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## Cold Cold Cold

With reports of temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday nights varying from 9 to 15 below, it is difficult to give the correct temperature as each thermometer is official according to the home owner.

One person can verify a 12 below zero Wednesday at 3 a.m. as Ken Curren, manager of the Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas company stayed up all night to keep an eye on the gas pressure which became low during the cold spell this week.

The gas office requested all residents with gas furnaces to reduce their thermostats to 65 to protect the reserve pressure and assure constant heat even at lower temperatures during this cold weather.

Supt. H. L. McCoy closed O'Neill public schools and Mother Antonella closed St. Mary's academy Wednesday as there was not adequate heat in the buildings.

Announcement was made Wednesday night that there will be no school here today (Thursday). Mr. Curren informed The Frontier Wednesday afternoon that he had not received information concerning the cause of the low pressure except that Albin didn't have enough to pump to O'Neill. He asks all users to continue with the 65 temperature in their homes if there is further bitter cold weather.

## Verdigre KC's Conferr Degrees

VERDIGRE — Exemplification of third degree Knight of Columbus was held at the ZCZB hall in Verdigré Sunday at 1 p.m. following corporate communion at St. Wenceslaus church earlier that morning.

The 51st Council of Verdigré conferred the degree on the following class: Harold D. Barta, Richard A. Barta, Frank Cerny, John F. Dufek, Arthur Coover Jr., Leonard J. Dufek, Joseph L. Forejt Jr., Raymond E. Farnek, William J. Harder, Edward L. Jiracek, John P. Lapech, Theodore J. Lapech.

Robert Liska, Alonzo F. McCormick, Robert J. Neyens, Joseph T. Pavlik, Charles J. Rudloff, Phillip J. Rudloff, Marvin A. Ruzicka, Clifford L. Schreier, Phillip L. Schreier, Joseph L. Sladek, Elmer Sukup, Henry A. Sukup, Paul M. Sukup, Willard F. Teehy, Donald H. Ulrich, Edward D. Vican, Jackie Welch and Bernard Sukup.

Sixty men transferred their membership from the Creighton Council No. 1238 to the new council in Verdigré.

A banquet was held in the evening and participating in the program were the following: George M. Ponton, district deputy; the Rev. Paul E. Schneider, chaplain of the Creighton council; John A. Herout, chairman; Judge George Ditttrick, Norfolk, past deputy; George A. Nussallah, state deputy; the Rev. E. J. Hunkler, state chaplain; Ernest O. Ondracek, Greeley, past state deputy; the Rev. C. J. O'bry, and the Rev. J. W. McNally, Niobrara.

## Services Held At Atkinson for William Walter

ATKINSON — Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Seger's Funeral home in Atkinson for William A. Walter, 79, longtime resident of this community, who died January 3, at the Atkinson Memorial hospital.

The Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church, officiated. Burial was in the family plot in the Chambers cemetery.

William A. Walter, was born to Jacob and Christina Walter October 10, 1883 at Newstadt, Ontario, Canada. He came to Holt county in 1900 from Canada. In 1934 he was married to Anna Butterfield at Chalmers. She preceded him in death.

For many years Mr. Walter lived with the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian and Susan Gathje on their farm southeast of Atkinson. After their death he resided in Atkinson.

Survivors include three brothers, John and Alfred, both of Chambers, and Otto, Omaha. Pallbearers were Walter Pease, Emmet; Blaine Garwood, Amelia, and Charles McMillan, Victor Frickel, George Albrecht and Clarence Gilg, all of Atkinson.

## Rites Held at Chambers for C. C. Jones, 91

CHAMBERS — Funeral services were conducted Friday at Chambers for a pioneer of this community, C. C. Jones, 91, who died December 30 at Park Rapids, Minn.

The Rev. Charles Cox officiated at the services in the Methodist church and at interment in the Chambers cemetery.

Candy Carney Jones, son of Thomas and Sarah Scott Jones, was born April 3, 1869 near Greensburg, Ind. He moved with his parents to Iowa when but a small boy and from there to Holt county in March, 1883 when they homesteaded near Chambers.

Mr. Jones lived in the Chambers vicinity until February, 1946 at which time the family moved to Park Rapids, Minn. He was married to Rosa Ermer May 31, 1893. She preceded him in death in September, 1949.

Survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Emma Martin, O'Neill, and two sons, Harvey L. and Harry C., Park Rapids, Minn.

Pallbearers were T. E. Newhouse, Ray Hoffman, Ralph Hoffman, Hylas Farrier, Gaius Wintemote and William Reminger.

## Rites Held for Former Clearwater Resident

CLEARWATER — Funeral rites were held January 4, for Donald Patras, former Clearwater resident, who died of a heart attack New Year's Day while cranking a jeep at Ten Sleep, Wyo.

Burial was at Ten Sleep. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters; two sisters and three brothers; Bryant and Clyde Patras, Clearwater, and Amos Patras, Neligh.

## School Board Plans Meeting Wednesday

Supt. H. L. McCoy has announced that the school board meeting scheduled for Wednesday night was postponed until the following Wednesday due to the cold school building.

The board members will discuss the school survey and take up teachers salaries.



Jim Spitzberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Spitzberger, has been named St. Mary's academy winner of the Regents scholarship presented by the University of Nebraska.

The 18-year-old senior, is in the upper third of his class, scholastically. He was one of the tri captains this year on the Cardinals football team, and has lettered three years in track, basketball and football.

Jim is editor of the annual this year and a member of the Boys Sodality. He was senior attendant at the Homecoming ceremony last fall and has participated in District Music contest in boys glee club. Jim was president of the freshman class and vice president of the sophomore class.



Steve Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Higgins, Valentine, has been named Regents alternate at St. Mary's academy.

He has attended St. Mary's the past four years during which time he participated in the following activities: boys glee club; Boys Sodality; tri-captain this year in football; lettered three years in track and football; was class president last three years and was Homecoming king last fall.

## Rites Held at Orchard for Henry Heese

ORCHARD — Henry Heese, 69, long time resident of the Page and Orchard communities, died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 5, at his home in Orchard.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's English Lutheran church here. The Rev. Walter Seefeldt officiated. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery south of Orchard.

Henry Heese was born April 23, 1892 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heese in Dixon county. He was married to Ella Oihorst at Laurel February 25, 1914 and the couple farmed in that vicinity until 1924 when they purchased a farm near Page.

In 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Heese sold their farm, retired and purchased a home in Orchard where they resided up to the present time.

Survivors are his wife, Ella; two sons, Alvin, O'Neill, and Darrel, Randolph; eight grandchildren and one sister.

Pallbearers were Sam Trussell, Edward Sukup, Rudy Cedarburg and Harlan Miller, all of Orchard, George Wettlaufer and George Hall, Page.

## Funeral Rites Held For M. L. Sageser

AMELIA — M. L. Sageser died Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Bassett hospital. He would have been 94 years old on his next birthday January 16.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Amelia Methodist church with burial in the Chambers cemetery.

## March of Dimes Chairmen Meet

Board members for the Holt County March of Dimes met Tuesday evening for a dinner and discussion of arrangements for the drive for funds to be held this month.

Mrs. Robert Martens, Atkinson, is county chairman.

## Rev. Roten Accepts Call to Detroit

CHAMBERS — The Rev. William E. Roten, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, has accepted a call to a church in Detroit, Mich.

The family plans to leave about the last of January.

## Pre-Golden Gloves Bouts Set Tonight

Sport fans will be offered a full card tonight, Thursday, at the pre-Golden Glove fights to be presented at 8 p.m. in the O'Neill public school auditorium under the sponsorship of the American Legion, Simonson Post 93.

Main events will include Jack McGinn, O'Neill fighter who won the Midwest Golden Glove championship and fought three bouts before losing in the Tournament of Champions at Chicago last year. He will compete against J. Beaver, Omaha.

Butch Pofahl, Ewing, vs. Kieth Steffen, Norfolk; Roger Pofahl, Ewing, vs. Dale Hixson, Clearwater, and Larry Donlin, O'Neill, vs. Joe Tagel, Ewing.

There will be 10 fights and included among the boxers will be Bob Hixson, Clearwater; Bob Murphy, O'Neill; Gene Shoemaker, O'Neill; Roland Clossen, O'Neill; Bob McCabe, Norfolk; Tony Wewel, Newport; J. Kreitman, Bassett; Gerald Rejal, Norfolk, and J. Carr, Atkinson.

