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INFORMATION REGARDING O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

To the patrons and tax payers of O'Neill Public School, District No. 7. I have just received a communication from Charles W. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction saying there had been many requests for information concerning the debt, assessed valuation and school levy in Nebraska cities of 1,000 or more inhabitants. He gives the School District assessed valuation, School District levy, School District indebtedness, and ratio of indebtedness to assessed valuation expressed in percent.

Thinking it would be of interest to the tax payers and patrons, I make the following analysis of his report, comparing our school with the public schools in the state of Nebraska.

There are 110 school districts in Nebraska with cities of more than 1,000 inhabitants. Of these 110 schools there are thirty-four with a lower levy than O'Neill, one with the same as our levy, which is 14.20, and seventy-four with a higher levy. As to the indebtedness, there are twenty-two with less indebtedness and two the same as ours, which is \$8,000.00, and eighty-five with a greater indebtedness than we have. The ratio of indebtedness to assessed valuation is twenty-five with lesser percentage and eighty-four with a greater percentage. Ours is forty-six one hundredths of one per cent.

In order to pass intelligent judgment on our school, we must do so by comparison with other schools of similar size. The average daily attendance in the O'Neill High School last year was 171. I have taken all schools in the state in towns of over 1,000 inhabitants, with an average daily attendance in high school between 151 and 191, in order to get schools of our class as to attendance and assessed valuation. I find that there are twenty-one schools in this class. Namely:

School	Daily Average Attendance in High School	School Levy	Ratio of Indebtedness As to Valuation in %
Cambridge	185	18.00	7.14
Gering	181	22.00	7.25
Harvard	159	8.10	None
Havelock	176	21.30	1.20
Hebron	157	16.30	None
Hooper	157	20.10	5.64
Humbolt	165	14.00	.61
Loup City	190	16.30	.67
Nelson	151	15.00	4.67
Newman Grove	154	16.40	3.58
O'Neill	171	14.20	.46
Ravenna	184	21.60	1.41
St. Edward	163	11.00	.37
St. Paul	165	2.30	4.74
Stanton	172	15.20	.16
Stromsburg	160	14.00	4.71
Sutton	155	14.50	1.88
Tecumseh	184	11.00	None
Tekamah	166	12.70	None
Valentine	165	18.10	5.77
West Point	161	20.60	7.97

The average levy of these twenty schools of our class is 15.92 while ours is 14.20, one and seventy-two hundredths mills below the average of these schools.

In making a comparison of teacher's salaries of the twenty schools of our class, I find the average salary paid high school teachers is \$1,438 while O'Neill is paying \$1,311—\$127 less than the average of these twenty schools. In the grades, these schools pay an average salary of \$1,012, while O'Neill pays an average salary of \$956, which is \$56 less than an average of these twenty schools.

I will also compare the tax levy with the other schools in Holt county teaching the twelve grades. Atkinson levy 17; Chambers levy 20; Ewing levy 22; Inman levy 17; Page levy 18; Stuart levy 13; O'Neill levy 14.20. O'Neill has a lower levy than any school in Holt county teaching the twelve grades except Stuart. The average levy of these schools is 17.91 while ours is 14.20. And further comparison shows O'Neill as the only school in Holt county having full accreditation to the North Central Association of High Schools and Colleges. To obtain this standing requires more equipment and higher qualifications of the teachers.

These figures are taken from the report of Charles W. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and from the State Educational Directory. I will be pleased to show these figures to any one that does not understand them or who wishes to investigate the authenticity or make further comparisons.

The next statement of the Treasurer of the school district will be published in order that the taxpayers may know the financial condition of the district. Taxes are not being paid as promptly as usual this year. The assessed valuation of the O'Neill School District given me by the county clerk is \$1,551,047 for 1929. For 1928 it was \$1,977,285, a reduction in the assessed valuation of \$326,238.

It would appear from the analysis of these facts that the O'Neill Public School is one of the best and most economical public schools in the state of Nebraska.

Dr. L. A. CARTER.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Grace Loy is ill with tonsillitis. "Buzz" Bowden returned to O'Neill the first of the week.

Lod Janousek is confined to his home with an attack of the "flu" and pleurisy.

L. D. Calkins suffered a light stroke of paralysis last Monday morning.

Mrs. Clarence Zimmerman entertained the Friday Bridge Club last Friday afternoon.

Robert Magirl of this city is visiting with his son Dr. R. J. Magirl at Jackson, Nebraska.

