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### WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, today's high near 48.

## Legion Post 115 Boxing Card Pleases Crowd

Stuart's pre-golden glove boxing card Saturday night proved to be plenty exciting as two men won on TKO's. A fair, crowd viewed the matches which got better as the evening progressed.

The results of the fights which were sponsored by Legion Post 115 of Stuart are as follows:

Darrell "Skeet" Cobb, Grand Island, 114, lost to Warren Leschinsky, Palmer, 116.

Jerry Smith, Hastings, 103, defeated Ronnie Hawthorne, St. Libory, 110, in a free-swinging contest.

Larry Cooper, Grand Island, 129, defeated Larry Schwensen, Palmer, 132, in a close fight.

Eli Gonzales, Grand Island, 143, lost a close decision to Leon Mathis, St. Libory, 138, in a crowd pleaser.

Gene Garner, Grand Island, 139, lost to Dick Martin, Hastings, 143 (close contest).

Terry Cobb, Grand Island, 137, scored a TKO over Gary Hacker, Hastings, 136 1/2, when fight was stopped after one round because of cut above Hacker's eye.

Dean Pofahl, Ewing, 155, defeated Ronnie Hawthorne, St. Libory, 153, in boxer vs. slugger, respectively.

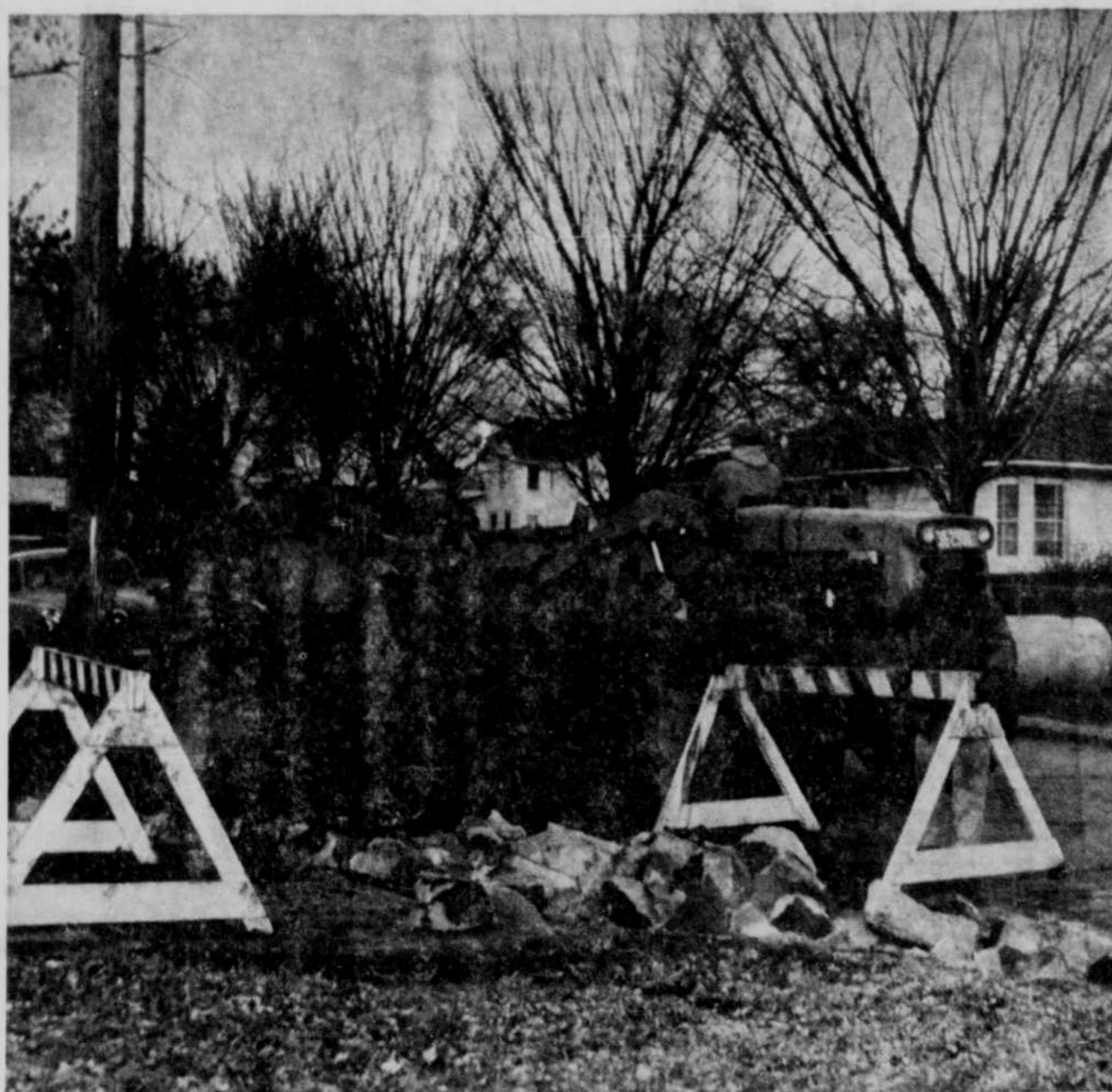
Lefoy (Butch) Pofahl, Ewing, 155, lost to Eugene Ironshell, Hastings, 149, in a rousing contest.

