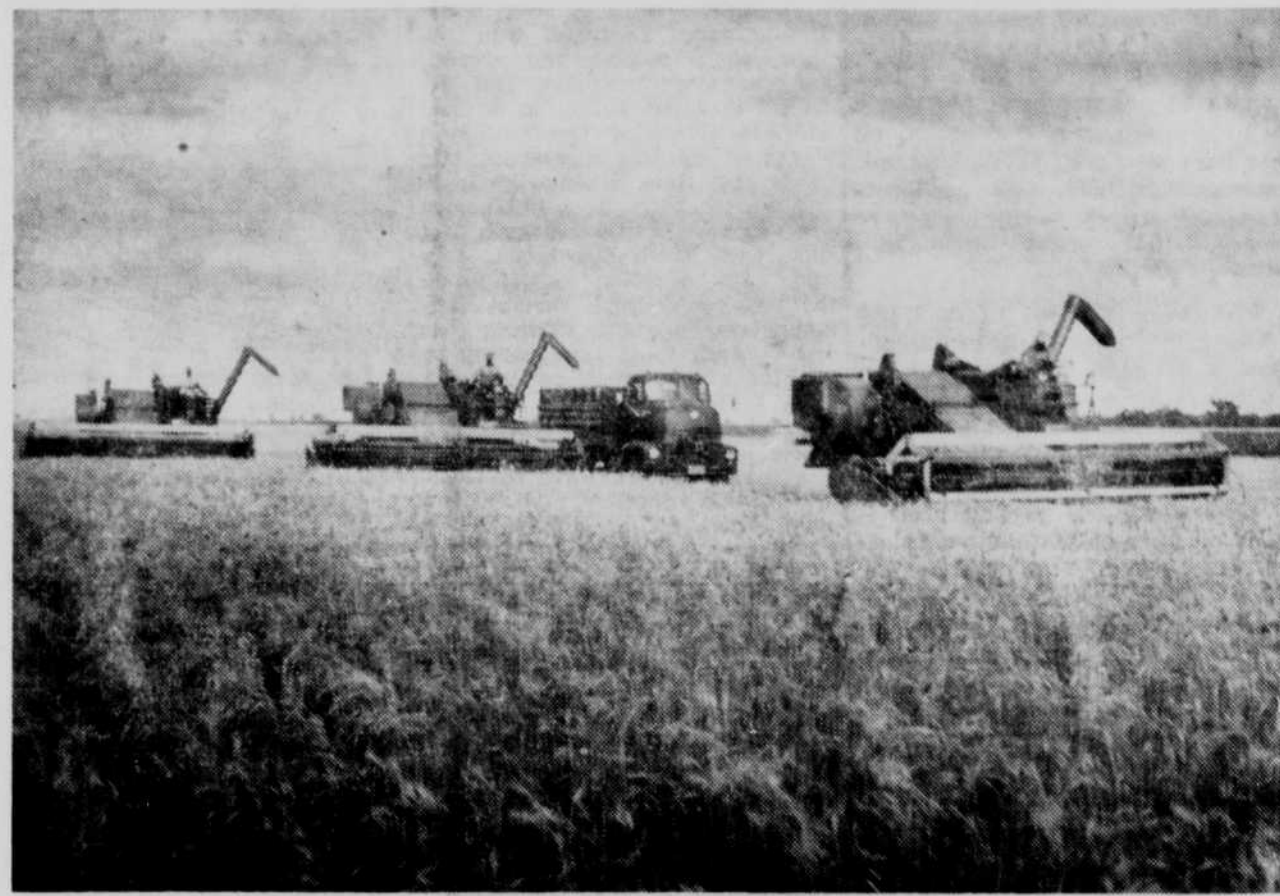
Out-of-town people here for the funeral included:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lueckendorf of West Point; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meisinger of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Sert Hutton of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dickerson of Butte; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Rayermer of Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelley of Atkinson; Mrs. Hazel Purtzner of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Davis of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Gertrude and Roy Boham of Bassett.

Robert Cunningham, night operator at the Chicago & North Western station here more than two years, will go to Pilger as the rail station agent. His job here was eliminated with the removal of the passenger trains.

The Country club bridge session will be held Wednesday evening, July 23, starting at 7:30. Mrs. Winnie Barger is chairman.



Tempo quickens in the small grain harvest fields in north-central Nebraska. Here the Burivals are combining wheat averaging 25 bushels per acre. The field is north of town.—The Frontier Photo.



This is the overturned REA truck in which James Mahon, 23, only occupant, escaped with leg. The truck and a car collided near Inman.—The Frontier Photo.

4 Escape Death at 'Blind' Corner Truck, Car Collide Near Inman

For persons narrowly escaped death about 4:30 p. m. Friday at a county road intersection about one mile northwest of Inman.

James M. Mahon, 23, employee of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation (NEA), was driving southbound alone in a 1953 Chevrolet pickup.

