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'Grandma' Hull, she has seen 104 years of life, sees and hears not so well, "but just about what she wants too." She has 225 direct living descendants and almost all of them and many more friends wished her the best Tuesday. See descendant picture on inside page.

## Celebrates Birthday

# 'Grandma' Hull, 104 Has 225 Decedents

'Grandma' Hull, who lives out on Meek Route, celebrated her 104th birthday Tuesday.

And if you do not think that this has been some living consider what her now not-so-bright eyes have seen:

—She has seen this prairie so desolate when she was still a young woman of 23 that "you could track a jackrabbit from O'Neill to the Niobrara river."

—She has seen Holt county when the majority of land in the county was not yet homesteaded.

—And what has she heard? —She has heard the crying voices of five generations of children and many of the direct decedents that number 225.

—She has heard winds of two great blizzards and the bitter winds of numberless drought years.

—And what has she felt? —She has felt the seeds of trees planted many years ago and has outlived the strongest of them.

—She has felt with her not-so-steady, 104-year old hands the sandy prairie turn a living for her eight living children.

—Now she pretty much hears just what she wants to hear and sees what she wants to see," remarked her daughter, Mrs. Preston Jones.

Mrs. Jones explained that when the "girls" (grandmother's daughters) were talking about getting enough plates for the 240 guests that would come to the annual birthday dinner in her honor, the old lady said:

"Say there, you don't have to get no plates on my account."

"We weren't talking loudly at all, but you see what I mean?" Mrs. Jones asked.

The children of 'Grandma' Hull explain that the social highlight in northern Holt county each year (her birthday) doesn't bother her a bit. She seems to be delighted over all the fuss but doesn't get "fussed" herself.

Mrs. Hull has lived on the farm with her son, William O'Neill, for the past 77 years. She was born in Boone, Ia., in 1855. Her maiden name was Sarah Ellen Ross and married William Hull, sr. at Boone when she was 20 years old. The couple came to the homestead when she was 23.

The couple became the parents of 12 children, 8 of whom are still living. Mr. Hull died 30 years ago. Her sons and daughters are Elmer of Niobrara, Levi of O'Neill, William of O'Neill, Arch of Crookston, Edwin of Sioux City, Mrs. Preston Jones of O'Neill, Mrs. Cecil (Esther) Haynes of Parmelee, S. D., and Mrs. Leon (Edna) Mellor of Redbird.

**BUY RESUSCITATOR**  
The O'Neill park board has announced purchase of a resuscitator costing about \$400. A. P. Jaskowski, board president, said several persons will be trained in its operation. It will be kept at the swimming pool.

**CANAL IRRIGATION**  
The Atkinson Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a meeting of interested farmers or land owners who are interested in canal irrigation in Holt county. The meeting will be in the Atkinson high school auditorium Thursday evening (today).

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## THE WEATHER

Continued cool temperatures were expected in north-central Nebraska as the Official Sandhills weather report calls for increasing cloudiness and cool, northerly winds for the next two days.

# Death Takes Page Mother of Two Small Tots

A 24-year-old O'Neill mother of two small girls was killed instantly early Wednesday morning when the car in which she was riding struck a bridge abutment 3 miles east of Ewing on highway 275.

Sheriff Leo Tomjack, who, with patrolman Robert Gude, investigated the accident said Mrs. Henry (Marlene) Schneider had apparently fallen asleep at the wheel. She was returning to O'Neill from Exeter, near Lincoln, where she was visiting her husband's parents. Mr. Schneider is presently in the Navy Air Force in Memphis, Tenn.

Tomjack said the car left the right hand side of the road, crossed over the center line and hit what is known as the Cache Creek bridge. The car was totally destroyed.

Mrs. Schneider was a 1953 graduate of the Page high school and for the past few days was living in O'Neill with her two children, Pamela Denise, 3, and Kimberly Jo, a few months old infant.

In addition to her husband, children and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelly of Page, she is survived by two sisters, Peggy Sue and Caren Kay, both of whom are still attending the Page schools. She is also survived by a grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Carson of Page, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schneider who she had been visiting hours before the fatal accident.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Biglin's.

Mrs. Schneider's death was the 228th traffic fatality in Nebraska during the year in contrast with 219 at this same time last year.



MRS. SCHNEIDER  
... killed instantly



Schneider death car ...

# Watch Out Neligh, Trinity

Both O'Neill football coaches will attempt to separate the men from the boys Friday night as they meet their first opponents of the season.

