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Seven Cents

## Explosion Kills Lynch Girl, 4, Injures Brother

LYNCH—A tank heater explosion here Monday caused the death of a four-year-old girl, Roberta Muller, and severe leg burns on her nine-year-old brother, Billy.

Little Roberta died at Sacred Heart hospital Tuesday at 1:25 p.m. The explosion occurred on the outside of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Muller, about 8 a.m. Monday. The children were playing near the heater when it apparently overturned, and the spilled fuel caused an explosion.

Roberta received extensive burns over most of her body. Billy's legs were burned on the backs and sides.

Funeral services will be held for Roberta Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Catholic church here.

She is survived by her parents; three brothers, Billy, Gerald and Steven; one sister, Joyce, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lecher of Beach, N. D.

## Griffin, Mounts to Open New Law Firm

Attorneys William W. Griffin and D. R. Mounts have announced the opening of the law firm of Griffin and Mounts with offices in the Downey Building after March 1.

D. R. Mounts, who retired this month after 19 years service as district judge, is on a month's vacation in Oklahoma. He returned to private law practice following his retirement.

Mr. Griffin has served as county attorney almost 14 years. He first started law practice in 1939. His wife is the former Jean O'Connor of Atkinson.

## Atkinson Youth To Appear in Juvenile Court

ATKINSON—County Attorney William Griffin stated Wednesday morning that a complaint has been filed in juvenile court against 15-year-old Harlan Miller of Atkinson on charges of burglarizing two business places here January 16.

Another youth, a 14-year-old freshman in Atkinson high school was questioned also in regard to the burglaries, but no complaint was filed against him.

Young Miller, who attends rural school, has been under probation for some time, Griffin said. The two stores burglarized January 16 were the Gamble store and the Atkinson creamery. Five boxes of rifle and shotgun shells, hunting knives, pencils, pens, and mittens were taken from the Gamble store. Approximately \$3 in dimes were removed from a pop machine at the creamery.

Miller will appear with his parents at juvenile court Monday. The other youth will also be present that day but for an informal hearing with his parents, according to Mr. Griffin.

## Tom Brewster Named Stuart Regents Winner

STUART—Tom Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brewster, has been named as Stuart high school winner of the University of Nebraska Regents scholarship. He attended Boys State at Lincoln last year and is president of the student council.

## Security Representative Slates O'Neill Visit

Gail H. Robert, field representative of the Norfolk social security office will be in the courthouse assembly room from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Febr. 1.



Frank Kruntorad was re-elected to the post of director at a meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Land Bank association held Wednesday. Shown here (left to right) are: Ralph Hoffman, E. J. Revell, Frank Kruntorad, Don Kehn, Ed Verzal and Wilbur L. Moon, all directors, H. E. McEvoy, vice-president, A. H. Briggs, regional director and Lyle Dierks, manager.



BUTCH POFAHL OF EWING dropped a decision to Ted Downs of Sioux City in Tuesday night's Golden Gloves action at Norfolk. Downs won entitle him to a bout with Jerry Reeves of Norfolk in the final bouts held Wednesday. Dale Hixson, 171 pound light-heavy, drew a bye Tuesday evening and was scheduled to tangle with Bob McCabe of Norfolk in Wednesday night's action.

## Funeral Held at Atkinson for William F. Spann

ATKINSON — Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church here for William F. Spann, 78, who died Friday at the Atkinson Memorial hospital following a few days hospitalization.

The Rev. Charles Gates officiated at the services and at burial rites in Woodlawn cemetery.

William F. Spann was born January 6, 1883 to William and Mary Bergman Spann in Lancaster county.

He was married to Sarah Reed October 15, 1907. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1957.

Survivors are his wife, Sarah; one daughter, Mrs. Ray Pease of Atkinson; one grandson; two brothers, Albert and Elmer of Atkinson, and four sisters, Mrs. Rufus Snapp of Lebanon, Ind., Mrs. Laura Gray of Thompson Falls, Mont., Mrs. Charles Wilde and Miss Fern Spann of Sioux City.

Pallbearers were Glen McClurg, John Wonderechek, Herman Meyers, Claude Raymer, Charles Deermier and Eugene Karr.

