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## Warn of Possible Damage

Bob Hill, unit conservationist, warns farmers and ranchers of possible flood damage to conservation practices due to the combination of present frozen ground conditions and melting snow. To avoid the large amount of flood damage resulting in Holt county from the rapid snow melting two years ago, Hill urges that precautions be taken prior to unseasonably warm weather. Terraces that are filled with snow tend to clog the channel and over top quite readily. A tractor track or wheel track of any kind made down the channel when the snow is first thawing can do much to start the flow of water down the channel rather than having it pile up and over top the terrace ridge.

The spillways on erosion control and stock water ponds quite frequently become clogged with drifted and packed snow. This tends to form a temporary dam in the spillway and cause the water to rise above the spillway level. When the snow dam breaks, great pressures are exerted on the spillway with the deeper than normal flow. Two years ago this situation was responsible for the destruction of the spillway. This damage can be eliminated if the spillways are cleaned out prior to a big thaw.

Careful watch should be maintained on the mechanical spillway to see that it is functioning properly and that it does not clog with large chunks of snow. In dams equipped with a drain pipe, a safety precaution suggestion is to lower the water surface well ahead of any anticipated large runoff.

## Chambers Booster To Add Equipment

CHAMBERS—The Chambers TV committee, after investigating the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, find that they must add more equipment to the booster tower which brings channel 5 to the area. Approximately \$800 was collected by donations some time ago, and another \$150 is still needed. Of the latter amount, only about \$50 has been contributed to date. The committee states that unless these requirements are met the booster will have to be discontinued in accordance with FCC ruling. All collections would then be returned to the donors.

## Verdigré Woman Hurt In Tractor Accident

VERDIGRÉ—Mrs. Otto Uhlir sustained internal injuries Monday afternoon when she fell from a drawbar and was partially run over by the tractor while assisting her husband in the clearing of snowbound roads on their place 16 miles northwest of Verdigré. An ambulance driver could not get through the roads to the Uhlir ranch but Mr. Uhlir and son, Neil, finally were successful in bringing her to the doctor in Verdigré for medical attention until she could be transferred to the Creighton hospital.



ELEVEN STUDENTS at O'Neill high school were formally initiated into Troupe 882 of Thespians, national honorary dramatics organization, Tuesday evening in the auditorium. New members are shown (l to r) with the Troupe sponsor, Mrs. Alice Berigan, as follows: Steve Peterson, Lonna Haynes, Judy Smith, Jim Van Vleck, Terry Kurtz, Betty Morrow, Bobbie Maschi, Gailen Young, Ken Franklin and Steve Reynoldson. Another new member, Mike Hand,

## Second Report Released by Citizens Group

Following is the second in a series of reports made by the Citizens committee of the O'Neill Public Schools on the conditions of the school. This report deals with the physical plant and was prepared by Ray Eby, Mrs. Harry Gildersleeve, Mrs. Max Golden and Bob Carroll. The O'Neill Public School has no unused space in the present facilities. Many rooms are overcrowded and many others lack adequate storage space. Enrollment this year is at an all-time high with 641 students, 469 in elementary and 172 in high school. Twenty-nine teachers are on the faculty.

Children who eat at school are forced to sit on the floor of the old gymnasium, spread their lunches on the floor and eat amid the clutter and dirt of foot-traffic of other students. No hot lunch program exists. Much, also, could be done to improve science and shop needs both in space and equipment. The playground lacks both space and equipment; restrooms are clean but in poor condition. No school nurse is employed and the school has no driver training program.

Enrollment in 1929 totaled 466 with 279 in elementary and 187 in high school. In 1961 that number had jumped to 641 with 469 in elementary and 172 in high school. Indebtedness on the lower elementary building will be retired in two years.

## Band Concert Planned Tuesday

There will be an O'Neill public school Band Concert in the high school auditorium Tuesday, Mar. 13, at 8 p.m. The Eagle Band Parents organization is sponsoring the concert which will be under the direction of Duane Miller.

