



Intricate, sensitive, call it what you wish. The quarter horse of Zoe Ann Huffman of Ewing like the 90 other entries provided Holt county fair goers with some of the finest entertainment of the week.

## Quarter Horse Spirit 'Catches' Fair Goers

Some of the finest horseflesh ever assembled at one time in this county provided what was, perhaps, the best entertainment of the Holt county fair.

Ninety horse entries and 125 class entries put together for the first time in Holt county fair history made it apparent that:

—The quarter horse is every bit as popular here as was anticipated.

—Any future plans for quarter horse shows will be successful and well accepted.

Short Spark, owned by a Stuart rancher, Willis Peterson, tied with River Sturdy, owned by Frances Johnston of Ree Heights, S. D. for all-around championship honors at the show.

Despite the 95 to 100 degree heat, the horses, riders and the audience obviously enjoyed the presentation. Some of the most beautiful and well behaved and bred quarter horses this writer has ever seen gave it everything they had.

Individual horse honors were given as follows: Grand champion aged stallion, Spade's Ace owned by Neil Fry of Burwell; grand champion aged mare, River Sturdy owned by Frances Johnston of Ree Heights, S. D. The reserve champions were George Star owned by Howard Pitzer of Ericson and Short Spark owned by Willis Peterson of Stuart.

The crowd that stayed for the quarter horse show was treated by the appearance of Lowell O. Ferril, one of the mid-west's most well-known and accomplished riders and horse trainers. Ferril sat astride Peterson's horse, Short Spark.

In addition to the quality of entertainment provided by the first quarter horse show, some of the finest cattle ever assembled for a Holt fair was enjoyed.

Fair officials report record crowds this year. "It was a success in every way," a spokesman said.

The largest entry of cattle for the fair was also recorded with 240 head.

For a complete list of results of the first quarter horse show see the inside pages.



MISS JOHNSON  
... flute player

## Flute Recital For O'Neill Women

Miss Madelle Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Robert Evans, former resident of O'Neill, will present a flute recital for the opening program of the O'Neill Women's Club Thursday, Sept. 3, 8:30 p.m. at the O'Neill Public School Auditorium.

She is now studying at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y. She spent three summer sessions with study at the Interlochen Music Camp in Michigan and one year of study with the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

She will be accompanied by Mr. Arnie Sorensen of Tilden, who is known as a music teacher in this area.

This will be a reception for the teachers and their husbands and wives and will be open to the public.

Following the program there will be a tea and social hour.

There will be no charge but a silver offering will be taken, the proceeds of which will go to the Woman's Club Library Fund for their year's project to our local Library.



MRS. SWAN PEARSON  
... dies Saturday

## Mrs. S. Pearson Dies In Lynch; Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 25, at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran church at Bristow for Mrs. Swan Pearson, 86, of Bristow, who died Saturday, August 22 at the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch. Rev. Bernard Nelson, pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery north of Bristow. The funeral home of Spencer had charge of funeral arrangements.

Annette Sophia Danielson was born in Smaland, Sweden on September 13, 1872. She came from Sweden to Omaha in 1894. She was married on September 6, 1900 to Swan Pearson at Omaha. They came to Boyd county in April 1907 and farmed near Bristow until 1943 when they retired and moved to Bristow.

Mrs. Pearson was very active in community and church affairs and would have observed her 87th birthday and her 59th wedding anniversary in September.

Survivors include her husband, Swan of Bristow; two sons, Carl of Fairfax, S. D., and Lester of Spencer; three daughters, Mrs. Merle (Arlene) Roach of Maywood, Neb.; Mrs. Louis (Elsie) Byron (Inez) Salem of Des Moines, Ia.; two brothers, Gottfrid of Bristow, and Joseph of Sweden; 8 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Marvin Peterson, Lawrence Nygren, Thomas Bowers, Edgar Danielson, Algot Sandberg and John Bowman.

## Farewell Picnic For Clarence Schmit Family

A farewell picnic was given Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osborne, Jr. at Atkinson in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmit and daughter, Debra. Mr. Schmit is in the Air Force and will be stationed at Cutbank, Mont. Mrs. Schmit and Debra will remain in Atkinson.