Leland Steffen, St. Libory, 173, won by a TKO over Roger Craichy, Burwell, 167, in first round.

Roger Pofahl, Norfolk, 179, defeated Don Kindschuh, Wisner, 176 1/2, after flooring Kindschuh for an eight count in the 3rd round.

Darrell Cobb won the Most Promising Boxer trophy, and Roger Pofahl, Norfolk, won the Sportsmanship trophy.

The fighters from Grand Island represented the Heinzman and Son team, and the Pofahl Brothers are on the O'Neill Legion team.



Workmen start work on the storm sewer project on South Second street. The paving in O'Neill is not completed but workmen on that project have halted paving because of bad weather. At second and Douglas workmen found a box type sewer just beneath the surface of the road and it will have to be replaced with the big tile seen in the background here.—The Frontier photo and engraving

## Community Services Set for 8 p.m. Here Thanksgiving Day

A community Thanksgiving service has been planned by the O'Neill Ministerial Assn. at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day at the First Presbyterian Church here.

The Rev. Don Olmsted, pastor of the Wesleyan Church will give the Thanksgiving message. He will be assisted by the Rev. John Hart of the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. C. P. Turner of the Center Union Church.

An offering will be taken for the fund of the Ministerial Association. This fund is used to assist needy persons. There will also be special music.

## Lutherans Schedule Thanksgiving Services Wednesday Night

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held this Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, O'Neill. The Rev. A. S. Geiwille, pastor, will deliver the sermon "Giving Thanks for Our Daily Bread."

The congregation voted to hold Thanksgiving Eve services to make it possible for those who are unable to attend on the following day. A special offering will be received for the mission work of the local congregation, its District, and Synod.

## Gene Schneider Earns Wayne State Letter

Gene Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider, was awarded a letter at Wayne State college for football. It was announced last week.

Schneider, a freshman, was a standout on the St. Mary's team last year and was chosen as an all-Holt county player. Only three freshmen received letters at the school. Another freshman winner was Jack O'Brien of Valentine.

Upperclassmen from the area who received letters are: Merlin Matteis, Creighton, Elmer Mahler, Neleigh, and Tom Billeter, Valentine.

## Edward Myers Funeral Held In St. Paul, Friday

Funeral services for Edward A. Myers, a former resident of the Chambers community, were held November 20 at the First Methodist church in St. Paul. Mr. Myers died Nov. 17 at the Lutheran hospital in Grand Island.

Edward A. Myers was born October 13, 1885 at Seward. The family moved to Chambers in 1934 and farmed northeast of town until 1944 when they moved to St. Paul.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two sons. Survivors are: Sons—Jesse La Moyné of Baltimore, Md., and Edward A. of Grand Island; Seven grandsons were Dan Schenck, Everett Caudell, Ralph Sutton, Russel Waterman, Edward Caudell and Marion Myers.

# N-N-T-A Instructs Attorney To File Official Protests

## Holt Team Next Week

The All-Holt county football team will be announced in next week's issue of The Frontier. A delay in receiving pictures prevented The Frontier from announcing the county's best this issue.

## Telephone Directory Will Feature Numbers From 11 Communities

Next summer's telephone directory will include a yellow page classified section and the telephone exchanges of at least 11 communities in this area. Harry Peterson, manager, announced this week.

The new directory is a joint project of the Northwestern Bell and other telephone companies in this area. It is a result of requests from telephone users and a study of the directory needs.

The yellow classified section will list business and professional people under the classified headings. The town where the business is located will also be listed.

The Northwestern Bell exchanges which will be included are Ainsworth, Atkinson, Bristow, Butte, Cozy, Crookston, Long Pine, O'Neill, Spencer, Stuart and Valentine, said Peterson. Other exchanges included will be announced at a later date.

These exchanges will be arranged in alphabetical order. There will be no change in arrangements for calling between communities, Peterson added.

