## Agitated Pet Lion Has Keen Nostrils

## J. E. Wiley, Pioneer at Dorsey, Dies

With Wife He Staffed Postoffice, Phone Exchange for Years

DORSEY — James E. Wiley, 86, who for many years staffed the Dorsey postoffice and manuallyoperated telephone exchange, died about 9 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, in Sacred Heart hospital at

He had been a patient there seven weeks and had been in declining health several months. Funeral services will be conducted at the Dorsey Presbyterian church, possibly Friday afternoon. Rev. John Hart, pastor of First Presbyterian church in O'-Neill, will officiate. Burial will be in the Dorsey cemetery under direction of Bighin's.

Last week gangrene had set in and Mr. Wiley's health would not permit surgery.

Mr. Wiley came to Nebraska in 1882—at the age of nine. He was reared in Steel Creek township. On June 12, 1901, Mr. Wiley



was united in marriage with Elizabeth Binkerd, who holds the honor of being the longest continuous resident of that township. The couple was married at the Binkerd home 31/2 miles from where the Wileys made their home so

The couple farmed for a number of years and then took over operation of the telephone switchboard and the postoffice. After the switchboard was moved in about ern route was granted Frontier. 1951, they were identified with the postoffice until February, 1957, when the postoffice department average passenger load of seven liquidated the Dorsey office. Until about three years ago Mr.

Wiley continued to drive a car. His tall, erect bearing belied his advanced years. Mr. Wiley was regarded as a

pillar in the Dorsey church and was one of its oldest members. Lusk, 3; Chadron, 28; Valentine, The Wileys in 1951 formally celebrated their golden wedding an- Lincoln, 20; Omaha, 72.

Survivors include: Widow-Elizabeth; sons—Sgt. James Elza of Oakland. Calif.; Walter of Veriod before Christmas. digo Hills, Calif.; Marvin J. of Grand Island, captain in the Nebraska safety patrol; daughters-Mrs. Howard (Ellen) Marston of Calif.; eight grandchildren.

#### **Ewing Fire Siren** Is Working Okay

EWING - There had been Christmas eve activities in the

All through many of the houses there was quiet—not even a a mouse. Suddenly the town's fire alarm wailed in the chill night air-loud enough to disrupt hardworking Donner and Blitzen. It was 11:15 p.m.

A little boy, in the presence of exasperated mother, had pulled the lever on the town's fire signal-just to sample how

#### AUCTION CALENDAR

Friday, January 2: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, living 11/2 miles north of Atkinson, will sell computations had been completed. ford bull, two tractors and other tributed to the rate increases that 30 head of cattle, registered Herefarm and having machinery, also household goods; Col. Ed Thorin said the postoffice department had of O'Neill, auctioneer; First Nat- provided a formula for determinional Bank of Atkinson, clerk. (Details on page 9).

Friday, January 9: Mr. and creases in fees. Mrs. Ed Etherton, residing north of Emmet, will sell livestock, full line of farm and ranch machin- Dean Jeffrey, city carrier, and Al ery, grain, feed and household Bosn, substitute clerk. goods, complete closeout; Col. Moss said door-to-door delivery Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Ed Murphy of O'Neill areas during the year, aggregatclerk. (Details on page 11)

Wednesday, January 14: Lester Waterman, living 15 miles east of service officer for the postoffice O'Neill on state road 108, or four department, is credited with helpmiles north of Page and three ing make the transition from rail miles east, will sell complete line to truck transportation for incomof farm machinery and some live- ing and outgoing mails here. Moss stock; Col. Wally O'Connell of O'- said the holiday load was made O'Neill, clerk. (Details in subse- operative weatherman.

tion sale, O'Neill Livestock Mar- to points west of here and Rosebud

#### By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR.

Special Correspondent
PAGE—Air Force Sp4-c Jerry ummers, who is stationed at Ellsworth air force base near Rapid City, S.D., and works after-hours in one of the city's ores, won't soon forget the lion.

The store owner has a daugher. The daughter is the possesof a lion. Time was when the was small, quiet, playful nd somewhat resembled an hriving on cornflakes,

The lion was accustomed to outting in his time in the basenent of the store-particularly winter months because his oat is tropical in character. None of these arrangements

bothered Summers-as long as the lion was caged. With the yule season bearing down the lion became unduly excited, roaring and stomping and threatening to break out of the

mprovised cage.