Those attending the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Meyer, Terry and Steven of Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Troshynski of Guthrie Center, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Osborne, Atkinson, Nick Schmit, George, Catherine and Eleanor all of Atkinson and Jim Steinhauer of Stuart.

HEREFORD ASS'N. MEET

There will be a meeting of the Holt County Hereford Association at the L and R cafe 8 p.m., August 31.

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Thurs. Aug. 20	101	69	
Fri., Aug. 21	98	69	.09
Sat., Aug. 22	92	66	3.11
Sun., Aug. 23	94	66	
Mon., Aug. 24	93	66	
Tues., Aug. 25	92	70	
Wed., Aug. 26	82	61	.42

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## How Sufficient Are Holt County's State Roads?

Turn to the editorial page for the third in a series of articles on Holt county's roads.

## Ground Water System Studied By Nebraska U

Increased interest has been shown by the University of Nebraska in the water bearing rock formations in the Holt county area.

Two geological survey teams have been drilling test holes near the Holt-Antelope county line in an attempt to determine the thickness and quantity of the underground water system.

For the past week the teams have been located near Ewing and have been sinking holes every three miles as they creep north. The test holes, when completed this year, will stretch from Kansas to the Dakota border across the state.

The depth to water varies considerably. One rig, two miles south of U. S. 275 on the county line, had reached 365 feet and was still digging. Most of the holes in this area go to about 500 feet. The crews drill nearly one test hole per day. The project is headed by C. F. Keech of Lincoln of the U. S. Geological Service and state geologist of the University of Nebraska, E. C. Reed, also the conservation survey director.

## Receives Burned Eye

James Gallagher received a burn on the eye this week while sanding the top of a car at the Lohmeyer Motor Co.

A spark flew up and struck him in the eye. The burn was not in the pupil and the retina was not believed to be damaged. He was at work as usual the following day.

## Knights' Annual Picnic

The O'Neill Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Picnic beginning at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, August 30, at the Pat Corrigan farm west of Emmet. Directions for reaching the picnic area are as follows: 4 1/2 miles west of Emmet on Highway 20, 1 1/4 miles south, turn west into the grove at first gate after you cross the Elkhorn River.

All members and their families are invited. Bring food enough for your family. Refreshments will be available.

## Swimming Ends Sunday

O'Neill's municipal swimming pool will officially close 8:30 p.m. Sunday according to Don Templemeyer, pool manager.

The pool will be drained and repair work on the walks surrounding the pool will begin this fall.

Templemeyer said this was a "better than average" year for swimming and that repair work on the pool itself will probably begin next spring.

## Rain Still Wet But Old Timers Thought 'Wetter'

Rains totaling 5 to 6 inches this week end in extreme northeast Holt county had a considerably different effect than similar rains would have had 20 years ago.

Bill Derickson said he can remember the time when such a rain would have had him and all of his neighbors fixing fence for days, to say nothing of the washed out roads and bridges.

In general, throughout the area, a number of fields are terraced, there is a considerable amount of cropland that has been seeded to either native grass or grass and legume rotations and there have been scores of dams built since soil conservation work was started in the County some 15 or more years ago.

Elmer Juracek, Secretary of the Holt Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, pointed out that this conservation work accomplished by the farmers and ranchers in the Steel Creek and the north branch of the Verdere creek area has saved the county many thousands of dollars in road and bridge repair alone.

## Spills and Thrills

STUART—Considerable excitement was caused here Sunday as more than the average number of stock car spills occurred at the races.

Jim Brotsky of Atkinson rolled his vehicle in front of the stands, Claire Foltz of Atkinson flipped his car on the east curve. Several other cars hit guard rails during the races. No one was injured.

MARCHING BAND MEET  
The first meeting of the marching bands for the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's Academy will be held 8 a.m. Monday at the public school auditorium.

## TEACHERS TO MEET

A meeting for the O'Neill public school teachers has been called by Superintendent Baack for 10 a.m. Monday, August 31.

# THE FRONTIER

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## Tornado 'Chills' Inman Residents



The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

Just minutes before the downpour of 3 to 4 inches of rain the O'Neill skies looked like this. The photo was taken at the southern edge of O'Neill as the low, rain and hail laden clouds moved in.

