

### The Frontier Sponsors Madison Trip Again

The Frontier is again sponsoring a bus caravan for a day at the Madison races. Friday, July 17, has been designated as O'Neill Frontier Day at the races. Air-conditioned Grayhound buses will leave O'Neill at 12 noon, and arrive at Madison Downs well in advance of the first race. O'Neillites will have grandstand seats and will be honored. There will be an O'Neill handicap feature race and a blanket will be presented to the winner by a member of the caravan. The return caravan is expected to reach O'Neill by midnight. The total package price this year will be \$6.50. The figure includes the fare, grandstand seats and dinner.

### BUYS GROCERY

The Schmidt grocery store of Spencer has been purchased by the Shelhamer Foods of O'Neill. Plans to remodel have begun and an opening date will be announced soon. The store will remain open during the renovation of the building.

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### Iowa Corn In Holt County?

The corn was higher than Kenneth Wettin's head on the Fourth of July and it could be the tallest in Holt county. He has 225 acres of corn under irrigation two miles northwest of Page, and if things go like last year, one field of 120 acres will make 150 bushels to the acre. Kenneth explained that this corn had the advantage of 100 pounds of nitrogen and 60 pounds of phosphate. He and his two oldest sons, Norman, 16, and Danny, 12, are kept busy for long hours during the day just carrying around the irrigation pipe.

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It might be a mighty small pony, but it gives the George Mellor children big fun. He was only 21 inches high when he was born on the farm home 20 miles north of O'Neill. The children, from left, are Barbara, Georgia Kay and Richard.

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Members of the O'Neill committee forming the "Point After Touchdown Club" in O'Neill are, from left, Stewart Pascoe, Lowell Nesbitt, Carroll Zaruba, Fred Appleby, and Kenneth Curran. Allen Jaskowski, not shown, is also a member. See story on page 1.

### THE WEATHER

Thunderstorms and cooler weather is forecast for the Great Plains and the Sandhills for the next five days. General highs are expected in the mid-80s, and the lows in the low 60s. The immediate forecast also calls for cooler temperatures throughout the state.

### NEW POOL HOURS

The O'Neill swimming pool management has announced that the new pool hours are from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## City Tax Levy Down 2 Mills From 1958

The O'Neill city council set a 15.0 mill levy Tuesday night, a decrease of two mills from last year's budget. The effect of the decrease will mean that a home which has an assessed valuation of \$5,000 will have a tax decrease of approximately \$10. The decrease was made possible, according to a council spokesman, because of the \$13,000 increase in revenue from the head tax and the Class A and B intangible property.

The valuation of city property is up approximately \$150,000 and is set at \$4,086,162. The following taxation levies were made: General purpose, 3 mills; Maintenance of streets, 3 mills; Parks, 0.5 mills; Fire department, 0.5 mills; Advertising, 0.2 mills; Airport improvement, 1 mill; Street lighting, 1.1 mill; Sewer bond sinking fund, .5 mill; Water bond sinking fund, .5 mill; Park improvement and sinking fund, .5 mill; Street widening sinking fund, .7 mill; Intersection

paving bond sinking fund, 3.0 mills. In other council action, a complaint concerning outhouses in the residential section of O'Neill as well as poultry and livestock in the same area was heard. City Attorney John Gallagher said notices will be served on property owners who have out-houses within 180 feet of a sewer line. An ordinance requires such owners to hook up to a sewer line if they are within that distance.

Gallagher said there are certain sections of O'Neill that are zoned against poultry and livestock, particularly the central section of the city. On the outskirts, residents may raise poultry and some livestock if they do not live closer than 150 feet to their neighbors. The city council heard representatives of Kirkham and Michaels engineering firm and were further advised on paving and storm sewers.