## Polio Benefit Planned In O'Neill Saturday

Several married women and high school alumni are complaining of sore muscles and bruises this week. These "gals" have agreed to play the high school volleyball team Saturday at 7:30 p.m. to help raise money for the polio fund.

There has been a great deal of groaning at practice time when muscles, unaccustomed to pulling and stretching, have been put in to play. There was also considerable moaning for some when they attempted to wear the "old" play suits.

Anyway, viewers can be sure of lots of excitement when the "Has Been" team challenges the school team Saturday evening.

Other games planned for Saturday evening will be a basketball game at 6:30 p.m. between the fifth and sixth grades. At 8:30 the popular O'Neill All Stars will play the Grand Island Ducks.

## Beef State Company Now Being Formed

Young men of this area will have an opportunity in February to become members of the navy's famed All-Nebraska "Beef State Company '61," according to Chief Baldwin, recruiter in charge of the navy recruiting station in Norfolk.

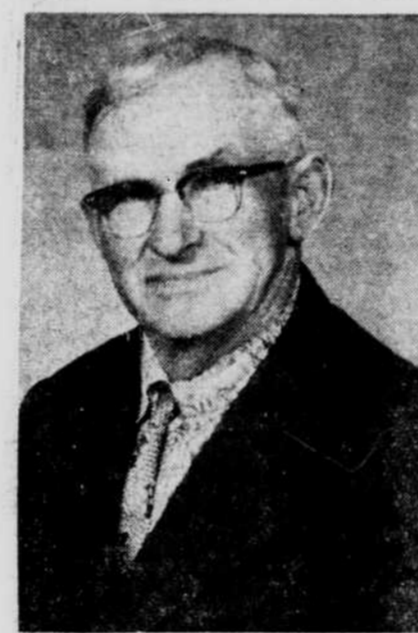
## Services Held Saturday for C. E. Cavanaugh

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill for Charles E. Cavanaugh, 77, of O'Neill, formerly of Chambers, who died January 19 at an Omaha hospital, where he had been a patient since December 20.

The Rev. Robert Duffy officiated at the services and at burial which was in Calvary cemetery.

Charles Cavanaugh was born December 21, 1883 to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh at Danbury, Ia. He accompanied his family to Holt county in 1886.

On November 30, 1906 he was married to Mary V. Boyle of Inman. The Cavanaugh's resided 24 1/2 years on a ranch nine miles northwest of Chambers. On Octo-



ber 19, 1960 they moved into the George Peterson sr., home in O'Neill which they had purchased.

Survivors are his wife, Mary; three sons, Edward of Chambers, Gerald of Philadelphia, Pa., and Maurice of Omaha; three daughters, Helen and Evelyn Cavanaugh of O'Neill and Mrs. Margaret Gilligan of Omaha; a brother, James of O'Neill, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Hatton of Oakland, Calif. A daughter, Mrs. LaVern Stevens of O'Neill, preceded him in death August 25, 1959.

Pallbearers were Eugent Halsey, Melvin Bell, Ken Adams, Ben Grady, Bob Shoemaker and Wally O'Connell. Honorary pallbearers were John Hickey, Frank Peter, Hurley Jones, Cyril Peter, Casper Pribil, Dan McMarthy and Andy Clark.

# Steen Promises State Help In Holt Pheasant Shortage

## This Kind of Record Mighty Hard to Beat

The morning the thermometer dropped the lowest of the season an O'Neill housewife was one of the first to note the cold in one particular home.

She was busily preparing breakfast when she decided to hop outdoors and start her car so it would be warmed up when she was ready to go. Holding her breath, she tried the starter and then thanked her lucky stars as it too started right off. So, kind hearted as she is, she decided to do the same for her husband and she started his car.

A few minutes later the husband, not quite dressed, was horrified to see smoke pouring from both cars. "Do something," he yelled, so she did. She shut both motors off, apparently the wrong thing to do because the water started leaking out in quantities. Result: two motors ruined before breakfast.

## Four-H Leaders Hold Session Here Wednesday

Twenty leaders and county agents from Holt and surrounding counties braved the 20 below-zero temperature Wednesday to get information that would be of help to them in their volunteer leaders work with 4-H youth.

Training was given on tractor, electric, safety and automotive projects. The new automotive projects stress safety and maintenance of the family car and is designed to help train boys and girls who are starting to drive. All interested persons may contact County Extension Agent A. Neil Dawes.