## Deluge and Drouth Plague Prairieland

While tornadoes, hail and very heavy rain was reported in isolated areas in and near O'Neill, Inman, Ewing and points south, a few drouth conditions were reported along the Missouri river north and west.

A few ranchers north of the Atkinson irrigation project said the first rain that has fallen this summer was the 42 inch that fell here Tuesday. A few reported that some of their grassland had received no rain at all this year.

Dewey Schaffer, who was inspecting his ranch land in the northern areas said precipitation was spotty and that heavy downpours were being experienced in places only a "stone's throw" from where nothing at all fell. An area south of Lynch, for example, was reported to be drenched with four inches during the week and yet directly west of that area there was reported several hundred acres where nothing at all has fallen.

Mr. Schaffer said grasses in some of these northern areas looked very bad.

While spotty rains fell in the north or no rain at all, prairies south of O'Neill have been soaked. O'Neill received an official 3.60 inches during the Friday rain.

Orchard, Creighton, Inman, Royal and Plainview all reported very heavy rain showers.

Here is a sum total of official and unofficial weekly precipitation figures gathered by Frontier reporters:

O'Neill	4.10
Inman	3.80
Ewing	2.54
Lynch area	4.30
Orchard area	4.30
Burwell	1.18
Valentine	1.09

During most of the showers over the weekend and during the early part of the week, temperatures dropped suddenly during the storm.

The temperature dropped in O'Neill, for example, from 95 to 60 degrees during Friday's rain and then the following morning promptly climbed back up to over 90 degrees.

## 'Stub' Miller Has Attack

Orville "Stub" Miller, former O'Neill policeman, suffered a heart attack in South Sioux City Tuesday evening.

He had resigned the police force a week ago to go to work for the New Outlaw store in O'Neill.

Physicians at the Lutheran hospital in Sioux City said his condition is not as yet known. This was a first attack for Mr. Miller according to the doctors.

He had gone to South Sioux City in a truck to get supplies for the O'Neill store and was in the eastern store when the attack occurred.

## Clearwater Farmer Dies Tuesday

Arthur Jackie, 63, a farmer living east of Clearwater died suddenly Tuesday night at the Antelope Memorial hospital in Ne-  
liah of a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Snyder Funeral home in Clearwater will be in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Inez, son, Wayne of Clearwater; three daughters, Norma Michael of Corona, Calif., Verla Caves of Madison, Wis., and Lenice Savidge of Omaha; half-brother, Walter Hugo of Stanton; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.



MERTON H. DIERKS  
... remembered blizzard

## Ewing Saddened With Death of Merton Dierks, 87

The community of Ewing was saddened last week with the death of Mr. Merton H. Dierks, 87, an early pioneer of the community.

Mr. Dierks, one of the last surviving pioneers here who could remember the blizzard of 1888 and the drouth of 1894 died Saturday, August 27 at an Ogallala hospital.

Mr. Dierks will be remembered as a participant in a historic cattle drive during the year of the great blizzard when he and two others drove 300 head of cattle to western Nebraska and cared for the herd for a year.

Ranching and the raising of cattle was his entire life's work. Services were held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Methodist church in Ewing, the Rev. Woodrow Elliott officiating.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dierks and was born July 10, 1872 at Joliet, Ill.

At the age of 2, he came with his parents to Madison and then later to Holt and Wheeler counties where his father homesteaded.

He was married to Letha Glassburn of the Deloit community in June of 1887. In 1914 he moved with his family to Ewing where he resided until the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two daughters, Bessie Maud in infancy and Mrs. Laura Adrian, in 1938.

Survivors include three sons, Lyle of Ewing, John of Nebraska City and Robert C. of the U. S. Navy, three daughters, Mrs. Viola Maupin of Platte, Mrs. Genieve Tressler of Ogallala, Mrs. Wilda Carr of Holdrege; 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Frank Krutnord, Elmer Bergstrom, Leland Welke, Gail Boies, Kermit Jeffries and Max Wanser. Burial was in the Ewing cemetery.

