

Propose New \$465,000 Senior High School Building

Storage Tanks Burn at Stuart; Six Destroyed

A spectacular 15-20 thousand dollar fuel oil fire erupted in Stuart Monday afternoon completely burning six Krotter fuel tanks and the bulk plant installation.

Quick work on the part of volunteer fire fighters saved the Stuart Creamery and other buildings in the area in spite of the terrific blaze.

The smoke from the fire could be seen in O'Neill and many believed that the fire was in Emmet.

Firemen from O'Neill, Bassett, Atkinson, Almsworth and Newport as well as the volunteer Stuart department joined in fighting the fire. Nearly a dozen fire lines were brought into play at the height of the flames.

Of the six fuel tanks burned, one was empty. All the tanks blew or split open and the tops of two tanks blew off, luckily landing in vacant spots.

Don Krotter, who was filling a truck in the bulk plant when the fire started, risked his life by driving the truck out of the bulk plant to the street. He was singed considerably.

Cause of the fire has not been definitely determined but it is believed that spontaneous combustion due to an electric spark or a spark from the metal truck in which the fire started was the chief factor.

Coal sheds near the scene caught fire and added to the blaze. They too were considerably damaged.

The fire was the first major town fire in Holt county this year.

Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. A. Secrist

EWING—Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Ewing Methodist church for Mrs. Ada Secrist with the Rev. W. W. Elliott officiating. Burial was made at Bartlett.

John A. Wood was organist. Mrs. W. W. Elliott and Mrs. Harriet Welke were the singers.

Pallbearers were Charles Good, Nevin Ickes, Ernest Pierson, Ben Larsen, Ernest Norwood and William Snider.

Ada Elmira, daughter of John and Secrina Hyde Ledgett, was born February 9, 1875 at Glenwood, Ia., and died at Ewing, September 3 at the age of 85 years. Death was due to complications of old age.

She was married to John Secrist. The couple had four children, three of whom survive her. They are Mrs. Mable Wilson of Yakima, Wash., Everett of Rush Center, Kan., and Glen of Gerber, Calif.

