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Lester Pearson Killed in One-Car Accident

SPENCER — Lester E. Pearson, 50, Spencer auctioneer, died about the crash driving into the wreck of his pickup truck about 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

His death occurred from injuries suffered when he apparently lost control of the truck on a curve while driving into the wreck 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 Look heard the crash which happened about a block from the main street of Spencer. Pearson was still alive when Look 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 Hammond New 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 proposed 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 northwest 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.

Open House Planned for New Baptist Parsonage

CHAMBERS — Plans are being made for an open house observance which will be held at the New Baptist parsonage in Chambers Saturday afternoon and evening.

Members and guests are invited 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 Hallman, 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 Finley, Joe Beelaert, Jim Crumly and Seal Luebeck.

Rites Planned Saturday for L. Bergstrom

EWING — A life-long resident of Holt county, Lester E. Bergstrom, 53, Ewing farmer, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2:25 a.m. at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted 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 from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday and 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 the 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 Galven 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.

Larry Donohoe Dies Thursday

A well-known O'Neill youth, A. J. Lawrence P. Donohoe, 20, died 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. 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. S. Air Force in September, 1959. He spent 13 months at Osau, Korea where he worked on the B-52 Project. In April 1961 Donohoe was stationed at Langley Field, Va.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond, who was killed in an accident November 30, 1959.

Survivors are his parents; three sisters, Mrs. Jerry Rotherham, Ewing, Mrs. Bud Cloyd, and Margaret Donohoe, both of Omaha; four brothers, Edward James and Wayne V., both of Glendora, Calif., Donald V., Portland, Ore., and Jerry, O'Neill.

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



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Coon Hunting Popular In Celia Community

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, assisted by several sportsmen in the community, now has caught a total of 19 coons in the last 10 days.



ALL OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED at the annual meeting of the Holt County Hereford Breeders association Monday night at the Town House. Shown above seated left to right: Secretary-Treasurer Klieh 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.



THREE HOLT COUNTY 4-YEARS 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 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.

Christmas Lights Decorate Courthouse

Employees at the courthouse read The Frontier's editorial in last week's issue and decided to offer their contributions toward the Christmas decorations in this city.

They pooled their resources and have added strings of colorful lights around the front door and will soon add a large star above the door.

For the benefit of those who did not read the editorial, The Frontier suggested the start of a county fund to be used for lights on the exterior of the courthouse building at Christmas time.

Test Oil Well Reaches Depth of 2,700 Feet

ATKINSON — The wildest oil well drilled at the Byrd Beck ranch has reached a depth of 2,700 feet, according to reports received Tuesday.

The Hunt Oil company, Wichita, Kan., is making the test.

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

O'Neill high school is attempting to form its first wrestling team with 17 boys working out for the first meet at Neligh December 19.

Although handicapped by the lack of equipment, the participants are showing great enthusiasm so far for the approaching season. Greatly needed in the way of equipment are tight, 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 115 pounds, none; 120, Mick Miller and Steve Reynolds; 127, Greg Derickson and Jack McGinn; 133, Lonnie Mc-

Kim and Galien Young; 138, Brian Richter; 145, Larry Dobrovolsky, Curt Larson, Clint Miller, Mike Hand and Don Havranek; 154, Ken Franklin and Rick Devall; 165, Ron Knoell, Don Linquist 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.

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 at 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, Springfield.

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 to be organized into K-12 units, or kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Speakers will include S. H. Brauer jr., Stuart, Don Liene-mann, Papillion, and Victor Mares, Schuyler.

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.

Orchard Youth Dies Following Car Accident

ORCHARD — Lloyd A. Serck jr., 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. Lavern Held, Orchard. He lived in the Orchard community until after his graduation from high school.

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 of a nationwide preparedness program.

Spencer Farmer Loses Hand in Cornpicker

SPENCER — Cecil Malcolm, who farms northeast of Spencer, lost his hand above the wrist when his hand became caught in a cornpicker while harvesting corn Wednesday morning, Nov. 29.

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



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 Eckhoff 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.



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

"Turkey Day" Saturday . . . Register at the Store with the Turkey on The Door