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# Lester Pearson Killed in One-**Car Accident**

SPENCER - Lester E. Pearson, 50, Spencer auctioneer for about the last 10 years, died in the wreck of his pickup truck about 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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His death occurred from injuries suffered when he apparently lost control of the truck on a curve while driving into Spencer from the south on Highway 12. Foggy weather was blamed for the cause of the accident. The truck left the road and struck a tree on the lawn of the Louis Scheinost residence.

Town Marshall Joe Loock heard the crash which happened about a block from the main street of Spencer. Pearson was still alive when Loock reached the wreckage, but died before he could be taken to a hospital.

Pearson formerly resided at Bristow. He is survived by his widow, Gladys; a son and daughter, Rodney and Twila, who are students at Nebraska Wesleyan university; his father, Swan Pearson, Bristow; a brother and four sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the United Lutheran church in Spencer with the Rev. Robert Peterson officiating. Burial was at Bristow.

#### Early Mailing Asked By O'Neill Postmaster

Early mailing of Christmas cards and packages are requested at the O'Neill post office to help eliminate congested conditions during the peak of holiday mail, and to assure delivery of all mail at distant points before Christmas.

Postmaster Ira Moss reminds patrons that ordinary size Christmas cards mailed with four cents postage will be forwarded, or returned to sender if delivery cannot be made. If the cards are mailed with three cents postage, they will not be forwarded or returned.

George Hammnod New

#### **Open House Planned for** New Baptist Parsonage CHAMBERS - Plans are being

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and Casper, Wyoming

made for an open house obser-vance which will be held at the New Baptist parsonage in Chambers Saturday afternoon and eve-Members and guests are in-

vited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

## **Eight Students On Special Page Honor Roll** PAGE - Eight Page high

school students were named to the honor roll "with distinction" for their work during the second six weeks.

They are: Alvin Crumly and Aletha Rutherford, seniors; Caroline Max, Connie Nissen and Bonnie Heiss, juniors, and LuAnn Nissen, Linda Thompson and

Donna Smith, freshmen. Honor roll students are: Ron Asher, senior; Diane Kemper. junior, and Andrea Wettlaufer. Roberta Asher, Randall Shaw, John Crumly and Carolyn Hall-

man, freshmen. Receiving honorable mention were Arnold Hall, Jim Melcher, Marilyn Park, Bruce Bowen, Charlene Fusselman, Peggy O' Brien, Leonard Blain, Larry Walker, Sharon Ellsberry, Jean Fin-ley. Joe Beelaert, Jim Crumly and Seal Luebcke.

# **Rites Planned** Saturday for L. Bergstrom

of Holt county, Lester E. Bergstrom, 53, Ewing farmer, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2:25 a.m. at his home.

ducted Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Peter's church at Ewing by the Rev. P. E. Burke Interment will be at St. Peter's cemetery. The body will lie in state

Larry Donohoe **Dies Thursday** well-known O'Neill youth, A 3/c Lawrence P. Donohoe, 20, Thursday, Nov. 30, of cancer at the Veterans hospital in

Omaha. Young Donohoe entered a military hospital September 23 and was transferred to the Omaha hospital by plane November 27.

died

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Robert Duffy Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's church in O'Neill. Interment was in Calvary cemetery where military graveside rites were held by the American Legion. Rosary was recited Friday at 4, 4:30 and 8 p.m. in Biglins chapel.

Lawrence P. Donohoe was born May 16, 1941 to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Donohoe at O'Neill. He attended St. Mary's academy and after graduation, entered the U.

EWING - A life-long resident S. Air Force in September, 1959. He spent 13 months at Osau, Korea where he worked on the Big M. Project. In April 1961 Donohoe was stationed at Lang-

Funeral services will be conlay Field, Va. He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond, who was killed in an accident November 30, 1959. from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday and



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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, December 7, 1961

HE FRONTIER



ALL OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED at the annual meeting of the Holt County Hereford Breeders association Monday night at the Town House. Showa above seated left to right: Secretary-Treasurer Kieth Abart, President Harold Melcher and Vice-President C. V. Robertson. Standing left to right are Directors Henry Wood, Troxell Green, Vern Sageser and Vern Whitaker. Sageser and Green were hold-over directors.