St. Mary's Academy, already plagued with two injuries will travel to Hartington where they will meet Holy Trinity's Trojans.

O'Neill high, under the direction of their new coach, will stay at home to battle Neligh.

**O'Neill High School**  
The eyes of O'Neillites will be on the returning eight veterans as well as Jake Hawley as the Eagles take on the Neligh eleven tomorrow (Friday) night.

O'Neill high appears to have a somewhat lighter team than last year although will have experience to some extent and have some excellent men returning.

The probable starting lineup for O'Neill high will be Bill Eby, quarterback, Darold Ermer and Jerry Kileoin, halfbacks, Larry Donlin, fullback, Bill Nelson and Bill Eby, ends, Gary Jeffrey and Bill Fricke, tackles, Jim Adams and Dennis Tomlinson, guards and John Kurtz, center.

The Cards will take on a relatively strong team in the state. Holy Trinity has 10 returning veterans although is reported to be light in the line.

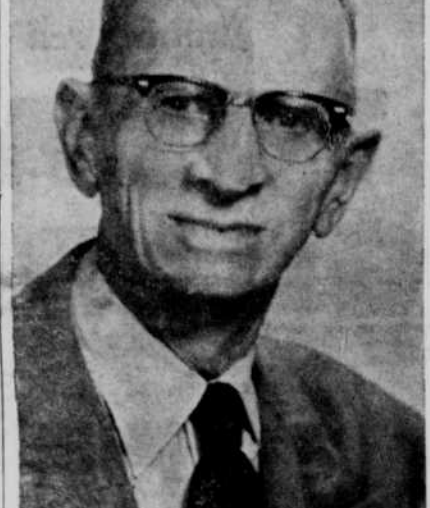
Trinity's season last year consisted of 2 wins and 6 losses. The Trojans have been playing football for only 6 years. Father Fitzpatrick, the squad's athletic director, told the Frontier they will be playing a modified T formation, probably of the split variety.

Here is the probable starting lineup for the Cards: Gale Stevens will get the nod at quarterback position, Ronnie Ross and Jim



Well over a half a ton, these St. Mary's Academy boys will be gunning for the Trojans of Holy Trinity, Hartington, in their season's opener Friday night. The boys with the "bee" each hit the scales at 200 pounds or very near it. They are, from left, Greg Johnson, 237, Terry Gallagher, 234, Tom Higgins, 210, Cal Peters, 200, Bernard Kamphaus, 196 (the lightweight) and Morris Pongratz, 205.

Shoemaker, halfbacks, Ray Bellina, fullback in the line it will be Dick Cleary and Ronnie Holly, ends, Tom Higgins and Greg Johnson, tackles, Morris Pongratz and Bill Putnam, guards and Cal Peters, center.



## Oscar Skondal Dies Monday

LYNCH—The funeral of Oscar Skondal, 86, was held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Jones Funeral home in Lynch.

He died at a Tilden rest home Sept. 4. During his active years, he farmed in the Monowi community and was buried in the Alford cemetery near there.

The Rev. Willard Lloyd officiated at the services.

Oscar Skondal, the son of Osmond and Olinda Nelson Skondal, was born April 21, 1873 at Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. He farmed for many years five miles east of Lynch. He never married.

Mr. Skondal was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and was the last member of his immediate family living.

Surviving nieces living in this area include Mrs. Hulda Gray of Lynch, Mrs. Mary Howard and Mrs. Sylvia Cunningham, both of O'Neill and Mrs. Lottie Pierson of Ewing.

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## Angus Men Plan First Interstate Day At Amelia

For the first time in the history of the purebred Angus cattle in the Holt county area, breeders are holding an Interstate Angus field day.

The ranch of Blaine Garwood and sons, 5 miles northwest of Swan Lake in southwest Holt county or 30 miles southwest of Atkinson near Amelia has been selected as the site Saturday, Sept. 19.

Registration will be 9 to 11 a.m. Viewing of herds and having operations will be held during these hours. A barbecue dinner will be held shortly before noon prepared by Willard Linville and John Henning of Atkinson.

Here are a few of the highlights: Herd Classification and performance testing lecture by Lyle Springer, executive assistant of the American Angus Association; panel discussion on the Angus feeder, feeder, buyer and packer.

An amateur rodeo will be held at 3 p.m.

A watermelon feed is planned for Interstate guests and friends by the Ladies of the Angus Auxiliary.

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MICHAEL WENDT  
... household saddened

## Young Son Dies; Wendt's Mourn

BRISTOW—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wendt was saddened Tuesday with the death of their 1 1/2-year old son, Michael Thomas.