Mrs. Ambrose (Ruth) Borgmeyer of Inman and her two children were eastbound in a 1951 Ford.

Reaching the intersection at the same time, the front of the passenger car was completely demolished and the machine was facing north when it came to a stop in the intersection.

The truck overturned once and continued 131 feet from the point of impact, coming to rest upside down. Mahon was pinned in the cab.

Mrs. Borgmeyer, suffering only a shoulder injury, walked to the Chudomelka station a half-mile south to summon help.

Mahon suffered a badly fractured leg and he was transferred that night from St. Anthony's hospital to St. Joseph's in Sioux City.

With Mrs. Borgmeyer, who had been to O'Neill seeking employment, were July 12, and Jimmy, five. They were unhurt.

Mr. Borgmeyer was working for Leo Harte in a hayfield nearby. The Borgmeyers have lived in the community about a year.

Tools and equipment from the REA truck were strewn along the road.

Both vehicles were totally wrecked according to Patrolman Robert Gude, who investigated.

The fracture in Mahon's leg Tuesday was reduced by surgeons.

Mrs. A. E. Stevens Dies in California

Mrs. A. E. (Fannie) Stevens, former Fannie Warner, daughter of the late Zeb Warner, oldtime implement and hardware dealer, died recently at Roseville, Calif., where she lived.

Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. L. W. (Elizabeth) Tagger of Danneberg, who went to California; brothers—Roy, John, and Fred of California.

Little Dale Ventscher of Norfolk visited from Sunday to Tuesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sausser.



What remains of the Borgmeyer car after collision with truck. Mrs. Borgmeyer and two children by a split-second escaped fatal injury.—The Frontier Photo.

Wheat: 36-Bu. Per

(Photo on top on page 1.)

Combines are whirring in the O'Neill region and scores of the big harvesting machines and their crews are migrating northward with the ripening of the grain.

On Burial land north of here The Frontier cameraman snapped this lineup with Donald Burival driving the combine at far left, Frank Burival, jr., center outfit, Clifford Burival is operating the truck and Frank Burival, sr., is driving the machine at right.

The three machines were harvesting wheat that was averaging 25 bushels to the acre. Each combine cuts a 16-ft. swath and each holds 60 bushels.

The Burivals, largescale operators, were hauling off the grain in three trucks. The picture was taken in a field south of the Matthews farm and across the intersection from the district 37 school.

Short Work

Burivals are making short work of the harvest with their big machines, averaging a quarter section per day. They began Saturday. The grain last week had relatively high moisture content but by Wednesday it was "nice and dry".

Marvin Clouse, who lives four miles northeast of O'Neill, may have established a modern wheat production record on a 15-acre non-irrigated field. His wheat in that field averaged 36 bushels. Wednesday he said the moisture was 15 percent.

Week's weather summary:

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July 10	81	57	T
July 11	81	55	.61
July 12	85	55	
July 13	82	60	.38
July 14	78	63	
July 15	75	55	
July 16	78	55	
Total			.99

Guests Here—

Mrs. Sophia Wilson and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James D. DeWesse, of Ft. Landerdale, Fla., arrived to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Strong. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Strong are sisters.

Bids Sought for U.S. 281 in Boyd

The state highway department is advertising for bids to be opened August 8 in connection with over 10 miles of new construction on relocated U. S. highway 281 north of Spencer.

Contractors will be asked to bid on a new bridge across Ponca creek, north of Spencer, and grade to specifications for later resurfacing.

The new road will extend northward from Spencer. The location had been the object of controversy for sometime. The highway will extend northward from Spencer to the South Dakota-Nebraska boundary.

Beck's Decision Said 'Political'

Ruling on Bonds Is Blamed for Failure

Officers of the Nebraska School Improvement association Wednesday said citizens of the state are entitled to "an explanation" for the failure of its petition drive.

The NSIA fell short in the number of valid signatures required in order to place before the voters of Nebraska the question of whether the office of state commissioner of education should be elective.

Metropolitan newspapers reported "confusion" during the eleventh hour filing and during the counting of signatures at the secretary of state's office in Lincoln. Had enough valid signatures been tabulated, the initiative petition proposal would have been on the November ballot.

In addition to the 58,661 signatures counted by the secretary of state's office, there were 4,091 signatures secured by the NSIA and filed with 3,000 still in the possession of NSIA officers.

"This would bring to 65,000 the total number of signatures obtained throughout the state," according to Clyde Widman of Amelia, past president of NSIA and currently a director.

Bonds Disapproved

"At the disqualification rate of under 10 percent, it is evident that more than enough signatures had been secured to successfully place 7,091 signatures lost and could not be used, as the bonds had not been approved and therefore the signatures could not be filed," Widman said.

"Bonds covering the circulators were arbitrarily ruled against by Attorney General Beck because of technical improper phrasing.