# **Board Buys New Desks; Takes Tour of Building**

#### Santa Claus Letters

Youngsters wishing to write to Santa Claus may send their letters to The Frontier where they will be printed in the paper so the good St. Nicholas may read them.

The letters will be printed just as the children have written them.

# Three Accidents **Reported Here**

Three auto accidents have been reported to the O'Neill police department during the past week. All were minor mishaps and no one was injured in any of the accidents.

Saturday a car driven by Francis Musil backed into a pickup truck owned by Vernon Sterns south of the intersection of Third and Douglas.

Sunday a pickup truck driven by John Nelson collided with a car driven by Hans Sass. No damage was done to the pickup but the left rear fender of the car was damaged.

An auto driven by James W. Corkle suffered minor damage Sunday afternoon when it collided with a parked car owned by Wm. G. Kurzenberger, Springview

Officer John Havelka was the investigating officer in all three mishaps.

# **Special NSIA Meeting to Be** December 11

A special NSIA area meeting has been set for 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Stuart auditorium to discuss recent developments in the move for a state-wide vote to force all school districts in the state into K-12 units, or kindergarten through twelfth grade. Speakers will include S. H. Brauer jr., Stuart, Don Liene-mann, Papillion, and Victor Mares, Schyuler. The NSIA is opposing the move on the grounds it will eliminate all rural and village Class I districts and force consolidation of high schools with fewer than an average of 25 pupils per class.

munity Concerts association. A commercial music house pegged its value at \$1,800. The

piano has been offered to the school for a little over \$200. In a discussion of graduating requirements for public school students here, McCoy said he would prefer to spell out exact requirements and recommended that there be four years

or eight semesters of Engish; two years or four semesters of mathematics; three years or six semesters of social studies and two years or four semesters of sciences, all with a high school attendance of eight semesters. He said policy previously had not been sharply defined. His recommendations were approved by the board.

cupied the O'Neill public school board Tuesday night, ranging from a tour of the building to a decision to offer wrestling on a trial basis. During the tour Supt. H. L. Mc-

Coy showed board members new furniture bought for the typing room, new desks and chairs in the fourth grade room and new arm chair desks in the science lab.

He also pointed out that the projection room now is being used for classes seven times a day and during the first five periods of the day no classrooms are empty.

A wide variety of subjects oc-

In the eighth grade rooms 15 students have no desks at alljust arm chairs with no storage for books or notebooks. Such equipment must be stored in a cupboard.

Results of a recent test to check socialistic or communistic learnings of students in the O'-Neill school were reported to the board. Twenty loaded questions were mixed in with other questions in the test given to 37 students. Only 20 wrong answers were given to the loaded ques-tion, McCoy said, giving the youngsters a good record of 20

errors out of a possible 740. The board also learned the market value of the concert grand piano being offered to the school by the now-defunct Com-

#### **Memorial Gifts Head**

George Hammond, O'Neill, has been appointed Holt County Memorial Gifts chairman by Eugene O. Ingram, chairman of the board of trustees of the Nebraska Heart association.

Anyone wishing to give a memorial to the Heart Fund may mail it to Mr. Hammond and include the name of the person in whose memory the memorial is given, the name of the next-of-kin and the sender's name and address.

#### **Board Postpones Area** Air Service Hearing

The Civil Aeronautics board has postponed the hearing on Hi-Plains Airways' proposed air service to this area from December 5 to January 9, 1962. The hearing will be held in North Platte.

The propsed routes will include two round trips daily between Denver and Omaha,

# Sale Dates Claimed

DEC. 19 - BOYD BOELTER CLOSING OUT FARM SALE, including 26 head of outstanding Holstein and Guernsey milk cows, lots of good machinery. 1 mile northeast of Gateway Motel in O'Neill, 2 north and 1 east. Ed Thorin Auctioneer. First National bank, O'Neill, clerk. See complete listing in this issue of the Frontier.

rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday evening in Biglin's chapel. Lester E. Bergstrom was born December 29, 1907 at Stafford to Nils Fredrick and Clemmie Shobe Bergstrom. He served with armed forces during World War II and was a member of

the American Legion. He was married to Mildred Sanders May 27, 1947 at Ewing. Eight children were born to this couple, one daughter preceding him in death in infancy.