The little boy died after drinking cleaning fluid earlier in the day. He was rushed to the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch where he died at 4:25 p.m. The Wendt's are farmers living 8 miles northeast of Bristow.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic church in Spencer, the Rev. Robert Steinhausen officiating.

Michael was born March 11, 1958 at the place where he died, Sacred Heart hospital.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Wayne and Steven and a sister, Diane.

The surviving maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Soukup of Spencer and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wendt, also of Spencer. Arrangements were made by the Jones Funeral Home in Spencer and burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Palbearers will be four youngsters, Curtis Anderson, James Gehlson, Richard Kayl and Wendell Martinson.

A "Mass of the Angels" will be said.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS**  
Family season tickets to all St. Mary's Academy home football and basketball games will be made available at \$15 again this year. The \$15 per year will admit everyone in grade and high school as well as the parents. Individual gate tickets will be sold at 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children for both SMA's and O'Neill high's games.

# O'Neill Gets Twin State Rodeo Here

O'Neill will be the site of the joint South Dakota and Nebraska state amateur rodeo championship finals October 3 and 4. The announcement was made following a meeting of the O'Neill Rodeo Association board of directors, the hosts of the big, two-state rodeo.



## S. Chmiel Dies At St. Anthony's Funeral Friday

The funeral of a much loved and respected Holt county resident, Stanislaus Chmiel, 75, of Ewing will be held 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic church in O'Neill, with the Rev. Peter Burke officiating.

Mr. Chmiel, a Polish immigrant who fled Europe in the 1880's under the heels of Austrian military forces, died in St. Anthony's hospital Monday, Sept. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Chmiel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just over a year ago.

Mr. Chmiel came to Holt county from Chicago in 1917 and remained a farmer and rancher in this area for the remainder of his life. He will be remembered for years because of his ability with the "fiddle" and his good humor at social gatherings.

He married Jennie Zabrowski July 27, 1908 when Jennie's father arranged for a Polish-speaking priest to come to the Stafford Catholic mission from south Omaha.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 4 sons and 2 daughters. They include Eugene Chmiel of North Platte, Robert E. Chmiel of Coquille, Ore., A. A. Chmiel of Granada Hills, Calif., Carl Chmiel of Ewing, Mrs. J. P. Feighney of Julesburg, Colo., and Mrs. A. L. Horn of Grand Island.

Surviving brothers and sisters include Mrs. Nick Cleon of Chicago, John Chmiel of Chicago, Mike Chmiel of Fullerton and Frank Chmiel, of Poland.

Stanislaus Chmiel was born March 29, 1884 in Ractawice, Poland, the son of Joseph and Katarzyna (Fila) Chmiel.

A rosary will be said for him 8 p.m. Thursday (today) and burial will be in Calvary cemetery in O'Neill.

**Parents and Police Watch Teen Drivers**

The city police in O'Neill were requested to crack down on teen age drivers during the past week by the City Council.

As a result, one boy lost his license for reckless driving after pleading guilty and several other youths had their driving curbed by their parents.

Gale Boyle, 17, pleaded guilty to willful and reckless driving. Judge Louis Reimer fined Boyle \$50 and \$4 costs and suspended his driver's license. He began serving a jail sentence but was released upon bond put up by an employer.

Police Chief Chris McGinn said several parents had reprimanded their children during the week after a talk with police.

**Mrs. Cole's Sister Dies In Movable, Iowa**

Mrs. Joseph Montague (Anna Gertrude Harding), born and raised in Holt County, died in Movable, Ia., Thursday. She lived in Iowa the last 40 years of her life.

She is survived by her husband, an eight-year-old son and a sister, Mrs. Guy Cole of O'Neill.

Those attending the funeral in Movable Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole, Mrs. Larry Schaffer, Mrs. Esther Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole of Emmet.

**O'Neillite on Atlas Firing**

The first inter-continental ballistic missile was fired Wednesday from Vandenberg air force base in California. S-Sgt. Donald C. Sausser was at the computer controls for the launching.

The missile landed 5,000 miles out into the Pacific off the coast of Hawaii.

Sergeant Sausser called his mother at the Frontier and said the launching was a complete success.

Atlas missiles have been fired before by experts but this was the first by a trained Air Force group.



There is only one way to eat a watermelon. The three little girls at the Page Free Days provided about as good an example of the best way to do it as the Frontier photographer could find. The girls are, from left, Patty Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindly Crumly, Vonda Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Asher and Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Asher.

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