The tractor group toured the Smith Implement company and the Shelhamer Implement company shops where they witnessed tractor maintenance. The leaders were guests of Standard Oil company, Firestone Tire and Rubber company and Rural Electric Suppliers association.

## FHA Names T. Lambert Assistant Supervisor

Thomas D. Lambert of Chambers has been appointed Assistant County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration county office at O'Neill.

Mr. Lambert succeeds Rynold A. Cimfel, who will be appointed to the position of County Supervisor at O'Neill. Mr. Lambert was born and raised at Ewing. He attended the University of Nebraska and received his bachelor of science degree from the College of Agriculture.

The FHA office at O'Neill serves Holt and Boyd counties.

## 4-H Family Fun Night Planned Here Feb. 4

Four-H Family Fun Night will be held in O'Neill February 4. The evening program will begin at 8 p.m. in the public school auditorium. Group singing and games will precede the program.

Eight 4-H clubs will present a variety program. Awards will be presented to those 4-H members who received them for 1959. Treats for the 4-H members are given by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

## Services Held Tuesday for Wm. Derickson

William Derickson sr., 70, well known farmer in this community, died in his sleep Saturday noon at his home in the Dorsey and Star area about 30 miles northeast of O'Neill.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian church in O'Neill with the Rev. John Hart officiating. Burial was in the Dorsey cemetery.

William Derickson sr., was born January 6, 1891 at Niobrara to Samuel E. and Annie Derickson. He accompanied his family to Holt county at the age of eight years and the family settled on the farm where he lived during the remainder of his life.



He was married at O'Neill to Cecile Mae Throckmorton July 29, 1914 and eight children were born to this couple. His wife preceded him in death September 1, 1943.

Mr. Derickson was active in the planning and building of the Ash Grove community hall.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. E. Derickson of O'Neill; three sons, William H. Jr., Albert and Sammy, all of O'Neill; five daughters, Mrs. Durrell Hesse of Randolph, Mrs. Merle Spangler of Lynch, Mrs. Arden Larsen of Orchard, Mrs. Eloy Lieh of O'Neill and Mrs. Tom Boyd of Omaha; 25 grandchildren; four sisters, Miss Sadie Derickson, Mrs. Georgia Butterfield and Miss Jeanette Derickson, all of O'Neill, and Mrs. Wallace Lundeen of Lincoln, and one brother, John of Lynch.

Pallbearers were Ben Vonasek, Elmer Juracek, Delmar Spangler, William Hansen, Bill Hibbs and Clayton Nelson.

## Federal Land Bank Holds Annual Meet

Approximately 225 persons from Boyd, Holt and Wheeler counties attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Land Bank association of O'Neill Wednesday at the Royal Theatre.

Frank Kruntorad was re-elected to his director post. Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing is the manager of the O'Neill association and Edward T. Verzal, the assistant manager.

Guest speaker was Hugh E. McEvoy, vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha.

The meeting opened with registration at 10 a.m. and following a noon luncheon at the M & M cafe for members and wives, the group adjourned to the Theatre for the business meeting.

There are 570 members in the O'Neill association.

About 250 sportsmen and landowners jammed the O'Neill K. C. hall Friday night to cuss and discuss the game bird situation in Holt county.

Featured speaker was M. O. Steen, director of Nebraska game commission.

After recapping briefly game conditions in general and range and cover requirements of each type of game, Steen plunged into the problem at hand—the lack of pheasants in Holt county.

Cover, Steen said, in depth, thickness and dispersion is the house that protects the pheasant. He cited the late 1930's and early 1940's when there was more cover, an abundance of sweet clover in crop rotations and plenty of pheasants.

Now, he said, we mow fields close and clean, keep fence rows and ditches clean. This concentrates wildlife in small areas so they are easily found by predators and reduces chance of successful nesting seasons.

He drew a parallel between raising chickens in a henhouse and running them loose.

"You don't lose many chickens when you keep them penned up by day and in the locked henhouse at night," he said. "But you lose more when you let them shift for themselves."

"Cover is the buffer between the coyote and pheasant. Cover is the pheasant's henhouse and forms a protective shield for them. You just can't grow pheasants in a park."