## Heart Fund Started For Dick Young

CHAMBERS—A heart fund has been established for Dick Young, Chambers, who had heart surgery at an Omaha hospital recently. Contributions are being sent or left at the Chambers State bank. Dick has been a patient in the Atkinson hospital since returning from Omaha.

## Elkhorn Valley Group To Meet At Neligh Friday

The chairman of the watershed committee of the Elkhorn Valley Water Resources Association, Elmer Juracek, O'Neill, has announced two meetings of interest to all persons interested in basin wide land and water resources development of the Elkhorn valley. The meetings will be at Hooper today (Thursday) at the City auditorium and the second meeting will be held at Neligh, Friday at the Soil and Water Conservation District office.

The purpose of the meetings is to inform all interested people of the status of the basin wide planning and development and to give responsible persons of the Elkhorn valley an educational work plan to be followed. The educational work plan will be used to develop the necessary water conservation, reclamation, and flood control for the Elkhorn valley and its tributaries. The following federal and state agencies will be present at these meetings to report their progress, to date. The agencies are: The Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Soil Conservation Service, The State Extension Service, The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and representatives from 19 counties Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend either of these meetings.

## Services Held In Lincoln for Mrs. W. Carson

Mrs. William Carson, 88, a former O'Neill resident, died Friday, Mar. 2, in Lincoln where she made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Wickham.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in Lincoln and burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park cemetery.

Mary Emma Carson was born February 9, 1874 in Watkins, Ia., to Edward and Mary Ann Turner. At the age of four years she moved near Wilbur, Neb., with her parents and attended school in that community. She taught six years in a rural school near Wilbur and two terms in Holt county.

She then returned to Wilbur where her parents had moved and became secretary to the Saline county judge.

In November, 1901 she was married to William Carson and they resided on a farm east of O'Neill until 1916 when they moved to Norfolk. Three years later they moved to Lincoln where Mr. Carson preceded her in death in March, 1942.

She was a member of the Second Presbyterian church and had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star the past 70 years. Survivors are her son, William Harry; daughter, Mrs. Wickham; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Tom Turner, Don Wickham, Frank Turner, Lee Brady, Lloyd Brady and Bruce McElhaney.

## Teacher Problems Beset Board; Hawley Resigns

### Robert To Visit At O'Neill March 14

Gail Robert, field representative of the Norfolk social security office, will be in the assembly room of the courthouse at Butte on O'Neill from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 14. James Hoffman, another representative, will be in the courtroom of the courthouse at Butte from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 15. 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 for 1958, 1959 and 1960.

### O'Neill Students Participate in Merit Tests

Tuesday was National Merit Scholarship qualifying day at O'Neill high school, and 20 students participated in the day long tests. They are: Gary Brewster, Denny Drayton, Sally Burney, Larry Dobrovoiny, Kenneth Franklin, Richard Hill, Ann Johnson, Terry Kurtz, Russell Kopejka, Kenneth Paacock, Steve Peterson, Keith Reynoldson, Kenneth Reynoldson, Steve Reynoldson, Danny Schaaf, Esther Young, Juanita Warner, Joyce Harmon, Richard Marcelus and Dianne Groves.

### Writ Issued In Petition For Mandamus

A petition for mandamus was filed in District Court this week by the State of Nebraska, Della Peterson, A. G. Miller and Thomas Slattery versus Roy Griffin, Raymer Funk and Ralph J. Key.

A peremptory writ was issued by District Judge Wm. C. Smith ordering the names of Roy Ries and Lawrence Kramer to be certified as the persons nominated at the caucus held February 13 to be candidates for the office of the Board of Education of Atkinson school district 21, and that the names of Roy Ries and Lawrence Kramer be placed on the ballot.

### J. Sullivan Named To Student Council

Jack Sullivan, O'Neill student at Wayne State Teachers college, has been elected as a member of the student council. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan.

## Roy Griffins Honored on Anniversary at Atkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Griffin, who operated the Golden hotel in O'Neill from 1922 to 1934, observed their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 24, in Atkinson.