Aubrey Wood was organist; Mrs. Harriet Welke and Ed Hoag were singers and Mrs. Gail Boies and Mrs. Max Wanser were in charge of flower tributes.

GUARD HOME  
O'Neill's 45 National Guardsmen arrived home late last week after their training at Camp Ripley.

Lieut. Don Bunkers, one of the outfit's officers, said the men spent two very busy weeks in Minnesota.

All companies in the battle group were awarded excellent ratings.

INMAN—A small tornado danced haphazardly down Highway 20 just missing this town late Friday afternoon and although no one was injured it threw a scare into the entire community.

The tornado cloud, was sighted by many residents in the southern and eastern sections of town and they described it as moving westerly near the highway with its tail dipping and weaving.

Damage was limited to the roofing up of trees, the destroying of haystacks and at least one windmill. One resident said he saw a door sailing through the black cloud.

A windmill on the Jennie Crosser place near town was totally destroyed by high winds and the three-fourth inch of rain accompanying the funnel cloud.

Three Inman farmers escaped serious injury if not death when the funnel cloud passed within 100 feet near the George Coleman, Jr. place, one-half mile northeast of Inman.

Coleman and another farmer, Raymond C. Taylor, were standing near Highway 20 when a pickup driven by Hap Cadwalder came on the scene.

High winds (or possibly the funnel cloud itself) snapped off a 500 to 600 pound Cottonwood tree limb. The limb shattered when it struck the ground inches away from the pickup and a few feet from where Coleman and Taylor were standing.

Coleman said he saw the tail then dip and weave away from them striking several haystacks. He said shortly after the funnel cloud passed, lightning struck another haystack and burned it to the ground.

"I really didn't think too much of it when I went to bed that night, but when I woke up in the morning I started to realize just how close a call it was," he said.

Earlier in the day (the Inman tornado passed at approximately 5 p.m.) another funnel cloud was sighted near Clearwater. Damage was limited to trees, roofs and power lines.

The Clearwater storm came out of the southwest and traveled to the northeast, accompanied by 1.80 inches of rain. Very little hail fell. The Inman tornado appeared to come from the east but was believed to have been traveling northeasterly also.

Inman recorded three-fourths of an inch of rain immediately after the twister, and then three inches more within the following five hours.

## General O'Neill Is Subject of Thesis

Just what was General O'Neill, the generally accepted founder of our city, really like?

Just how was he associated with the Finian movement and was he really responsible for founding this community?

These are just a few of the questions on the life of General O'Neill, a young university student, Jerry Noonan of 4920, Happy Hollow Blvd., Omaha, would like to find out.

He is working for his master's degree in history and has had a thesis on the life of General O'Neill approved.

Noonan, said much less information was available on General O'Neill than he had hoped and that church records, the records of old newspapers and a previous scholarly article was just a "jumping off place."

## 'Hot, Hot, Hot'

O'Neill and Holt county can expect more hot weather, and what's more, hotter weather than we've already been having.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reports a heat wave that could bring temperatures up to the 100 mark during the next two days.

The five-day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies in the sandhills with increasing humidity and temperatures as far west as the state line to the Great Lakes.

Last week's high reading was on Thursday with 101 degrees. Wednesday (yesterday) night's low was 61.