Mrs. Chas. Downey and son Jimmie, of Valentine, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Clarence Rasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss returned home Wednesday evening from a few day's visit with relatives in Omaha.

Lee Drayton, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was shaking hands with old friends in O'Neill last Saturday and Sunday.

John O'Donnell, dairy inspector, came Tuesday evening and is looking after business connected with this line of work.

George Hanley arrived in O'Neill from Boise, Idaho, a few days ago for a visit with his father, T. D. Hanley and with old time friends.

Little Maybelle Osenbaugh is ill with tonsillitis and "flu."

Mrs. Geo. Bay spent several days this week visiting her father, Fred Kaczor, who is seriously ill at the home of his son John, at Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson were visiting at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, at Orchard last Sunday.

Will Schroeder suffered a painful injury to his right eye Tuesday when a piece of steel flew into his eye while he was doing some mechanical work at the McDermott Battery Station, where he is employed.

A complaint has been filed in the district court against Emil Grunke, charging him with passing a worthless check in the amount of \$40.00 on Gilbert Morgan in Atkinson. He is now in the county jail.

Business has been pretty slow among the merchants in O'Neill during the past few weeks. Many of the country roads are filled with snow and traveling with a car is almost impossible except on the main highways.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hickey, is ill with pneumonia.

B. S. Smith, of Lincoln was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Quig last Monday evening. Mr. Smith was enroute to Boyd county to look after his farms in that vicinity.

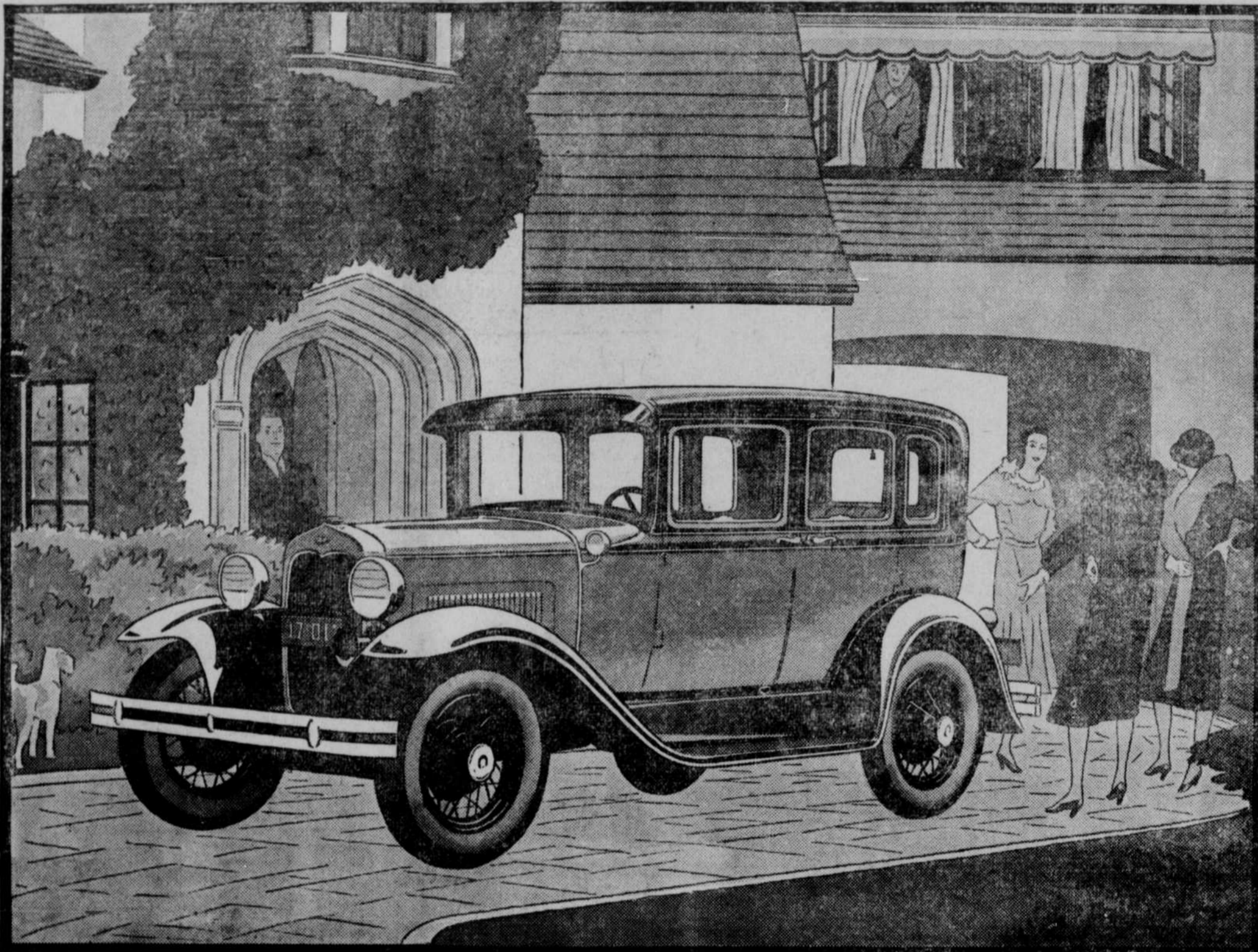
The Nu Fu Club met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Young last Friday. Mrs. R. N. Brittell won the first prize and Mrs. W. J. McDonough, the second. Luncheon was served.