### Shoemaker Funeral Conducted Wednesday; Retired O'Neill Farmer

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 8, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's church in O'Neill for George F. Shoemaker, 86, retired O'Neill farmer. Burial was in Calvary cemetery. He passed away July 6 at 2:10 a.m. at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill. George Francis Shoemaker was born November 1, 1872 at Ottumwa, Ia., to Frank and Mary Cody Shoemaker. They came to Holt county in 1886 from Villisca, Ia. He was married November 2, 1902 to Nellie Joyce of O'Neill at St. Patrick's Catholic church. To this union three children were born. One son is deceased. Mrs. Shoemaker preceded her husband in death. Survivors include: One son, Leonard of O'Neill; daughter, Leona (Sister George) of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Bert and John, both of O'Neill and two sisters, Mrs. Casper of Fribill, O'Neill and Annie Burk. Two brothers and two sisters are deceased. Pallbearers were: Hugh Coyne, Ed Gallagher, Neil Ryan, Louis Vitt, Frank Sullivan and P. C. Donohoe.

### Welch Rites Held Monday in O'Neill

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday for James Welch, 80, who died Thursday at St. Anthony's hospital after an illness of only six days. Services were held from St. Patrick's church with Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery. Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Sunday evening at Biglin's. The pallbearers were: Jack Arbutnot, Robert Miller, Willis Butterfield, William Derickson, Harry Johnson and Ben Vanosek. The late Mr. Welch was born June 6, 1879, near Creston, Ia. He was the son of Patrick and Mary Hanaberry Welch. In 1884 his family moved to a farm east of O'Neill. A couple of years later the family settled on a farm 30 miles northeast of this city. There James grew to manhood. He then purchased a farm across the county line in Knox county and resided there the rest of his life. On October 11, 1911 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Edward (Grace) Vejvoda of Grand Island; three grandsons—Jack Welch, William Vejvoda and Gary Vejvoda; a sister—Mrs. Margaret Dodge of Denver, Colo. Mr. Welch is survived by his widow; a daughter—Mrs. Edward (Grace) Vejvoda of Grand Island; three grandsons—Jack Welch, William Vejvoda and Gary Vejvoda; a sister—Mrs. Margaret Dodge of Denver, Colo.

### Joe Stutz Assumes Chamber Presidency

Past-president Ray Eby surrendered the helm of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce to Joe Stutz Monday night at the Chamber's monthly meeting. Since so few members were present, committee reports were short and little business was transacted. State Senator Frank Nelson gave a short resume of the past legislative session and answered a few questions. In other business the Chamber elected to give the O'Neill Little League Association the \$125 asked for at an earlier date. The request was tabled at the June meeting. President Stutz stated that new committees will be drawn up before the next meeting and committee members will be notified. A supplementary budget report was given and the meeting was adjourned.

### O'Neill Golfers To Yankton

Three O'Neill golfers, "Scovie" Jaskowski, Henry Lohaus and Max Golden, will travel to Yankton, S.D., this weekend to enter the Yankton Golf tournament. The men plan to take their wives along for an outing on the Lewis and Clark lake at the Gavins Point dam.

### CAR BURNS

O'Neill firemen were called to put out a fire which burned the engine section of a car driven by Roger Bennett early Wednesday morning. The electrical fire was put out in a matter of minutes.

### 29 More Students For Page District 2 After Reorganization

PAGE—An overwhelming approval of school redistricting was seen here during the past week as voters approved the reorganization of five school districts. The plan, accepted by a 107-0 vote for redistricting in the Page district, will result in the addition of 29 more grade school students to Page District 2. Those districts which will be a part of the Page school will be 57, 97, 138 and 110. In these rural districts, the vote was 62 for reorganization and 22 against. A majority of both unions was needed to carry the plan. Rural District 110 has been disbanded and the building sold. They have contracted with Page for the past four years. District 138 still has equipment but sent the students to Page in 1950. Districts 97 and 57 were still active at the time of the election. Local officials believe that it had become essential that Page have more taxable land and property, particularly after Page lost a part of their school by fire in 1950. Merwin French, jr., is the chairman of the school district reorganization board, which set up the election. Candidates for vice commander are Ed Hanley and Duke Kersentbrook, for Sgt. at Arms, Earl "Shony" E. Thornton, officer in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Nebraska will speak. A firing squad contest will follow at 9 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. Auxiliary members will also register at the Post and hold their meeting there. Candidates for vice commander are Ed Hanley and Duke Kersentbrook, for Sgt. at Arms, Earl "Shony" E. Thornton, officer in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Nebraska will speak. Archie Bright, past commander, will automatically be seated on the executive committee. Nominees include Ed Young, Roman Phillips, Bill Petsche, Darold Graham, Rudy Morrow, Harold Milnar, Vern Reynolds, Emil Adamson, Joe Grutsch, George Janousek, Dr. C. M. Eason and Don Martin.