Meanwhile, a car for several days had been parked askew near the outside entrance to the store basement. Nobody thought much about it. In order to bring the tempestuous lion (still in the cage) into the daylight, Summers decided to move the abandoned car. He climbed in. Looking around he saw the body of a dead man.

It was later learned the man had been imbibing in holiday spirits and had died of exposure. Jerry completed a holiday stay here Monday and headed back to Rapid City-confident the animal with the sensitive nostrils had settled down to pet status again, and hopeful the city's dead have been duly bur-

### Air Line Travel **Below Expectations**

#### North Nebraska May Face Loss

Nebraskans must increase their use of the recently granted northern local air service route be-tween Omaha and Casper, Wyo., of face the possibility of losing the route, State Aeronautics Dir-ector Rolland Harr said last week. Harr said that of the six Nebraska cities granted stops on the route by the civil aeronautics board on a "use-it-or-lose-it" basis, only Omaha is meeting its quota as stipulated by the

Harr said Ainsworth is definitely going to have to boost its passenger count.

If the current passenger use rate at Ainsworth keeps up, CAB possibly could take away the Ainsworth stop, leaving only the Valentine airport in the immediate area on the northern route operated by Frontier airlines. Harr also said Lincoln has made a poor showing.

Although both Norfolk Chadron have failed to meet their quotas, Harr said passenger counts for North Central Airlines at Norfolk and Western Airlines at Chadron have gone up since the north-The CAB stipulated that the

Omaha- Casper flight must carry on each filght per day. From December 14 to Decem-

ber 20, a total of 184 passengers was carried on the route. Route cities and the number of passengers boarding planes included: Casper, 11; Douglas, 20; Ainsworth, 14; Norfolk, 15;

It would be normal to expect the one flight each way daily Chicago & North Western trains

Omaha - Chadron - Omaha-carried as many as one hundred passengers per trip at Christmas Dorsey; Judith, who is married time on its shorter route. The and lives near San Francisco, trains were jerked off in July of this year.

The poor Frontier showing might slow airport improvements. O'Neill was a substantially better cannot accomodate Frontier air liners without a 150-thousand-dallar improvement project.

## Postal Receipts Up

Receipts at the O'Neill postoffice for 1958 will be five-thousanddollars greater than last year. The estimated \$53,000 total will be a record, Postmaster Ira H. Moss said Tuesday before final Part of the gross income is at-

ing what percentage of gross receipts is to be credited to the in-

During the year the postoffice here added two new employees:

Moss said door-to-door delivery ing 40 lineal blocks.

Robert McNeil of Omaha, field

Saturday, February 7: Holt a terminal basis and processes grandson, Owen Davis, also par-County Angus Breeders' associa- mail inbound from and outbound ticipates in the operation. points in South Dakota.





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John Joe Donlin (left), a passerby, and Holt Deputy Sheriff James Mullen examine wreckage in which Ronnie L. Rost, 6, was fatally injured. (Note upturned chunks of asphalt).-The Fronter Photo.



This is the car which overturned and crushed Francis D. Ratliff of Atkinson.—The Frontier Photo.

Revells Wedded 50 Years—

### Quarter Section to 3,000 Acres

December 28, celebrated their fish. arranged by their children.

event-plus numerous friends and in February. relatives from greater distances. Mr. Revell was born in Michi-Kansas where at least one brother was born. The Kansas-born babe infectious head disease at the age was regarded as a "grasshopper"

Later the four Revell sons young he remembers few details. Davis, who is also known as Sal-All he knows is the family ly.

passenger point for train travelers of the boys at the orphanage and than Ainsworth and might be ex-Dane of near Alma claimed three place. than Amsworth and might be ex-pected to be a better supporter of were stern taskmasters during the and four great-grandchildren. sociation. pected to be a better supporter of air travel. But O'Neill's airport likewise are without factual one of the great-grandchildren, likewise, knowledge of what led to an un- and Mrs. Owen Davis of O'Neill, One of the Emmett's brothers celebration. fled the orphanage.