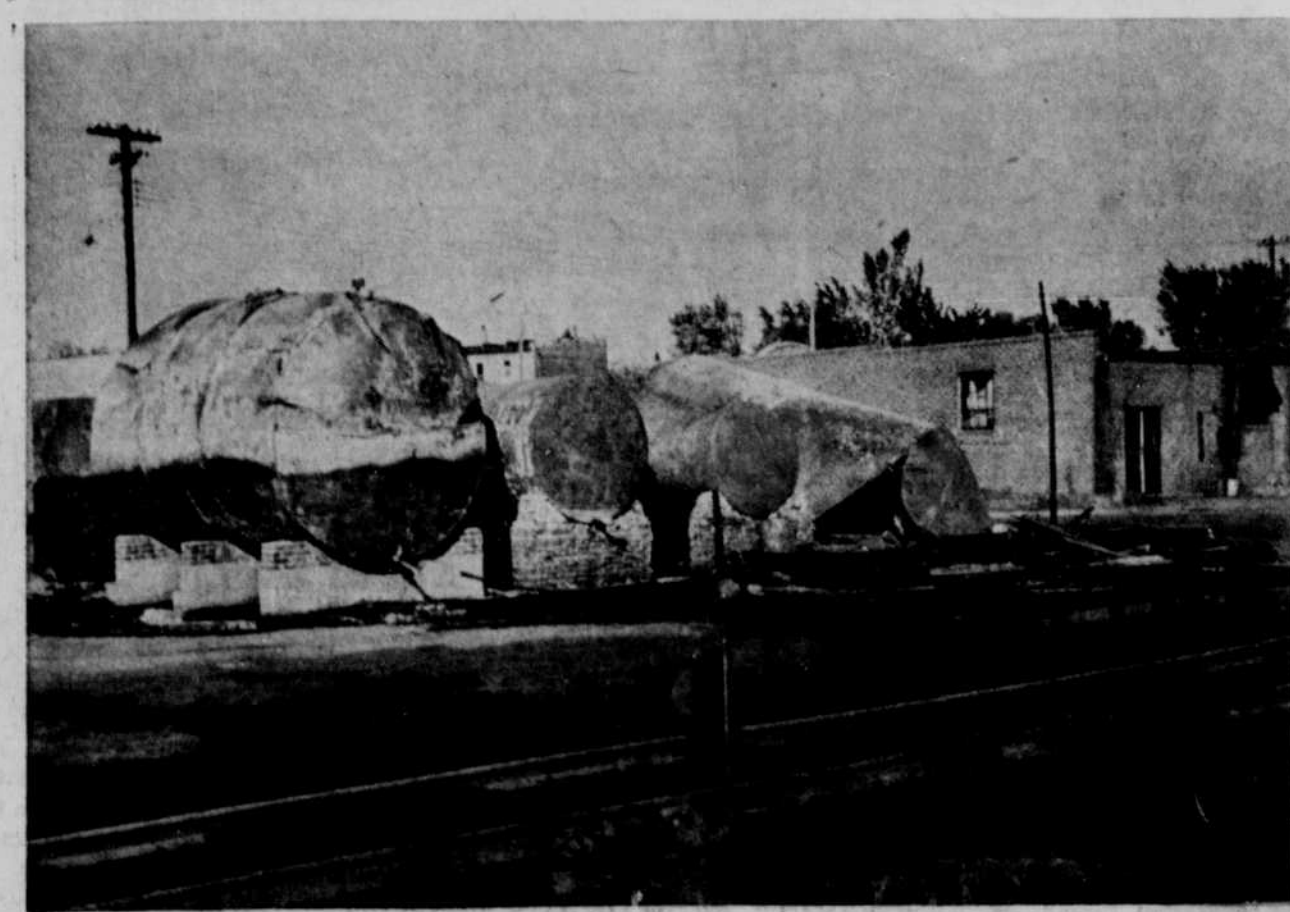
Other survivors are one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Merriman of Omaha; seven grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, three sisters and three brothers.

Orchard Man's Leg Amputated

Silas E. Coy, 27, of Orchard is recovering in a Norfolk hospital after losing his right leg below the knee in a combine accident Sunday.

Mr. Coy was injured when his foot became caught in the cylinder of the combine. He was taken to the hospital where the leg was amputated below the knee.



Explosion and fire wrecked these storage tanks at Stuart Monday when a blaze swept through the bulk station.

Country Club Members Will Discuss Grass Greens Friday Night

There will be a general meeting of all O'Neill Country Club members Friday night at the clubhouse following the O'Neill Eagle-Valentine football game.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibilities of installing grass greens at the club. All members are asked to attend.

Three Youths Apprehended in Stolen Car

Three Huron, S. D., boys were arrested Tuesday about 11 p.m. by Patrolman Robert Gude in a stolen 1959 Plymouth station wagon. The boys, Michael Sarahan, 14, Donald C. Frank, 13, and Robert Ketelsen, 13, were lodged in the Holt county jail until Wednesday morning when their parents came for them and returned them to Huron to face charges in juvenile court.

The car was allegedly stolen from Dan Carr of Huron about 10:30 p.m. Monday. They also stole gas from a farm garage.

O'Neill Police Chief Chris McGinn noticed the boys and thought they looked suspicious. He said that none of them could see over the steering wheel to drive. He called the sheriff's office and the message was sent to Neligh. In the meantime Officer Gude had apprehended the boys.

Verdigre School Shows Decrease

VERDIGRE—Enrollment in the Verdigre public school showed a decrease this year as registration was completed Wednesday. Figures show an enrollment of 201, down 18 from last year.

This term 93 students are enrolled in high school as compared with 100 last year. There are 26 freshmen, 18 sophomores, 21 juniors and 28 seniors.