"The NSIA had been assured by reliable legal sources that the bonds were substantially correct in content. The law does not require a form bond but the attorney general's instructions seemed to imply that no bond should be approved which did not conform to his form bond.

"The law stipulates only that the bond should contain and not how it should be phrased.

"It appears to NSIA that Attorney General Beck is most capable of giving a political opinion in place of the legal opinion which his position calls for.

"When we of the NSIA learned that we had lost 7,091 signatures because of so-called faulty bonds, it was a crushing blow. This forced us to appraise our position and secure new bonds, resulting in the loss of valuable time. This proved fatal to the drive, as we were working against the time element.

'Crash' Program

"We were forced to regroup and to put on a 'crash' program in an attempt to regain the large block of signatures lost as the result of the attorney general's ruling. Unfortunately, time was too short and our last minute attempt to make up lost ground did result in some confusion.

"Without the cooperation and effort put forth by those who actually did the circulating and without enthusiastic encouragement of others, it would have been impossible to continue and would have compelled us to discontinue the drive ahead of the filing deadline.

"The favorable sentiment encountered and the support expressed by those contacted by the circulators satisfied us that the constitutional amendment would have carried by an overwhelming majority," Widman concluded.

"NSIA feels that the people of Nebraska should and will be given another opportunity to voice their opinion and to vote on this important question," the officers and directors said in a prepared statement.

Niece Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman drove to Sioux City Tuesday to meet her niece, Mrs. M. J. Danielson and two children of Falls Church, Va., near Washington, D.C. They went to near Winner, S.D. Wednesday to visit Mrs. Danielson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lyons.

Boy Nearly Electrocuted by 7,200-V

Eddie Weber, 4, Red-Haired Climber, Is Seriously Burned

BUTTE A red-headed, freckle-faced 4 1/2-year-old boy, Edward Weber, is in satisfactory condition in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch after miraculously escaping electrocution while climbing at a rural electrification substation outside Butte.

About 2 p. m., Wednesday, Eddie and his two sisters, Connie, six, and Marcia, five, ventured near the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation's substation.

Eddie climbed the high metal fence protecting the station and then mounted a four-foot cement pier. Atop the pier was a five-foot high electric regulator (transformer) employed in high tension circuits.

Eddie straddled the regulator and came in contact with 7,200 volts of alternating current.

One of the girls began running toward the Weber home, which is located one mile west of Butte and 1 1/2 miles north. Parents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. George Weber, who for eight years have resided on the farm owned by George's father, Nick Weber.

Uncle Arrives

Ray Weber, brother of George, happened along the road and saw the girl running. He then noticed the boy, whose head was drooping. The boy was still astride the regulator. Ray realized what had happened and hurried to George's home to summon help.

The REA headquarters at O'Neill and Consumers Public Power were notified by telephone and all power into Boyd county was shut off.

Elmer Brockman of Naper came upon the substation scene. Without realizing the danger or disregarding his personal safety, Brockman scaled the fence to reach the crying child, who was protesting he "couldn't get down".

About the same time Dr. D. H. Bendorf of Butte, who had been summoned, reached the scene and administered first aid at the site and later at the clinic in Butte.

Eddie was transferred to the Lynch hospital where doctors dressed burns over the body, front and back. Only one leg escaped severe burns. The lad also suffered facial and lip burns and the burns on one hand resembled a deep cut into the palm, according to Eddie's mother. One arm was burned worse than the other.

Fed Liquids

He was being fed liquids, was restless and was "sometimes delirious," Mrs. Weber told The Frontier.

Hospital attendants said the boy's condition was "satisfactory—at best." They said it was too early to determine the extent of the injury.

Normally, voltage much less than 7,200 volts would electrocute a person, observers said. There was conjecture the boy's body was absorbing something less than the full potential.

REA crews were rushed to the scene, according to Manager Ed Wilson of the O'Neill headquarters.

The little fellow is swathed in bandages except for one leg.

"He's a child who likes to climb. He climbs anything. How he ever got atop the regulator is more than we'll ever know," the mother explained. "The girls can't seem to explain it, either."

Door Swings Open, Tot Tumbles Out

Lonnie Vanderbeek, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Vanderbeek, fell from a moving car Wednesday at 12:45 p. m. He was in a car driven by his mother. Other passengers were his brothers, Donnie and Scott, and his sister, Peggy.

They were coming back to O'Neill from Spencer and were about three miles north of Midway. Little Lonnie opened the door of the car. He tumbled out on to the highway.

Several cars stopped to offer aid to Mrs. Vanderbeek. Lonnie was unconscious for a short time. He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital. He has a concussion and is being kept under close observation for 24 hours to determine if there are any other injuries.

Ordination Set for New Pastor

Mr. and Mrs. John Hart and son, Timothy Scott, were honored at a public reception Tuesday evening at Fellowship hall of First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hart, who is the new pastor here at First Presbyterian church and Bethany Presbyterian church near Chambers, will be ordained and installed in rites here Sunday, July 27.