Jack Fichler, coach of Midwest Golden Gloves champions training for the Chicago fight, has notified the committee that he will bring a fine squad of four fighters from Omaha to take part in the O'Neill fights.

Max Pofahl will referee the bouts. The committee in charge is Bill Jansen, Verne Reynolds, James Earley, Archie Bright and Virgil Laursen. Joe Cavanaugh will be the announcer.

When spectators view the fights tonight they will be watching the result of years of hard work by boxing enthusiasts, including the Pofahl brothers, Vernon Hixson, Walt Fick and others who have given their time and experience to train young, potential fighters.

O'Neill first got a team four years ago when Max Pofahl, Joe Cavanaugh and Bill White took up a collection for the O'Neill Legion and raised about \$500 for equipment. Since that time the Legion has sponsored pre-Golden Glove fights each year.

Walt Fick and Max Pofahl started training the boys around O'Neill and three years ago they won the team trophy at Norfolk. Ewing has an older history in boxing as there has been a team there for years.

Fighting lagged in the Holt county area during war times until the Fighting Pofahls came along and began to reap honors among themselves and started inspiring young fighters. Dean Pofahl was 1957 Midwest Champion.

But prior to that Walt Fick was Midwest Champion and advanced as far as the inter-city bouts at Boston in 1933. Vernon Hixson was Midwest Champion in 1941 and went a long way in the Chicago tournament.

This year the Golden Gloves district tournament will be held in Norfolk January 23 and 24. Winners of these fights will go to Omaha in February for the regional tournament and from there the winners will go to Chicago for the Tournament of Champions.

## Rites Held for Miss T. Brook

ATKINSON — Funeral services were held December 30 for Miss Theo A. Brook, 59, a former resident of Atkinson who died December 26, at Boulder, Colo., following a lengthy illness.

Miss Brook was born October 31, 1902 in Atkinson to Jesse E. and Cora Clark Brook. She moved with her family to Boulder in 1919.

Mrs. Robert Gallagher, O'Neill, a cousin of the deceased, visited Miss Brook and her sisters, Doris and Beatrice Brooks at Boulder in December.

## Wilbur Brown Named To Telephone Office

INMAN — Wilbur Brown was elected president of the Inman Telephone company at the annual meeting held Monday afternoon in the company office.

Other officers are: Lewis F. Kopecky, state president; Lewis Sobotka, secretary, and Elwin Smith, treasurer.

## P-TA Hears Address by Meierhenry; Winners of Poster Contest Named

About 70 members of the Parent-Teacher association were present for the regular meeting Tuesday evening in the O'Neill high school gym and to hear the guest speaker, Dr. Wesley G. Meierhenry, University of Nebraska. Teachers college assistant dean.

Dr. Meierhenry presented documents and spoke on "High School and Continuing Education." A question and answer period was held following his address.

At the business session, presided over by Sgt. Bill Cousins, it was announced that a \$5 prize would be given to the room having a 100 per cent membership of parents in P-TA by the February meeting. The eighth grade room, Mrs. Mona Beck with teacher, won a clock for this contest in November.

Winners of the P-TA Poster contest for this month were Leonard Parkinson, Vicki Suiter, Marla Clyde, Cherie Kipple, Kathy Gildersleeve and DeAnn Sanders.

A vocal solo was presented by Sharon McLeish and further entertainment was given by the freshmen girls triple trio of Janice Angus, Jean Crabb, Roxanne Rustemeyer, Linda Gildersleeve, Bonnie Tomlinson, Linda Shuman, Cheryl Mullendore, Linda Edwards and Pat Wilson, accompanied by Miss Alvira Ramm.

Lunch was served by sixth grade mothers. The next meeting will be an open house with entertainment by the grade school group February 12.



## C. D. Walters Honored On Golden Anniversary

CHAMBERS — About 125 guests signed the guest book at the open house celebration held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Walters in observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

The affair was sponsored by the couple's family. Mrs. Art Walters cut and served the three-tier anniversary cake. Presiding at the coffee service was Mrs. Edwin Walters, and serving punch was Mrs. Louis Walters. Their daughter, Mrs. Frank Ertz, O'Neill, had five of the family members with the exception of Donnie Walters and

## Rites Planned At Lynch for Mrs. B. Hajek

LYNCH — Mrs. Bernard Hajek, 44, who lived with her family about three miles south of Lynch, died Monday, Jan. 8, in Sacred Heart hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Christ Lutheran church at Lynch. The Rev. Donald Burdgoft will officiate. Interment will be in Highland cemetery at Lynch under the direction of the Jones Funeral home.