\$5,000 Over 1957 lived with her parents, the late th and will be returning to the and son, Glenn, of San Diego, son.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coffman in family place. Because his move Calif. the Irish settlement northwest of Pearl was born in Ida county, Ia., (near Ida Grove), was reared on a farm and educated there and was a young woman when the Coffmans moved to

> The Coffman-Revell alliance dates from a social event at Center Union church. Mrs. Revell dosen't recall the

proposal. "It was so thrilling and exciting I don't remember the details", she recounted. They were married Christmas day, 1908, at the Methodist church

in O'Neill with Reverend Watson performing the nuptials. They farmed several years in the Center Union locality and then moved onto the place now occupied by Rolland Miller in the Star community. In 1916 they moved onto the present place, 28 miles northwest of O'Neill. At that time

it was a modest quarter-section

layout. They purchased it and added on a half-dozen times. Today, Mr. Revell and his wife, their son, Dale, and their son-inlaw, M. E. Davis, preside over a auctioneer; Ed Murphy of easier by the blessings of a co- three- thousand- acre combination farm-ranch which is comprised of The O'Neill PO is operating on deeded and leased land. One

> The Revell place has been a model in Holt for its widely-rec-

An orphan boy, who was obliged ognized soil conservation practices here is imminent, he did not arto shift on his own from a tender (including four water reservoirs), range for his family to be present age, and his sweetheart of the Mr. Revell is first to proclaim for Sunday's observance. turn of the century era Sunday, the ponds are well-stocked with Mrs. Revell (who was reared as

golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Fifteen years ago Mr. Revell certain disadvantages in being and Mrs. Emmett J. Revell were entered the registered Angus cat- the honored at an open-house affair tle field and will be consigning ily. over 25 head to the annual spring Virtually all of the northeast sale of the Holt County Angus orphan, she vividly remembers Holt county turned out for the Breeders association to be held

of five sons and one daughter. gan and as a toddler moved to One son, Fred Monroe, died of an

baby and further explanation is unnecessary because the homesteading family, stripped of crops unable to be present; Dale of O'by the plague, pulled out for Den- Neill, who lost his right hand in jig-saw proportions and inlaid on a cornpicker accident in Decem- a mounting. The rural scene reber; Wayne of San Diego, Calif., found themselves in an Omaha and Raymond of O'Neill. Their orphanage. Emmett was so daughter is Mrs. M. E. (Fern) taste

broke up, family records were Dale and his family and the mett is a director of the Elkhorn

are without factual Keith Emmett Davis, son of Mr.

Mrs. William Sehorn and Mrs. an only child) claims there are Dean Fleming, who were accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Jay "boy and the girl" of a fam-In contrast to Mr. Revell's The deceased was born March shifting from pillar-to-post as an "there is loneliness in being without brothers and sisters'

Mr. Revell has two living broth-The Revells became the parents ers-Alfred of Wichita, Kans., and Otto of North Star, Can. Otto visited the Revells last year and a handmade wooden memento hangs on the wall in the dining The other sons are Harry of room. Otto created the panoramic presents many hours of handiwork and reveals high artistic

Mr. Revell is 78 and his wife is 69. Both enjoy good health. Emlost, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Davises reside near the home- Valley National Farm Loan association and is a member of the

Mrs. James Konen of Juanita

The Emmet J. Revells (center) on their golden wedding day. Also pictured: Son-E. Wayne of San

Diego; daughter-Mrs. M. E. Davis of O'Neill; sons-Dale and Raymond, both of O'Neill.

#### Man Killed Francis D. Ratliff, 27, Killed Instantly Early Christmas Day ATKINSON-Francis D. Ratliff, 27, Atkinson mechanic, was killed almost instantly early Christmas morn when the car in which he was a passenger left the highway

## To Whisk County's

#### trol he had applied the brakes Ford was taken to Atkinson Memorial hospital for observation

but was dismissed about noon and republican leaders are com- it traveled more than 150 feet af-Funeral services for Ratliff peting for public favor in connecter ter encountering trouble. The car tion with the recount of the No- was not badly damaged. vember 4 general election voting, Holt County Clerk Kenneth Waring Tuesday said he would not treated for shock and bruises. publicly announce his departure Both are still hospitalized at St.