This will be the second regional type directory established in Nebraska. The first is the Mid-Nebraska directory serving 18 exchanges around Grand Island.

## Peter T. Nelson, 84, of Stuart Dies Saturday

STUART—Funeral services for Peter T. Nelson, age 84, were conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. from the Stuart Community church with Rev. Herbert Young officiating. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery at Gregory, S. D.

Peter T. Nelson was born April 10, 1875 in Kristianstad, Sweden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frued Nelson.

March 30, 1899 at Wayne he was united in marriage to Sophia



PETER T. NELSON

Schanneman. They became the parents of six children. The family moved to Holt county in 1942.

Mr. Nelson died Saturday evening at the Adkinson Memorial hospital after suffering a heart attack. He had not been ill.

His wife preceded him in death. He is survived by a daughter—

Mrs. Esther Zimmerman of Colofone, S. D. and two sons—Clifford and August, both of Stuart; Oliver of Great Bend, Kans.; Ben of Ida Grove, Ia. and Leonard of Crookston.

## Luanne Fritton Is Nurses Queen

Luanne Fritton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fritton, was honored in Omaha Friday night when she was crowned the new queen of the Nebraska State Student Nurses Association.

She received the honor during the association's annual Fall Formal at Peony Park. Miss Fritton represented St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha where she is a senior.

Other schools represented were Immanuel, Methodist, St. Joseph's and University hospitals.

STUART—The attorney or the North-Nebraska Transportation Association successor to the Save-the-Trains Association, Friday was ordered to file official protests regarding Frontier Air Line's intent to cancel one North Nebraska roundtrip daily flight and suspend another.

Officers and directors of NNTA, conferring in special session, instructed Einar Viren, Omaha attorney, to enter protests with the State Railway Commission, State Aeronautics Commission and Civil Aeronautics Board.

Viren also was instructed to enter into correspondence with management of North Central Air Lines, Ozark Air Lines and Central Air Lines, all classified as "feeder" carriers, to determine if one of those carriers would be interested in succeeding Frontier in Nebraska.

NNTA President J. G. Brewster, Stuart banker, said a committee would be appointed to represent the association at meetings and hearings. A save-the-planes meeting is scheduled Friday evening at Chadron.

Meanwhile, NNTA is considering asking the State Railway Commission to order Chicago and North Western Railway company to restore Omaha-Chadron-Omaha passenger service if all efforts fail to keep at least one roundtrip plane schedule in force. When the group was known as the Save-the-Trains Association, it battled four years to keep trains 13 and 14 on the 450-mile line only to see rail passenger service suspended July 7, 1958.

Ray Hill of Gordon, NNTA vice-president, said, "For many of the people in North Nebraska the preservation of transportation is more than it was for pioneers. The trains served 43 communities; the planes are serving six points, including Omaha and Chadron, on the northern route. If we lose the planes there'll be nothing left to do but walk."

NNTA officers declared that O'Neill and Gordon are important communications centers not served by the planes. They agreed that until they are served the plane patronage may not be sufficient. They further believe that eliminating Norfolk on the northern route and substituting Grand Island would be more valuable to North Nebraska travelers.

Most transcontinental passengers traveling in and out of the Sandhills area are destined to or enroute from the West coast. At Grand Island they could make rail, plane and bus connections without traveling as far east as Lincoln or Omaha. Making Omaha the eastern terminus, however, is logical, NNTA officers said.

In the 12-month period under study at the Railway Commission hearing at Valentine relative to discontinuance of the last two trains, the C and NW figures showed 33,000 persons had used the Omaha-Chadron-Omaha trains. Only a fraction of this number used the air transport during the experimental use-it-or-lose-it period. The air service was authorized on an emergency basis in the fall of 1958 because of the demise of the trains. Air enthusiasts used the ill-fated status of the trains to push the case for air "feeder" service.

## Jeannette Frickie Wins \$20 In Items Contest

Jeannette Frickie won \$20.00 as first prize winner in the Chamber of Commerce unrelated item contest Friday. Other winners were Mrs. Ray Eby, \$15.00, Clara Peacock, \$10.00 and Mrs. Laurence Haynes, \$5.00.

Merchants participating in the contest entered Christmas merchandise Friday night. Each window had one item unrelated to their business.

None of the winners picked all the items correctly. The first place winner picked all but three, the second and third place winners picked all but five and the fourth place winners had six wrong.