Della Hajek was born at Pischelville April 10, 1917 to Thomas J. and Marie Vesely Kovanda. She was married to Bernard J. Hajek May 4, 1946 at Center.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Ronald and John at home; and three brothers, Walter, Verdel, Thomas, Riverton, Wyo., and Frank, Verdigré.

Pallbearers will be Leo Mulhair, Floyd Kaasa, Frank Gehlen, William Black, Art Retzlaff and Thomas Schunk.

## Social Security Agent Here Jan. 17

Gail Robert, field representative of the Norfolk Social Security office, will be in the basement assembly room of the courthouse in O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, and at the courthouse in Butte from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

Any self-employed applicant should bring with him an extra copy of his 1961 income tax return together with his own copies of income tax returns from 1958, 1959 and 1960.

Deane Ertz, served. Miss Dena Daniels, Ewing, and Charles Walters, Clearwater, were married January 3, 1912 at Neligh and the following month moved to Chambers, their present home.

They are the parents of three sons, Arthur, Louis and Edwin, Chambers, and two daughters, Mrs. Homer Roe, Dana Point, Calif., and Mrs. Frank Ertz, O'Neill.

Two brothers of Mr. Walters, Bill, Ewing, and George, Clearwater, were present for the affair Sunday along with all of the family members with the exception of Mrs. Roe.

## Robert Woeppel Named Ewing Regents Winner

EWING — Robert Woeppel, 17-year-old Ewing high school senior, was announced as the winner of the Regents scholarship, according to Supt. G. D. Ryan. There was no alternate named.

Robert and five other seniors took the tests in November, 1961. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woeppel.

## Services Held Thursday for Sherry Walton

ORCHARD — Funeral services were held here Thursday, Jan. 4, for a three-year-old girl, Sherry Kay Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Walton, who died January 2 after being ill most of the time since birth.

Her death was attributed to pneumonia and heart failure. She was born January 14, 1958.

The Rev. Duane Lenz officiated at the rites in the EUB church and at burial in the Orchard cemetery.

Survivors are her parents, two sisters, Leigh Ann and Beverly; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walton, and great grandmothers, Mrs. Alice Quigley and Mrs. Cora Clifton, all of Orchard. Pallbearers were uncles of the child, Bruce, Robert, Larry and Bill Walton.

## Ernst Named Chairman Of County Supervisors

### Former Resident Sends Greetings to O'Neill

A former resident, Jens Johnson, has written a letter to The Frontier sending greetings to old friends in this community and also to say how much he enjoys the paper.

Jens used to live 10½ miles north of O'Neill and well remembered when John A. Robertson was at the Joy post office. He is about 80 years old now.

Another former O'Neillite, A. T. Clevenger, has the same address as Jens: 3129 Birchwood, Bellingham, Wash. Mr. Clevenger has been in the hospital for about two months due to a heart attack but is now at home.

### No Fatalities On Holt County Roads in 1961

Holt county went through 1961 without a highway death, one of five counties in the 19-county Norfolk area to obtain that record. The previous year this county had six deaths.

In a 1961 summary of Nebraska Patrol activity in the Ainsworth area of Cherry, Brown, Rock, Holt, Boyd and Keya Paha counties, there were 5,787 violation cards issued; 970 warning cards; 970 arrests; 115 accidents investigated and 10 highway deaths recorded.

Patrolmen in this area traveled 290,750 miles and used 23,252 gallons of gas. They aided 446 motorists and removed 141 obstructions from highways.

Included in the summary was an expression of appreciation by the Patrol department for the help and service extended by area police officers and others.

### Former Amelia Woman Dies in Virginia

AMELIA — Relatives have received word of the death of Mrs. Burton Kiltz, Arlington, Va., Sunday, Jan. 7, after many years of illness.

She died unexpectedly at her home while Mr. Kiltz was attending church services.

Funeral services and burial will be in Virginia.

Mrs. Kiltz, the former Opal Ott, of this community, was a sister to Blake Ott and Mrs. Floyd Adams, both of Amelia. A son, Jerry Kiltz, resides in Omaha, and another son, Max, and a daughter, Beverly, have homes near their parents.