Vocal music was provided by for governor. Ralph G. Brooks (D) 1953. He had been visiting his of McCook is the apparent winner grandparents since December 9. over the incumbent, Victor E. Anficial tally is a margin of 1,500 28, at the Hoepfinger funeral votes. An average switch of nine home in Neligh. Leslie Olson and

23, 1931, at Atkinson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave S. Ratliff. He was reared and educated here and was graduated from Atkinson high school in 1949. He participated in basketball during his

high school career. He enlisted in the air force June 2, 1952, and was sent to a base in Texas for training. He received a medical discharge Aug-Ratliff, who was single, had been

employed as a meat cutter at Cleary's Market until that firm was sold. Recently he had been employed as a mechanic by Joseph and Edward Schmuecker at the Schmuecker Bros. garage. He was a member of First Presbyterian church and was active in bowling.

state highway 11 about one mile

Ford told the state highway pa-

were conducted at 2 p.m., Friday

December 26, at the Seger funeral

chapel. Rev. Curtis Barnett offic-

iated. Burial was in Wood Lawn

cemetery with military rites conducted by Farley-Tushla post of

Pallbearers were Rolland Ever-

etts, Howard Davis, Edward Sch-

muecker, Stanley Irish, Francis

Cleary and Kenneth Mliar.

north of here.

Christmas day.

to come upon the scene.

a ditch and overturned.

the American Legion.

Survivors include: Parents-Mr. and Mrs. Dave S. Ratliff; brothers-Neal of Bassett; Willard H. of Stuart, and Richard D. of At-(widow of the Revell's son, Fred) kinson; sisters-Mrs. Joseph (Viand her son, Larry Revell, also ola) Deseive, Mrs. John (Vivian) happy and parentless childhood. was the youngest present at the Mr. Konen, were among those Schwindt and Mrs. Donald (Marj The other three present from a distance; also Mr. orie) Smith, all of Atkinson; Mrs. great-grandchildren belong to Mr. and Mrs. William Blundell of Vern (Florence) Schneider and Emmett came to Holt shortly and Mrs. Edward Davis at Ft. Chadron; Mr. and Mrs. John Mrs. Robert (Lois Jean) Kissingafter the turn of the century and Riley, Kans. Edward will be re- Christ of Atchinson, Kans.; and er. both of Lincoln; grandmother met Lila Pearl Coffman, who leased from the army next mon- Mr. and Mrs. E. Wayne Revell Mrs. Frances Dobias of Atkin-



Two Die Result of

Two persons were fatally injured in separate one-car automobil

RONNIE L. ROST, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Rost of Lin

FRANCIS D. RATLIFF, 27, of Atkinson, was killed at 12:45 a.m.

The deaths boosted Holt county's highway death toll to four for 1958.

oln, who died Christmas day—26 hours after an accident near Emmet

Christmas day when he was thrown from a car and crushed on high

accidents during the yuletide holidays in Holt county.

One-Car Crashes

# Ford was able to pull himself from the wreckage. He searched for his companion and found him pinned. The O'Connor brothers, Gerald, jr., and Joseph, were first

#### Waring Protects Date from the scene of the accident. of Movement

date for the statehouse.

Waring has been ordered to bring in the Holt ballots. Accord- around" Tuesday at the hospital. ing to law, secrecy is supposed to surround transfer of ballots from ust 2, 1952, at the Tilden hospital all countyseats to the statehouse. He and his parents moved to Lin-

votes per county could make An- Ernest Crooks of Spencer conducderson, instead of Brooks, the ted the rites.

O'Neill's State Sen. Frank Nelson, companist. who says he has not heard enough evidence to determine whether or ers were Lynn Keetle, Clinton and not he will vote for the recount, will be leaving here Sunday.

Saturday Brooks made public the appointment of Former Gov. thers-Martin, Arthur and Billy Roy L. Cochran as chief engineer Joe (all younger than Ronnie); of the Nebraska department of grandparents-Mr. and Mrs. Joroads and irrigation. Cochran has seph M. Foster of Orchard and been an outspoken foe of the Ains- Mrs. Margaret Rost of Neligh. worth and Sargent irrigation projects. He served 12 years as highway engineer before being elected Burning Tree Stump governor three successive terms.