The items in each window are as follows: Helen's Flower Shop, clothes pin clip; M and M Bakery, tooth pick on string; Coyne's Hardware, cigarette in ash tray; Apparel Shop, red paper bow; Johnson's Drug Store, partial plate; Consumer's Public Power, Miromatic pressure pan; Western Auto Store, peanut; O'Neill Style Shop, bobby pin; A and M Shoe Store, spool of thread; Ben Franklin Store, pig.

Others were McIntosh Jewelry, wood plane; Devoey Drug Store, false teeth; Biglin's, wood stain; Lee Store, coffee; Laursen Insurance Agency, cigar; J. C. Penney Store, onion necklace; McCarrville's Clothing, pretzel in boot; Johnson Jewelry Store, candy; J. M. McDonald's store, bottle opener; Coast-To-Coast store, paper towel in holder; Saunto's Clothing Store, wire connector; Gamble Store, tire valve and apples; O'Neill Drug Store, wish bone and fish bobber; and Shelhamer Oil, button on toy tractor wheel.

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Counties represented will be Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, McPherson, Logan and Holt.

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## Tom Liddy Is Seal Chairman; \$1,810 Goal Set

Tom Liddy, 1959 Christmas Seal chairman, announced this week that the Holt county goal for this year's sales is \$1,810.

Most of the money will go to the local committee to sponsor x-ray trucks. The amount given to the national association will be used in medical research to stamp out tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis, still the nation's number one communicable disease, hospitalizes the average patient for 222 days. One person dies from the disease every 45 minutes and every 6 minutes someone has contacted the disease.

The sales campaign began November 16 and Liddy has asked that anyone not receiving seals to please contact him by writing Tom Liddy, O'Neill, Nebraska.

Others were McIntosh Jewelry, wood plane; Devoey Drug Store, false teeth; Biglin's, wood stain; Lee Store, coffee; Laursen Insurance Agency, cigar; J. C. Penney Store, onion necklace; McCarrville's Clothing, pretzel in boot; Johnson Jewelry Store, candy; J. M. McDonald's store, bottle opener; Coast-To-Coast store, paper towel in holder; Saunto's Clothing Store, wire connector; Gamble Store, tire valve and apples; O'Neill Drug Store, wish bone and fish bobber; and Shelhamer Oil, button on toy tractor wheel.

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## Announce Court Terms

Terms of the fifteenth judicial district court were announced this week from the office of Judge D. R. Mounts.

Holt county jury terms are March 14 and October 3. Sessions will be held each Monday afternoon for motions, demurrers and ex-parte matters.

## Chmeil's Win Prizes In Oregon Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Chmeil of Coquille, Ore., were winners of \$600 free gifts from merchants who participated in the Chamber of Commerce retail trade promotion there.

The Chmeils guessed the merchandise displayed in the 26 windows to total a value of \$614.33. The correct value was \$621.07.

Mr. Chmeil is a son of Mrs. Stanley Chmeil and the late Mr. Chmeil. They are the parents of four children, Sharol, 17, Sue, 16, John, 12 and Douglas, 4.

## St. Mary's Academy Boosts Sport Prices

St. Mary's Academy has announced a new price scale for their home basketball and football games. The new prices are as follows: St. Mary's grade and high school students, 25c; other school, grade and high school students, 50c; adults, 75c.

St. Mary's season tickets will not be good for admission to this year's St. Mary's-O'Neill High game, as O'Neill high is the host school.

## Airport Authority Meets Here Monday

The O'Neill Airport Authority committee met Monday morning to take preliminary steps to secure a U.S. weather station at the airport here in O'Neill.

The group also discussed the uses which money allocated by the federal government for airport improvement might be spent.

# Mark Harkins Has 61 Years As Lumber Yard Manager; 26 in Inman

By Sarah Michaels  
Special Correspondent

Sixty-one years is a long time to be in business, but Mark Harkins, Inman, has done just that.

Mr. Harkins has been in the lumber business 61 years—the last 26 at the Finkbine lumber company in Inman.

If someone was to tell you that he was selling for 3 cents a pound, lathe, two bundles for 25 cents, and dimension lumber for \$15 a thousand foot, everyone would be building new homes. Mr. Harkins can remember when supplies were selling for just those amounts.

Mr. Harkins began work in the lumber business in 1898 at the Fullerton lumber company in Griswold, Ia. He became associated with the Finkbine lumber company in 1904 at Duncombe, Ia. He has worked continuously for that company until the present time and received a fifty year certificate from the Nebraska Lumber Merchants Association in 1953 in recognition of his long service.

The men who work with the 85-year old gentleman say that he looks as if he were 65 — and when he starts to work, he works as if he were 45.