### Lions Club To Push Scout Troop No. 198

An organization meeting for a new Boy Scout troop of O'Neill will be held Monday at 7 p.m. The meeting will be in the old high school gym. The boys and their parents are invited as well as other persons interested in the scouting program. Boys 11-years old are eligible if they have completed their Cub Scout requirements. The minimum age requirement for boys who have not had Cub Scout training is 11½. The troop is being sponsored by the O'Neill Lions club. A scout committee, made up mostly of members of the club has been formed and has met with the Sandhills District Scout executive, Larry Martin of Bassett and has made application to be known as Troop 198.

### Legion To Hear FBI Man

The annual convention of American Legion Posts in Holt county will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Chambers. William Cousins and James Early have been nominated for the commandership for the coming year. All members of the Posts of Holt county are urged to attend the election meeting and those who have paid their dues and have a 1959 membership card will be accepted as delegates and are entitled to vote. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. with a charge of 50 cents. Joseph E. Thornton, officer in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Nebraska will speak. A firing squad contest will follow at 9 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. Auxiliary members will also register at the Post and hold their meeting there. Candidates for vice commander are Ed Hanley and Duke Kersentbrook, for Sgt. at Arms, Earl "Shony" E. Thornton, officer in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Nebraska will speak. Archie Bright, past commander, will automatically be seated on the executive committee. Nominees include Ed Young, Roman Phillips, Bill Petsche, Darold Graham, Rudy Morrow, Harold Milnar, Vern Reynolds, Emil Adamson, Joe Grutsch, George Janousek, Dr. C. M. Eason and Don Martin.

### Former O'Neill Girl Will Represent 1800 Telephone Operators

Miss Beverly McCarthy of Omaha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy of O'Neill, spent the week of June 21st in Cleveland, O., attending the 21st Annual CWA convention. Beverly was one of four delegates elected by the members of Local 7400 (Omaha) to represent the 1800 telephone workers there. While in Cleveland Beverly was elected to serve on the NWB Bargaining committee which is composed of four members of the rank and file with a full time union representative serving as chairman. Beverly was also elected alternate for the national policy making committee from District 7 which covers the States of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. This is the fourth year Beverly has attended the convention from the Omaha local where she holds the office of vice-president.

### Holt Retail Sales Up During April

Retail sales in Holt county during April of 1959 took a sharp jump of five percent over the same time a year ago. During the same month in 1958 retail sales were 0.2 percent below average, and were up to 5.8 percent over average during April of this year. The statistics, released by the University of Nebraska department of business research, shows that the entire state experienced a retail increase "amounting almost to the threat of a boom." According to the bulletin, the physical volume of business in April for the state was up 14.7 percent over April of last year.

### \$496,980 Loaned To Boyd, Holt Farmers

Farmers Home Administration's county office in O'Neill loaned \$496,980 to farm families in Boyd and Holt counties during the year ending June 30, 1959, according to Jay O. Walker, county supervisor. Of this amount, \$303,600 was loaned for livestock, machinery and farm operating expenses, and \$193,380 was used to purchase or re-finance real estate, construct or repair farm buildings, and for irrigation purposes. Farmers in Boyd and Holt counties repaid \$282,446 on their FHA loans during the past year. Walker said the FHA makes loans to farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain the credit they need from other sources.