Surviving are his wife; children, Francis, Carolyn, Mary

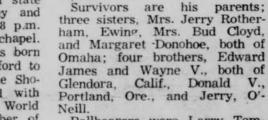
Theresa, Ann, Brenda, Dennis and Kevin, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Bishop, Plainview, and Mrs. Hazel Munn, Ewing, and seven brothers, Floyd, Newcastle, Wyo., Clarence, Nils and Elmer, Ewing, Stanley, Hastings, Claude, Salem, Ore. and Sherman, Omaha.

## **Russell Returned** To Holt Co. Jail

Floyd Russell, former Scotia used car dealer, was returned to O'Neill last week and is now in the Holt county jail pending posting of a \$2,000 bond Russell, who was tried during the fall term of District Court

and found guilty of issuing a no fund check to Galyen Motor Co. at Atkinson, was sentenced by District Judge William C. Smith jr., to three years in the state penitentiary. Russell's bond was set at

\$2,000 pending determination of appeal to the supreme court. Norman M. Krivosha is Russell's attorney



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Pallbearers were Larry Tomlinson, Paul Ziska, Lambert Belina, Ronald Clark, Donald Templemeyer, Larry Wanser, Gene Jilg and Charles Mahony.

## Grandparents Awarded

**Custody of Children** Temporary custody of the Danny Nekolite children was granted to the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nekolite, Bassett, by District Judge William C. Smith jr., at a hearing held Monday. The children have been under the care of the maternial grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Strong.

#### The child support which was being paid by their father to the Christmas Lights mother was ordered suspended. Their mother, Sharon Neikolite, **Decorate Courthouse** has disappeared.

parents:

**Coon Hunting Popular** offer their contributions toward In Celia Community the Christmas decorations in this city

CELIA - Coon hunting continues to be a popular sport in this part of the country. Eleven coons have been

added to the number recently caught by Ray Gotschall and his coon dogs. Gotschall, as sisted by several sportsmen in the community, now has caught a total of 19 coons in the last 10 days.



THESE FOURTH GRADERS are learning all about nutrition as they have been studying "Foods" in their class work with the teacher, Mrs. Lorine Smith at O'Neill public school. Wednesday afternoon the class presented a "Food Fair," displaying posters they had made and examples of different categories of food, including several the youngsters cooked themselves. The students are: (back row, l. to r.) Mary Jo Hollenbeck, Patty Jackson, Grant Granger, Ronnie Harshfield, Bruce Wecker, Robert Eckheff and Susan Jeffers; (middle) Peggy Parks, Weston Grunke, Marsha McCoy, Janice Bright, Sandra Paulson, Miriam Rae Anderson, Sheryl Vorce and Connie Nelson; (front) Carol Ford, Diane Ertz, Pam Hornby and Diana Tibbett.

THREE HOLT COUNTY 4-H'ERS received awards Monday night for prize cattle they exhibited at the Holt County Fair this year. The awards were given by the Holt County Hereford Breeders association. Shown left to right are Joyce Watson with trophy for champion baby beef. Tom Melcher with champion Hereford breeding heifer trophy and Loren Blake with champion Hereford cow and calf trophy. At right making the presentation is Harold Melcher, association president. The ceremony took place during the annual meeting of the association at the Town House.

#### **Former Atkinson Emmet Crabb Submits** To Major Surgery **Resident Dies at** Employees at the courthouse read The Frontier's editorial in **Bassett Nov. 25** last week's issue and decided to

ATKINSON - A former resi-**Omaha** dent of this community, William C. "Bill" Arnholt, 79, died un-Crabb's 50th wedding anniexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 25, at his home in Bassett following an illness of over a year. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Bassett

For the benefit of those who Methodist church with the Rev did not read the editorial, The Robert Peterson and the Rev. Frontier suggested the start of Melvin Blobaum in charge. county fund to be used for lights on the exterior of the court-William C. Arnholt was born house building at Christmas time.

ry, Bassett, and Dr. Milton, Lin-

# O'Neill High Plans Wrestling Team; To Open Season with Neligh Dec. 19

ing to form its first wrestling team with 17 boys working out for the first meet at Neligh December 19.

They pooled their resources and

have added strings of colorful

lights around the front door and

will soon add a large star above

**Test Oil Well Reaches** 

ATKINSON - The wildcat oil

well drilled at the Byrl Beck

ranch has reached a depth of

2,700 feet, according to reports

The Hunt Oil company, Wichi-ta, Kan., is making the test.