As Mr. Griffin had surgery the previous day at the Atkinson Memorial hospital, no special celebration was planned. However, the Hospital Sisters presented a cake to the honored couple and invited Mrs. Griffin to have dinner at the hospital with her husband.

Mabel Florence Stratton and Roy F. Griffin were married February 24, 1912 at the home of Mrs. Sam Becker in Atkinson. After residing in Atkinson for 10 years, they moved to O'Neill

O'Neill Public Schools have started a search for a new football coach, following the announcement Tuesday night that Jake Hawley is being considered as coach at both Ogallala high school and Wayne State Teachers college. Teacher problems continue to beset the board as Mrs. Neuloh Sanders announced her resignation and Bandman Duane Miller had indicated he had a better offer at another school. Supt. H. L. McCoy also said the school would be in need of two more teachers next year, one in elementary and one in high school.

McCoey said he opposes combination classes and feels the children can best be taught in separate classes. More space would also have to be made available if the additional teachers are hired, he said, and explained that he had been in consultation with officials at St. Mary's to rent some schoolroom space there. Board members gave him the go ahead to hire new teachers if the needed space can be found. In other action the board boosted custodians' salaries, appointed committees and discussed the first alarm system. Arnold Mace received an increase from \$298 per month to \$325 monthly and Harry Graham from \$290 to \$315. Committee appointments were: Americanism committee, Dr. Rex Wilson, George Hammond and Dr. G. R. Cook. Appointed to building and grounds committee were Dale Fetrow, Dr. G. R. Cook and Harold Weier. On purchases and supplies were named Harold Weier, Dale Fetrow and George Hammond.

### Tom Ressel To Edit New Seward Paper

Tom Ressel, formerly of O'Neill, will serve as editor of a new publication, The Seward Citizen. He has been residing at Milford the past year and a half being associated with the paper there. Last spring he started a new paper for Beaver Crossing. Ressel first started his newspaper work with The Frontier, working for Cal Stewart. He served in 1951 and 1952 with the army in Korea. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel, O'Neill, Mr. Ressel is married and has four small children.

### Four Building Permits Issued by City Council

Four building permits were approved by the council at the meeting Tuesday evening. They were issued to Sam Derickson, and Dean Jeffrey for new homes, and to Gil Poesse for the construction of a new radio station. Mrs. Chmiel petitioned for the moving of a house into O'Neill.

### O'Neill High Names Eight To Honor Roll

Eight O'Neill high school students earned four A's during the past six weeks of school, according to an announcement by Supt. H. L. McCoy.

They are Kay Lee Rees and Fred Rosencrans, seniors; Ann Johnson, junior; Diane Gillespie, Christine Herley, Dwayne Skopec and Delores Rosencrans, sophomores, and Bill Enke, freshman. Other honor roll students are Karen Bates, Carolyn Fuhner, Don Skopec, Merna Butterfield, Rolland Johnson and Melvin Sanders, seniors; Terry Kurtz, junior; Laurell Haynes, sophomore, and Betty Miller, Vickie Roe, Ivan Hurley and Joan Drayton, freshmen.

## Council Grants Approval to City Planning Commission

### Moon Shot to Be Highlight Of St. Pat's Day

Devious plans are afoot to make St. Patrick's day in O'Neill a day to be remembered by children and oldsters alike. Cash prizes totaling \$30 will be offered to children in the best-dressed leprechaun contest. First prize is \$10; second, \$7.50; third and fourth, \$5 each; fifth, \$2.50. Youngsters under 13 are eligible to enter leprechaun competition. Mothers may help with costumes, of course, and since no one has ever seen a leprechaun, the best imagination will win. In other events Paddy's Pig will be on display as the centerpiece in a weight-guessing contest. Entrants may get blanks from business places, inspect the pig and fill out their entry with the weight they believe the pig will have at 5 p.m. St. Patrick's day. At 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. a free showing of "God's Own Cow Country" will be held in the K.C. Hall. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce following each showing. At about noon, St. Patrick's Day, a moonshot will be made at the traffic light corner in an attempt to put an astronaut into orbit. Shooting will take place despite cloud cover or down-range conditions, Cape Carnival technicians said. Construction is proceeding on schedule with the moon rocket. Crew members said Wednesday. In addition to the fun events, O'Neill merchants are planning a Lucky Shamrock coupon promotion with bargains for area shoppers and several firms are planning private contests and events for the day.