## Mother Denies Augering Steel Bit In Son's Head--Cries Defiant 'No!'



### Pride of St. Anthony's

Here are six little record breakers and they are growing older. They were all born on the same day, July 3, 1954, at St. Anthony's hospital and were all together this July 4 for the first time since their births. The record of 6 still stands. It has been a Frontier tradition to take their pictures each time most of them get together. Their parents and the children celebrated the Fourth of July together in O'Neill at Ford park. The 5-year olds are back row, from left, Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bibbs of O'Neill; Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane C. Miller of Emmet; Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley of 3436 Deatur, Omaha; front row, Marsha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stauffer of Page; Katherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Childers of Elgin, and Vicki Holz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Holz of O'Neill. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

### Mother and Son Bound Over to District Court

BUTTE—Mrs. Sadie Dickerson, 59, denied "augering" a brace and bit into her son's head at the preliminary hearing held for her and her other son, Nyal Franch, 17, before County Judge J. P. Classon. The Boyd county courtroom was filled to capacity as Judge Classon bound the pair, charged with first degree murder, over to appear before a district court judge in September. As a result of "sufficiently conflicting testimony" in the hearing of Mrs. Dickerson, and because similar testimony "would be given for and against either party," according to Judge Classon, the preliminary hearing of Franch was waived. Dr. Robert Waters, an O'Neill physician who examined the body of Vanderlinde, told the court he believed that the young man died as a result of "the interruption of vital brain functions." Authorities contend that Vanderlinde died as a result of a wound and bit wound in the head. The physician said the wound in Vanderlinde's head was from "four to four and one half inches deep."

Mrs. Dickerson, when called to the stand denied admitting the murder of her son, Earlter, Boyd County Sheriff Claude Collins and Gerald Tesch, investigator for the State Patrol, said Mrs. Dickerson, when being questioned in custody, told them "yes, I did it." Nyal Franch, also called to the stand told the court under examination that he and Vanderlinde had arguments in the past and that the day Vanderlinde died, they had argued about who was to do some welding on the farm nine miles northwest of Naper. Franch told the court that Vanderlinde struck his thumb with a welding rod and it was after this that he had thrown the brace and bit. He was then asked by the attorney to show the injury to the judge which he did. When asked by prosecuting attorney J. D. Cronin (hire by the county) to assist County Attorney William Wills if she had "sat astride" Vanderlinde after he was on the ground and "augered the bit into his head," Mrs. Dickerson cried a defiant "no" in the courtroom.

In earlier testimony, when Dr. Waters was being questioned, Cronin asked Dr. Waters if his investigation revealed bone splinters on the inside of the skull "similar to that you would find on the inside of a board being bored." The physician said yes. Mrs. Dickerson testified that she and Franch had discussed Vanderlinde's death before either had been arrested and that she suggested "telling people" that the death was an accident. Mrs. Dickerson said she thought then of "saving Nyal."

The 58-year old mother of the two boys appeared very nervous and cried at times through the hearing. Her son, Nyal Franch, managed only one faint smile during the two-hour preliminary hearing of his mother.

### 'Point After' Club Being Formed Here

Carroll Zaruba, a University of Nebraska senior and halfback on the Cornhusker football team, is in the Holt county area forming the "Point After Touchdown" club. The club membership fees of \$1 goes into a scholarship fund for athletes. Zaruba pointed out that the scholarship that Larry Tomlinson received came out of such a fund. Representatives of the club from O'Neill will go to Inman, Page, Ewing and Trehard in addition to canvassing the city. Committee members serving in the club from O'Neill are Allen Jaskowski, Stewart Pascoe, Lowell Nesbitt, Fred Appleby and Kenneth Curran.

### 6-6 Record Held by O'Neill Midget Team

The O'Neill American Legion midget baseball team has split 12 games this season to date. During the past week the boys won 3 of 5 games defeating Plainview, 3-1, and Chambers by forfeit twice. They lost to Creighton, 8-1, and to Stuart, 10-6. The Junior Legion team has a win-loss record of 2 wins and 6 losses. During the past week they lost to Plainview, 7-0, and were rained out here in the fourth inning in a game with Creighton.