Depth of 2,700 Feet

received Tuesday.

the door.

Although handicapped by the lack of equipment, the partici-pants are showing great enthusiasm so far for the approaching season. Greatly needed in the way of equipment are tights, mats and a mat cover. Coach Jake Hawley states: 'Wrestling is a fine activity as this sport gives boys of all sizes a chance to compete against opponents of the same weight, which differs from football and basketball."

The weight divisions and boys participating are as follows: 95, 105 and 112 pounds, none; 120, Mick Miller and Steve Reynoldson; 127, Greg Derickson and Jack McGinn; 133, Lonnie Mc-

O'Neill high school is attempt- Kim and Gailen Young; 138, Brian Richter, 145, Larry Dobrovolny, Curt Larson, Clint Miller, Mike Hand and Don Havranek; 154, Ken Franklin and Rick Devall; 165, Ron Knoell, Don Lin-

quist and Steve Peterson; 180, over 180 and heavyweight, none. A return meet with Neligh is planned here the first week in January. As more teams are formed in the area, wrestling interest will pick up and be a great help to the high school program.

Wayne, Pierce, Valentine, Ord, Ainsworth, along with the fine program at Neligh, should give O'Neill a full schedule by next year.

An intra squad meet will be held during half time of the reserve and varsity basketball game December 12 when Ord meets O'Neill here.

# **Orchard Youth Dies Following Car Accident**

ORCHARD - Lloyd A. Serck ir., 20, Denver, died Thursday, Nov. 30, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident three days earlier near American Falls, Ida.

His companion, owner of the vehicle, was killed instantly. According to word received by relatives, the young men were on their way to a new job at the time of the accident.

Lloyd was the son of Mrs. La vern Held, Orchard. He lived in the Orchard community until af ter his graduation from high

school versary. His wife has been stay-Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Orchard

### Fallout Checked by **Three Area Stations**

Three stations are located in this area for the primary purpose of monitoring the intensity of fallout resulting from nuclear attack and determining the length of time personnel can work in an area without suffering permanent disability.

The stations are at Ainsworth, St. Paul and Grand Island, and are on a stand-by basis as part p.m. the same day. State and disof a nationwide preparedness protrict employees will also attend. gram.

In other action the board approved Wayne Reynoldson's request to rent the auditorium Saturday nights for the Church Basketball league at a cost of \$8 per night.

McCoy pointed out to the board that elections for the County Reorganization committee comes up some time in February. All school board members in the county are eligible to vote on committee members, McCoy said and urged that they attended the election.

**Problems in class scheduling** were also discussed, among them the fact that three lab courses now are running on less than one-hour periods. The board felt that labs should have a minimum of a full hour per period and instructed McCoy to

try to rearrange class schedules to permit the longer classes. Wrestling will be offered on a

trial basis next semester with Jake Hawley as coach. After a short discussion of equipment needs, the board unanimously approved the action.

Also approved was the purchase of 18 desks to fill in rooms such as the eighth grade where a desk shortage now exists. Approval was given for a private phone line for the superintendent's office.

## Spencer Farmer Loses Hand in Cornpicker

SPENCER - Cecil Malcom, who farms northeast of Spencer, lost his hand above the wrist when his hand became caught in a compicker while harvesting corn Wednesday morning, Nov.

He received medical care at the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch immediately following the accident.



O'NEILL'S NEW WRESTLING TEAM-(Story at left)

ing in Omaha while he is in the hospital, and is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Adams. **Open House Planned for** ASCS Building Dec. 13

Emmet Crabb is reported to be

improving satisfactorily" fol-

lowing major surgery November

28 in the Methodist hospital in

November 30 was Mr. and Mrs.

August 10, 1882 at Loudonville O., and while still a small child accompanied his parents to Nebraska. He was married to Lillian Feezer at Atkinson in 1905 and they resided here until 1933. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; three children, Fred, Thedford; Bill, and Mrs. Dale Haszard, both of Bassett . six grandchildren, and two brothers, Har-

community committeemen from Boyd county and surrounding

Open house will be held at the new ASCS building in Spencer, Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., at which time the public is invited to tour the building. ASCS employees, county and

counties will attend a banquet at the Spencer Community hall at 7