In response to a query on the effect of a closed season for one or two years, Steen said surveys have shown that wildlife such as pheasants can't be stocked. He cited as an example areas of the state where grouse had been protected by closed season for over 30 years but still did not show any appreciable increase in numbers.

A show of hands at the meeting indicated that most of the persons favored a shorter or closed season with a restocking program in the county.

Steen promised the sportsmen the cooperation of the commission, and asked the sportsmen to set up a control area along with an area for predator control so results can be cross-checked.

Predator control was not favored by all. Coyote and coon hunters had protested that their sport was in danger if a concerted effort should be made to eradicate predators. One man explained it following the meeting by saying that his sport was coon hunting, while others like to hunt birds.

Jim Columbo, president of the Nebraska Council of Sportsmen, spoke briefly in favor of open season on dove hunting in Nebraska and asked sportsmen to contact their legislators in an effort to get the season open.

## Services Held At Lynch for Mrs. J. Walsh

LYNCH—Mrs. Joseph Walsh, 36, wife of the superintendent of schools at Lynch, died early Monday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill. Mrs. Walsh underwent surgery about a week before her death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Catholic church here. Burial was in the Verdel cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; three children, Terry and Ricky Wheeler and Bobby; three sisters and three brothers.

# 20 Cub Scouts Advance In Monday Night Rites

In a candlelight ceremony Monday evening at the Legion hall nine Cub Scouts were promoted to tenderfoot in the Boy Scout troop after completing three years of Cub Scout work and four months of Webelos training.

Receiving the promotion were Douglas Laursen, Mike McCarville, Jeffrey Eymann, Danny Holsclaw, Steve Forwood, Leonard Parkinson, Timothy French, Dick Lieb and Dennis Jeffrey.

All Cub Scout packs were present for the meeting which opened with a parade of Cubs, each carrying a handmade flag representing the different countries in South America.

Eleven Cubs received Lion badges which entitled them to Webelos training and they are Steven Foree, David Cradit, John Humrich, Billy Richardson, Bob Wilson, Jim Davidson, Dick Martin, Mike Gleeson, David Stutz and

Bob Hovey. Bob McCarville also received a Lion badge. There was also an awarding of 50th year anniversary ribbons to approximately 50 Cub Scouts who have completed special requirements for this honor. Additional awards included five Bear and three Wolf badges.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Bill Miller showed his films of South America.

Cub Scouting in O'Neill was reorganized about three years ago by Mrs. Roy Humrich. Mr. Humrich is Cubmaster and assistants are Rynold Cimfel and Jim Holsclaw. Louis Wray is treasurer and Joe Stutz is chairman of the Cub Scout committee.

Den Mothers are Mmes. Woodrow Melena, Earl Cleveland Jr., Marvin Miller, Tom Anderson, Albert Tooker, Joe Menish, Joe McCarville and Don McKamy.



Nine youngsters were promoted from Webelos rank in the Boy Scouts to Tenderfoot scout in ceremonies Monday night at the Legion hall. Shown here left to right, front row, are the scouts, Timothy French, Mike McCarville, Douglas Laursen, Steve Forwood, Jeffrey Eymann, Leonard Parkinson and Dean Jeffrey. Back row, left to right, are the parents, Dale French, John McCarville, Mrs. Virgil Laursen, Bob Forwood, A. L. Eymann, Mrs. O. L. Parkinson and Mrs. Dean Jeffrey. Youth promoted but absent from the picture are Danny Holsclaw and Dick Lieb.



O'Neill's Scout troop Monday night received a special President Eisenhower Fiftieth Anniversary award for public service. Scout Field Representative Jerry Dempsey right is shown here tying the award on the troop flag held by Cubmaster Roy Humrich.



Eleven Cub Scouts Monday night received Lion badges and moved up to Webelos rank at ceremonies at the Legion hall. Scouts shown here left to right are Steve Foree, Bob Hovey, Billy Richardson, Jim Davidson, John Humrich, David Stutz, Bobby Wilson, Mike Gleeson, Tom Earley and Dave Cradit. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Lee Jackson, standing in for Steve Foree's parents who were out of town, Mrs. Richard Hovey, Mrs. Bill Richardson, O. E. Davidson, Roy Humrich, Joe Stutz, Mrs. E. M. Gleeson, Mrs. Richard Sanders and Mrs. Jim Earley. Unable to be present at the ceremony was Dick Martin.