Grade school enrollment dropped from 119 last year to 103 this year.

Dr. Waters' Father Is Dead at Scotia

Word has been received here that Fred Waters, Scotia drugstore owner died Tuesday evening. Mr. Waters was the father of Dr. Bob Waters of O'Neill. Other details of the death were not immediately available.

FCC Schedules O'Neill Meeting To Explain TV Booster Stations

Congressman Don McGinley has announced that he has made arrangements with the Federal Communications Commission for two informational meetings to be held in the Fourth Congressional District explaining the new rules legalizing TV booster stations.

The meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at 9 a.m. at Alliance on September 22 and at 9 a.m. at O'Neill on September 14. This will be an opportunity for communities receiving television service via booster stations to learn of the new requirements in force as a result of a recent licensing law passed by Congress and the new rules adopted by FCC for administration of the law.

Mr. Andrew Bahlay, FCC Engineer in charge of district 15, with regional headquarters in Denver, Colo., will give information concerning the licensing procedure required on the part of low-power VHF television booster stations.

The new law and agency orders are the result of several years of confusion in the governmental supervision of booster stations. Many communities remote from major television stations had been threatened with loss of TV reception when, early in 1959, the FCC issued an order demanding the shutdown of VHF boosters and mandatory conversion to UHF facilities.

The reason given for this order was that VHF signals were a dangerous interference to commercial and military aircraft. Conversion to UHF transmitter systems would have been very costly for communities which had voluntarily raised funds for installation of booster facilities to make home TV reception possible.



Five generations were on hand at the annual celebration of Grandma Hull's birthday. Shown here are Grandma Hull holding Sandra Dee Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Carson, Mrs. Rex Carson, Mrs. Leon Mellor and Mrs. Harold Halstead.

"Grandma" Hull Honored at 105

Grandma Sarah Hull has had another birthday. And that's a new one for her. She celebrated her 105th birthday on Tuesday, September 6, 1960. Each year since 1929 a family gathering has been held on the Tuesday nearest Grandma's birthday at the home of her son, William, who lives 22 miles north east of O'Neill. Friends and relatives, never less than 100, drop in to visit and eat during the day long festivities.

Sarah Ellen Ross (Grandma) Hull was born September 6, 1855 at Boone, Ia. She married William Hull sr., at Boone Ia., on October 7, 1876. They homesteaded north of O'Neill when she was 23.

The couple became the parents of 12 children, eight of whom are still living. Mr. Hull died in 1929.

Grandma Hull is spry and alert and thoroughly enjoys life. In fact, she's looking forward to celebration 106.

Other pictures of Grandma's annual party will be found on another page of this issue of the Frontier.

Receive Order To Cut Sunday Mail Service

A reduction in Sunday and holiday mail service in towns from O'Neill to Norfolk has been ordered by the Wichita office of the Post Office Department.

All Sunday mail will be dispatched in the morning. The new schedule also affects most holidays.

Sunday and holiday mail addressed to towns between here and Norfolk will be delivered the following day. Previously such mail would arrive the same day.

Democrats To Meet Sept. 16

Holt county Democrats will hold an organizational meeting September 16 at the assembly room of the courthouse to elect officers and make plans for the coming election.

State Democratic chairman Russell Hansen of Wausau and Bob Conrad, assistant to the governor, will attend the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. according to L. D. Putnam.

Highway Group Slates Session At Ainsworth

The fifth in a series of informational meetings to be conducted by the Highway Advisory Commission will be held September 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the city hall at Ainsworth.

This meeting will cover the following counties: Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd, Holt, Blaine, Loup, and Garfield.

The meetings are designed to afford the public an opportunity to express themselves on highway problems and that the information gained will be used as an additional tool to be used in the planning of the highway program for the next biennium.

T-Shirt League Boys Presented Awards

Boys of the Senators T-Shirt league met at the home Dwayne Philbrick Tuesday evening. Sixteen members were presented awards in appreciation of their good sportsmanship.