## Officers Re-Elected For City Bowlers

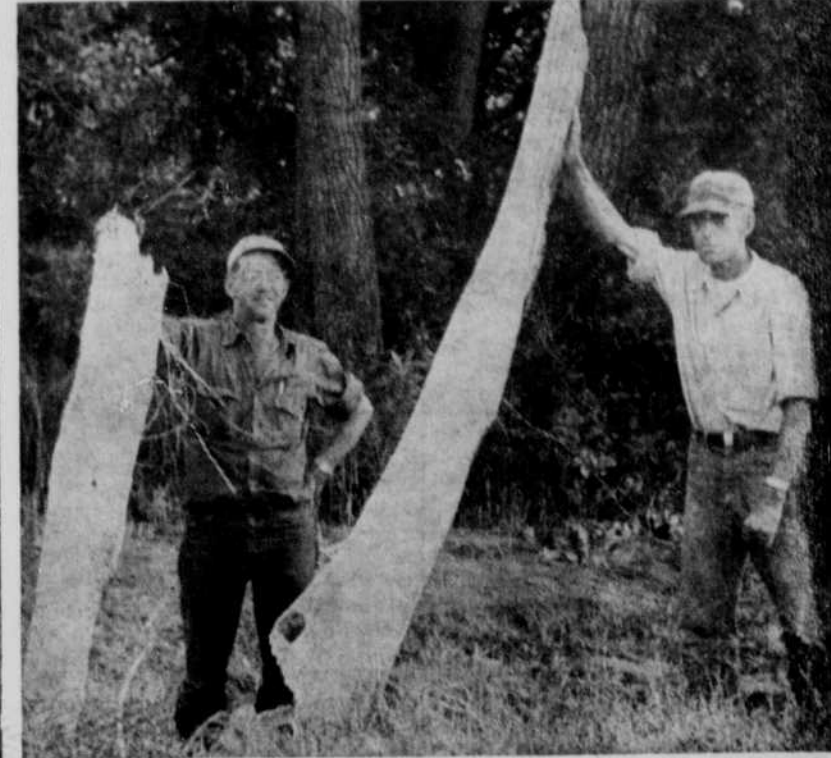
George McCarthy was re-elected president of the city bowling association at a Sunday meeting.

Bob Miles and Sam Fuhrer were re-elected secretary and vice president respectively, at the meeting also.

There will be 7 leagues for men and 3 for women this year. Evening meetings at the alleys will be held for the following teams: Shamrock, Beef, Champs all on Thursday, Classic and Roundup on Friday.

## Instruments Available

A music company representative will be in the O'Neill public school auditorium the afternoon and evening of Friday, Sept. 4 with a display of instruments for parents of children wishing to start playing a musical instrument this term are asked to make arrangements for an instrument at that time.



The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

Sections of the 500 pound Cottonwood tree limb splintered near these two Inman farmers, Raymond Taylor, left, and George Coleman Jr. during the twister storm Friday afternoon.

## O'Neill Lions To Hold Kids Fish Day Sunday

## 40-Year Old Mother of Two Dies Tuesday

A 40-year old O'Neill mother of two children died in St. Anthony's hospital Tuesday, August 25.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday (tomorrow) for Mrs. LaVern D. Stevens, a lifetime resident of Holt county.

The Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will officiate at the requiem high mass. A rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Thursday (tonight) at Biglin's chapel. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Agnes Clara was born March 6, 1919 to C. E. and Mary Boyle Cavanaugh at O'Neill. She was married June 16, 1941 to LaVern D. Stevens at Emmet.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Gale Francis, a daughter, Marcia Elena, both at home; parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cavanaugh of Chambers; three sisters, Helen Cavanaugh of Chambers, Margaret Gallion of Omaha and Evelyn Cavanaugh of Chambers; three brothers, Edward of Chambers, William of Philadelphia, Pa., and Maurice of Omaha.

Pallbearers are Jerome Gallagher, Ted Kyster, Don McKamy, Lowell Nesbitt, George Janousek and Dean Jeffery.

## St. Francis Sisters' Head Dress Changed

The Sisters of St. Francis, the order teaching at St. Mary's Academy, have changed their head dress according to Mother Agnesine, the sisters' superior.

Mother Agnesine said the change was order-wide throughout the world in compliance with the wishes of the late Pope Pius XII.

She said the change made the habit more practical and easier to care for.

Local Lions will be on hand to watch the children and assist with bathing and removing fish. The trucks will return at 4 p.m. and will arrive back in O'Neill about 4:30.

## Good Defense Play

The underdog north team at the All-Star Shrine game in Omaha last Sunday lost a heartbreaking 7 to 6 at the hands of the faster and heavier southern eleven.

Larry Tomlinson, a former St. Mary's Academy football star played end the second half with the losers, and was reported by his coach with doing an excellent job on defense.



The Frontier Photo and Engraving.

O'Neill's new water pump will go into action as soon as health authorities clear the water for public use. Several days of continuous pumping are sometimes needed for lower level pipes to become disinfected according to state health authorities.