### Former Bartlett Banker Seeking Parole

CLIFFORD L. Bishop, 64, Bartlett, is seeking a parole from the Nebraska penitentiary when hearings will be held February 14 and 15 by the board of pardons and paroles.

Bishop is serving a four to six year sentence since June 20, 1960 for false entry and embezzlement.

### Three Area Motorists Lose Drivers Licenses

Three motorists from this area lost their drivers' licenses under the Nebraska Point Law, according to a report by the State Motor Vehicle department Saturday.

Those having licenses revoked were Douglas H. Drago, Neligh; Ronnie E. Kallhoff, O'Neill, and Gary D. Wostrol, Chambers.

### District Court—

C. D. Puckett and Theresa Connaro, O'Neill appeared in District court Monday before Judge William C. Smith Jr., on a charge of forgery. Both were found guilty. Mrs. Connaro was sentenced to one year in the women's reformatory at York and Puckett was sentenced to one year in the men's reformatory at Lincoln.

Clarence Ernst was named chairman of the Holt county supervisors for the coming year at their re-organizational meeting held Monday. The retiring chairman is M. V. Landreth.

Named to committees for the year were: Edwin Flood, M. V. Landreth and Waldo Davis, courthouse; Harlan A. Dierking, Walter Smith and Waldo Davis, finance; Dierking, Smith and Flood, tax; Dierking, Smith and McConnell, bonds; McConnell, Davis and Landreth, bridge; Dierking, Smith and McConnell, road; Flood and entire board, settlement of county officer; Dierking and entire board, claims; and Davis, Landreth and Flood, insurance.

The wage scale for 1962 was also set at the meeting. Ten cent per hour increases were granted for common bridge labor, foreman bridge workers, truck drivers and experienced operator or mechanic.

Tractor and operator, tractor loader, experienced dragline operators, truck and driver and elgrader operator fees will remain the same.

The Frontier was named as the official Holt county paper for the coming year.

Three filings for supervisor posts were also received. Clarence Ernst filed for supervisor from District 3, Harlan Dierking, District 5 and El McConnell, District 7.

### Mrs. A. Jirak Rites Planned

A life-time resident of O'Neill, Mrs. Anton Jirak, 75, died at noon Wednesday in the Atkinson Memorial hospital following a lengthy illness.

Rosary will be said at Biglin's Chapel at 8 p.m. Thursday. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Jirak was born January 31, 1886 at O'Neill to Mr. and Mrs. Musil.

She was married to Anton Jirak November 20, 1905 at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Last year the couple celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her husband, Anton; two children, Mrs. James Havranek and Mrs. Joe Sukup, O'Neill; seven grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. John Flala, O'Neill, and Mrs. Charles Kalina sr., Inman, and one brother, John Musil, O'Neill.

### Schaffer Ranches, Inc. File Incorporation

Schaffer Ranches, Inc., O'Neill, with \$500,000 capitalization, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state Thursday.

Incorporators are D. C. Schaffer, Elizabeth G. Schaffer, Larry D. Schaffer and Lois Schaffer, all of O'Neill.

### Sale Dates Claimed

JAN. 24 — RAY WILSON CLOSING OUT FAIRM SALE. 60 Head of cattle, 36 hogs, corn, full line of machinery, other items. 80 rods west of old Redbird store. O'Connell and Wanser, auctioneers. First National bank, O'Neill, clerk. Watch The Frontier for complete listing.

FEB. 9 — HOLT COUNTY ANGUS ASSOCIATION 16th ANNUAL SALE. 34 registered Angus bulls, 14 registered Angus females. For catalog write to Frank Beelert, Sec., Page.



TWO HAPPY BOYS, Gary Paulson, O'Neill, winner of the first division and Ted Hood, Stuart, winner of the second division in The Frontier's annual checking contest are shown here as they received their checks for \$5. Checks for \$3 went to Bonnie Summerer, Ewing and Esther Poessnecker, Atkinson, who won second place.



CLARENCE ERNST was named chairman of the Holt county supervisors for the coming year at their re-organizational meeting held Monday. Shown here (left to right) are: Edwin N. Flood, Clarence Ernst, M. V. Landreth, retiring chairman, Waldo E. Davis, Walter A. Smith, Harlan A. Dierking, El McConnell and Kenneth Waring, county clerk.