## 1959 Baby Derby

The Frontier's 12th annual Holt lay, December 31

operating with The Frontier to provide a shower of exciting gifts for the champion. Participating firms are McIntosh Jewelry, Gambles, Shelhamer's Jack & Jill, O'Neill Photo Co.,

Harding Creamery, Moore-Noble Lumber Co., Western Auto, Patton's Ben Franklin, New Outlaw, Beatrice Foods, McCarvilles, Coast-to-Coast, Helen's Flower & Shop, Gillespies, Apparel Shop, Gilligan Rexall Drug, Merri Dr Pepper Bottling Co., McDonald's, Dankert's, Coyne Hardware and the M & M. (Details on pages 4 and 5)

## Record Number of

formed Tuesday, St. Anthony's holiday. Because of a heavy vol-hospital was filled to capacity. ume of advertising and a series All rooms were filled, the nurs-ery was doing a good business, and able late-arriving news contribusome children were being cared tions have had to be omitted

St. Anthony's is a 38-bed hospital. There were 48 patients Tuesday night-excluding the nursery Those having tonsils yanked Uhl Home-Tuesday were Sharry, Phillip and Gonderinger of O'Neill.

## Christmas **EveInjuries** Fatalto Boy

#### Ronnie L. Rost, 6, Dies Next Day in O'Neill Hospital

Ronnie L. Rost, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Rost of Lincoln, was fatally injured about 4 Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas eve), in a one-car auto-accident a half-mile east of Ex-

The boy died 26 hours later -Christmas night— in St. Anthony's hospital. He suffered a ruptured spleen and two broken legs.

The lad was riding with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ja-seph M. Foster of Orchard. They had been visiting Mrs. Nettie Widfeldt at O'Neill and were enrouse to Atkinson to visit relatives. The westbound car was travel-

ing the former route of U.S. high-way 20. Near Emmet where the old highway and new route converge, the Studebaker four-door sedan being driven by Mr. Foster encountered large holes in the asphalt where boulder-like chunks of hardsurfacing had been turned up. The Foster car came to a stop crossways on the old road with the front lodged against the chunks of asphalt and the rear Ballots to Lincoln precariously near a freshly-created ditch. The east approach on the highway was not barricaded although there was a "road"

closed" sign a short distance east A passerby, Leon Beckwith summoned the ambulance. Mr. Foster avers he did not While the state's democratic loose control of the car although

> Mrs. Foster suffered a fracture ed right arm. Mr. Foster was

Anthony's. Mr. Foster was "up and

Ronnie Lee Rost was born Aug The recount involves the race coln from Orchard in September. Funeral services were conduct derson (R) of Lincoln. The unof- ed Sunday afternoon, December

Hymns were sung by Mrs. Clin-Meanwhile, it is up to the state ton Hopkins of Neligh and Mrs. legislature to determine whether Jacob Braun and Miss Kathleen there will be a recount. The 1959 Braun, both of Atkinson. Mrs. legislature will convene next week. Clyde Hopkins of Neligh was ac-

> Burial was at Neligh, Pallbear-Crandall Hopkins of Neligh and Lyle Clark of Clearwater. Survivors include: Parents; bro-

### Results in Loss of 32 Hay Stacks

EWING - Volunteer firemen Ready for Gun scores of men from the from Ewing and Clearwater, communities and many farmers spent Christmas afternoon battling county baby derby gets underway a rural fire that destroyed at the stroke of midnight Wednesand Foster Felker farms, locat-Leading O'Neill firms are co- ed about 18 to 20 miles southwest of Ewing

> The haysteaks had been arrang ed in orderly fashion—in rows of eight. Four rows were consumed by flames but two stacks in one were saved. However, in another meadow fire destroyed two additional stacks, making a

> Late Christmas night the stades were still smouldering. It was theorized the fire may have started on the holiday aiternoon when someone attempted to rid a tree stump of a swarm of bees by setting fire to the stump.

#### TO PRESS EARLY

This week's Issue of The Frontier went to press 24 hours ahead Patients at Hospital of schedule in order to insure delivery to most subscribers in Fron-With seven tonsillectomies per- tier Land ahead of the new year's for in hospital beds erected in the corridors.

Time did not permit developing extra pages in the "short week". THE PUBLISHERS.

John Joe Uhl, son of Mr. and Cynthia Savidge of Ewing, Clem Mrs. Norbert Uhl, was home for and Paul Douglas Mewmaw of the holidays from Georgetown Uni-Page and John Tighe and Charles versity in Washington, D.C. He is also employed there.