4-H Leaders Meeting Scheduled September 14

Harold Melcher, president of the Holt county 4-H Leaders Council has called a meeting of the council for Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the courthouse annex in O'Neill.

Melcher urges all leaders to attend and take part in the discussion of how to improve next years county fair.

Registration At Chambers School Shows 156 Pupils

CHAMBERS—The Chambers school opened on Monday, August 29 with an enrollment in the high school of 56 and in the grades of 100. The faculty consists of 11 teachers in town this year and seven in the rural districts which have consolidated with the Chambers District.

The high school and Junior high teachers include: Kenneth Weller, Supt.; Wayne Gesierich, Coach, and Duane Carson, Myron Griffin of Ft. Collins, Colo.; Leo Chronopoulos of Grand Island, Mrs. Mabel Newton of Spalding and Mrs. Stanley Lambert.

The grade teachers are Mrs. Art Walter, kindergarten and first grade; Mrs. Kenneth Adams and Mrs. Emil Klabenos, second, third and fourth grades and William Schipman, fifth and sixth.

Some of the lower grades are being taught in the Legion Hall.

Mrs. Harold Fullerton of Amelia and Mrs. Beverly Sweet of Chambers are the teachers in Valley center school this year. Mrs. Joe Daas is teaching in the Glee district west of town. Mrs. Darrell Wedgewood of Chambers at Lone Tree, Mrs. Ed Coday is teaching again in District 212.

Record Crowd Attends Page Community Day

A record breaking crowd attended Page Community Day held Labor Day.

The celebration began with the parade led by the Page band directed by Leonard Sawyer and followed by a number of floats, walking costumes and mechanized units.

First prize of ten dollars went to the East Side Country Klub for their float, a Circus Side Show with the announcer hawking the familiar bally-hoo announcing the Siamese twin dancers, the two headed woman, hula dancer in grass skirt and etc.

Second place with a \$7.50 prize was given to the MYF for the church float "One Christ For All" with a representative attendance of people of all nations in the same worship service. Third prize of \$5 went to the Ideal Locker Plant butcher grinding out hot dogs.

Days Receipts Up in Smoke At Page Cafe

PAGE—While most people shy away from "hot money," the owners of the Page Cafe are wishing right now that they had some of their "hot money" back.

Their money, some \$150 in fact, was hot alright but not in the general sense of the term.

It seems that after the close of business Monday, one of the help put the days receipts in a cigar box. Where would be a safer place to hide the money but in the waste paper basket? And where would be the most logical place to start the early morning clean-up but to burn the trash.

You guessed it—the money, all \$150 of it—went up in smoke.

After poking around frantically in the fire in an effort to recover the money, the ash may not be sufficient for identification to have new currency issued.



It's not a tricycle or a unicycle, so it must be a bicycle. Willie Herman, the owner of this two-wheel method of transportation says he's not just sure what to call it either. He put it together in his spare time out of odds and ends and apparently it's just the thing for a quick trip to the post office. The trips take longer though—it seems everyone he meets wants to stop and visit so they can get a good look at the newfangled contraption.

College Credit Course To Begin At Butte

History 10, American History since 1865, will be offered in Butte on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 9 o'clock in the high school. The completion of this course will entitle an individual to three hours credit. Teachers planning to use this course for certification purposes should secure the approval for enrollment in the course prior to the organizational date.

In the event an individual does not secure the approval prior to the organizational date, he should complete his enrollment. If the course is not approved by this college, the total cost of the course will be refunded to the individual. At least twenty persons must show interest in the course before assurance can be given that class session will be continued.

Livestock Loss Demonstration Wins First Place for Inman 4-H Members

Gary and Kathy Fick, members of the Victory Boys and Girls 4-H club of Inman, won first place at the State Fair with their Livestock Loss Prevention demonstration.

They will represent Holt county and Nebraska at the National Livestock Conservation demonstration contest to be held in the last week of November in Chicago in connection with the international livestock show in Chicago.