He enjoys recalling those days when prices were quite different than they are today. When Mr. Harkins started in the lumber business, cement was imported from England in barrels. In 1900 they started using lime for plastering.

In the early part of this career with Finkbines they were getting white pine and hemlock from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Then in 1915 Finkbines had a lumber mill in Mississippi and yellow pine was shipped north to their yards.

Around 1920 fir lumber started coming from the west.

With the many years as a lumber yard manager, Mr. Harkins has a enjoyed several hobbies, namely baseball and gardening.

Mr. Harkins recalls the no hit, no run game he pitched as a young fellow for a Webster City, Ia., team. This particular incident happened when they played the professionals of Webster City.

Mr. Harkins has always spent his off duty hours in his garden in the summer time. He raises enough for his family and still has some to sell.

On June 4, 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Harkins celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.

The Finkbine hardware has long been a gathering place for the men of this community. Mr. Harkins has always been able to add his bit to these many gatherings.



Mark Harkins, Inman, still on the job after 61 years in the lumber business. His friends say he works like a man of 45.—The Frontier photo and engraving

## Creighton Alums Hear University President Here

The Creighton University alumni dinner party will be held Monday night at the Town House with the university president, Very Rev. Carl M. Reinert, S. J., as special guest.

Alumni, wives and husbands, and parents of Creighton students will attend the dinner. There will be no change in arrangements for calling between communities, Peterson added.

Several other university staff members will be on hand, said Dr. Edward Gleason, president of the O'Neill Creighton club. About 75 are expected to attend the dinner, which will begin at 7 p.m.

## O'Neill Fellowship Has Turkey Dinner

A turkey dinner was held Sunday evening at the O'Neill Methodist Church by the Adult Fellowship. About 60 were present.

Singing, scripture lesson and a film, "The Ten Lepers," followed the dinner. The next meeting will be a Christmas party December 13. The unveiling of the creche scene will also be held then.

## Senator Nelson Files For Term

Senator Frank Nelson thinks work at home on the farm is much more dangerous than the battles of the last Nebraska legislative session.

He sprained a foot in brush with a hog in a loading chute and then bruised himself while on a tower sending a windmill.

Senator Nelson, dean of the Legislature, says his filing for re-election will try for his twentieth term. He spent last Friday conferring with officials of the North-Nebraska Transportation Association successor to the Save-the-Trains Association.

## Irvin Van Cleave Rolls Truck Hauling Gravel

Irvin Van Cleave, Stuart who was hauling gravel for the county near the Niobrara river rolled his dump truck about 1 p.m. Monday. He was not hurt.

Van Cleave said that he met a car on a blind curve and got too far over to the edge of the road. The truck rolled over and stopped on its top in the ditch.

Van Cleave drove the truck back to Atkinson.

THE SPIANS TO GIVE PLAYS  
Troupe 882 of the National Thespian Society met November 18 here in O'Neill. Plans for two one act Christmas plays were discussed and material for these plays has been ordered.

# Pioneer Bertha Gillespie Dies At Her Home Here

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the First Methodist Church for Mrs. Lloyd G. Gillespie, a resident of Holt county since 1896. Rev. Glenn Kennicott officiated at 2 p.m. service.

Pallbearers were Clay Johnson, Jr., Neil Dawes, Norbert Clark, Emmet Crabb, Bob Kurtz and Ralph Young. Burial was at Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Gillespie died in her home Saturday, at the age of 81. She would have been 82 Sunday.

Bertha Emma Fawkes was born the eldest daughter of Wilbur and Lottie Jones Fawkes at Maroa, Macon county, Ill. November 2, 1877. She was reared and educated in Illinois and came to Holt County in 1896 with her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

The Fawkes family resided for a short time on a farm near O'Neill following the death of a son. Bertha remained in O'Neill, however.

On Nov. 30, 1902 she married Lloyd G. Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gillespie, at the Methodist Church in O'Neill. Three children were born to this union.

Mrs. Eldon R. (Marjorie) Wren San Gabriel, Calif., W. Bennett O'Neill, and Eleanor Charlotte who died in 1928.

In 1952 the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house.

Following their marriage the couple lived in several dwellings



MRS. L. G. GILLESPIE

in O'Neill until in 1917 when they purchased from Romaine Saunders their present home at 315 South First street.

Mrs. Gillespie had been active in the Methodist Church for over 30 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Rebekah, WSCS and Woodman Circle lodges.

Survivors besides Mr. Gillespie are her son, daughter include Mrs. M. I. Davies, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. John Eskeld, Oregon City, Ore.; three granddaughters and a number of great-grandchildren.