### Shut In, Shut Out, But Not Shut Up

Mrs. Fred Lindberg, The Frontier correspondent for the Meek area, describes her situation during the past miserable blizzard-like days, as being "shut in, shut out and shut off, but not shut up". One pleasant event occurred during her "shut in" days—10 deer appeared in her backyard and stayed for a length of time Thursday evening, nibbling at the snow and trees.

### World Prayer Day Planned Here Friday

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Wesleyan Methodist church Friday, at 8 p.m. The Assembly of God and Center Union churches will be taking part in the service. Also on Friday will be a World Day of Prayer service at the First Methodist church at 8 p.m. The First Presbyterian and First Methodist churches will participate in this service. The public is welcome to attend these services.

### Services Held Tuesday for Mrs. F. Whitaker

CHAMBERS—A well known Chambers resident, Mrs. Floyd Whitaker, 70, died Saturday, Mar. 3, at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill where she had been a patient for most of the past four months. Her husband preceded her in death November 1, 1961. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Chambers Methodist church. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery. Susie Carpenter was born July 10, 1891 at Poole to Stephen and Adelle Barker Carpenter. She received her early schooling at Rose Hill school, and attended the first class when the Kearney State college was started. She taught one year near Kearney. Susie Carpenter was married to Floyd Whitaker April 26, 1910 at the home of the bride's parents at Poole. The couple lived on a farm near Poole and Pleasanton until March, 1927 when they moved to a farm they purchased northwest of Chambers. This remained their home until four years ago when they moved into town. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960. Survivors are her two sons, Vernon, Chambers, and Randal, Indianapolis, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb, Chambers, and Mrs. Everette Miner, O'Neill; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, Felix, Omaha, and Erwin, Chambers, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Bourne, Colorado Springs, Colo. Pallbearers were Gene Halsey, Gaius Wintermote, Melvin Bell, Don Cameron, Zane Rowse and Gerald Grimes.

### Boy Scouts to Collect Bags Here Saturday

The final phase of the annual Covered Wagon area council Boy Scout "Good Turn Day for the Handicapped" will take place this Saturday, Mar. 10, when the Boy Scouts, with scoutmasters John McCarville and Joe McLeish, will gather the good turn bags from the homes in O'Neill and store them until the Goodwill truck picks them up and takes them to the Goodwill plant. The scouts request that the contributors have their bags and any extra boxes of material out on the front step by 8 a.m. Saturday so that they will not have to ring doorbells. The materials urgently needed at this time of year are usable clothing, shoes, bedding and small household appliances.

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Complete details are printed elsewhere in this issue of The Frontier in the legal publication of the ordinance.



BOARD UP THE WINDOWS—as Monday, Mar. 19, the Free World's fastest bomber, the B-58 Hustler will fly over the O'Neill area in simulated bomb runs at Omaha and Lincoln. The missions, which will be flown at twice the speed of sound, will follow a route within a short distance to the southwest of O'Neill (see map). March 2 when the bomber was flown in a speed test run, it traveled 1,300 mph, leaving a path of broken windows, caused by the sonic booms which may be heard on the ground.

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REMEMBER WHEN? This deposit slip from the Bank of Dorsey was found by Harden Anspach in a book in his basement. The Bank of Dorsey closed about 1909 or 1910, according to friends of Mr. Anspach and was operated by John O'Donnell at that time. Charley Cole still has a check book for the bank and also remembers seeing the bank safe in O'Neill at one time. Although the deposit slip is about 52 years old, it is still in good shape.