Gary missed a perfect score for the fourth straight year by one-half point, but still was high in the Weed and Grass identification contest held at the Nebraska State Fair.

Other demonstrations and exhibit winners from Holt county are:

Luncheon Set—Red—Jo Ann Ries, Atkinson.
White Bread—Red—Rita Vequist, O'Neill; Faye Scheer, Ewing; Kathy Fick, Inman; and Judy Beed, Chambers.
Whole Wheat Bread—Blue—Faye Scheer, Ewing; Carolyn Fuhrer, O'Neill.
Cloveleaf Rools—Blue—Patricia Hammerlun, O'Neill; Ruth Ann Hansen, Inman. Red—Joan Drayton, O'Neill.
Plain Cake—Purple—Christine Herley, O'Neill. Red—Linda Thompson, Page.
Sponge Cake—Red—Sheryl Brady, O'Neill.
Food Preservation (3 jars vegetables)—Purple—Kathy Fick, Inman. Blue—Ruth Ann Hansen, Inman. (3 jars fruit)—Purple—Kathy Fick, Inman.
Canned Emergency Meals—Red—Ruth Ann Hansen, Inman; Kathy Fick, Inman.
Woodworking board—Red—Darrell Gillette, Chambers.
Grass Root Display—Purple—Gary Fick, Inman.
Plant Press—Purple—Leslie Graham, Lynch.
First Aid Kit—White—Terry Brown, O'Neill.
Poetry—Red—Rita Vequist, O'Neill.
Junior Leader Posters—White—Rita Vequist, O'Neill; Patty Bonenberger, O'Neill.
Secretary Book—Red—Maureen Schaaf, Emmet.
Range Management Books—Purple—Keith Krugman, O'Neill; Blue—Richard Hill, O'Neill; Red—Charles Hill, O'Neill.
Demonstrations—Blue—Karen Farrier and Judy Beed both of Chambers; Blue—Faye Scheer, Ewing.
Song Group—Red—Celia 4-H club of Atkinson.
Tree and Shrub Identification—Gary Fick of Inman tied for ninth place.
Weed and Grass Identification Contest—Gold Medal—Gary Fick of Inman; Richard Hill, O'Neill fourth place; Keith Krugman, O'Neill ninth place.
Food Preservation (3 jars vegetables)—Purple—Kathy Fick, Inman. Blue—Ruth Ann Hansen, Inman. (3 jars fruit)—Purple—Kathy Fick, Inman.

Preliminary plans for a proposed \$465,000 senior high building were presented to the O'Neill school board Tuesday evening.

The bond issue for the proposed building will be put to a vote at the general election November 8.

The proposed plans for the senior high include classrooms 35' x 128' for the grades 10, 11 and 12. There will be classrooms for mathematics, English, foreign language, social studies, library, commercial, science, music and a teachers' studio.

The back section of the building will be 94' x 143' and will include a gymnasium, shop, stage and storage. The physical education facilities provides for seating 1,300 persons with one section permanent and one section folding.

Officers will be provided for the superintendent, principal and guidance director.

The center section of the building will be 64' x 128'.

The \$465,000 will include the following items: \$12,000 for furniture, \$10,000 for the location, \$25,000 for architect fees and \$2,000 for the fiscal agent. The building will be a brick fire-resistant structure.

Plans in the future also include a junior high building.

The board also announced that work on a fire alarm system for the old building will be begun this week.

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The walking division earned the Rutherford sisters, Patricia and Nadine \$7.50 for their Indian family characterization; Joan Cronk took the \$5 prize with the hula girl dress-up and Donelle Hartigan received the third prize of \$2.50.

In the mechanized unit the Warren Cronk girls were the first prize winners with their interpretation of "The Old Woman Who Lived in The Shoe." Second prize of \$5 went to Larry Kornock with his covered wagon and third prize of \$2.50 was given Nancy

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