The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. L. A. Burgess on February 6th. Mrs. Elmer Surber and Mrs. W. B. Graves will assist in the entertainment.

Mrs. S. J. Pinkerman returned home Tuesday evening from Omaha and Lincoln where she had been visiting relatives. She is stopping at the home of her son John, at Scottville.

A son, who will be known as John William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harte, of Inman, at the Gilligan and Brown hospital January 25th. Harry has sent to Omaha for a new hat.

New Beauty for the New Ford



THE NEW FORD TOWN SEDAN

In the Town Sedan you see a distinguished example of the unbroken sweep of line which adds so much charm to all the new, roomy Ford bodies. Radiator, hood, cowl, lower roof line, fenders, wheels — every point of design reflects the new style and beauty that have been placed within the means of every one. All of the new Ford cars are finished in a variety of colors.

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From the new deep radiator to the tip of the curving rear fender, there is an unbroken sweep of line—a flowing grace of contour gaining added charm from the rich and attractive colors.

You will take a real pride in the smart style and fresh new beauty of the Ford just as you will find an ever-growing satisfaction in its safety, comfort, speed, acceleration, ease of control, reliability and economy. In appearance, as in mechanical construction, craftsmanship has been put into mass production.

New beauty has been added to outstanding performance.

A feature of unusual interest is the use of Rustless Steel for the radiator shell, head lamps, cowl finish strip, hub caps, tail lamp and other exposed metal parts. This steel will not rust, corrode or tarnish and will retain its bright brilliance for the life of the car. Here, as in so many other important details, you see evidence of the enduring quality that has been built into the new Ford.

- Roadster, \$435
 - Phaeton, \$440
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(All prices f. o. b. Detroit, plus freight and delivery. Bumpers and spare tire extra.)

ROYAL THEATRE
O'Neill, Nebraska

HOME OF GOOD PICTURES

Fri., Jan. 31—Sat., Feb. 1st

Conrad Nagel and Leila Hyams in

"THE 13TH CHAIR"

All Talking! An inquest is called after the murder of Brandon Trent. When Wales is quizzing the suspects in a dark room he is mysteriously stabbed in the back. Another inquest is held and the murderer is discovered through a deeply-laid plan. If you love thrills and mystery, don't fail to see "The 13th Chair."

Sun., Mon., Tues., Feb. 2-3-4

BIG SPECIAL! — AL JOLSON

With Davy Lee and Marion Nixon in

"SAY IT WITH SONGS"

An All Talking, Singing Vitaphone production. Sonny Boy is here again as Jolson's "Little Pal." A new bou-

quet of Jolson's hits by the only Jolson. You loved Jolson's "Sonny Boy" in "The Singing Fool"—you will adore the same child as Jolson's "Little Pal" and heart's love. Trip-hammer punches! Tear-raising episodes. And new song hits put over as only Jolson can put over a song! The greatest work Jolson has ever done. He emerges as great an emotional actor as he is great as a singer. Songs Jolson sings in "Say It With Songs"—"Why Can't You," "Seventh Heaven," "Back In Your Own Back Yard," "I'm Ka-razy For You," "Just One Sweet Kiss." Also singing act. 2 shows Sunday night—7:30, 9:30. Matinee 2:30 p. m.

Wednes. & Thurs., Feb. 5-6

Joe Brown and Helen Foster, in

"PAINTED FACES"

All Talking! Where lions roar—caliopes shriek—acrobats leap—clowns kick up the sawdust and lemonade is pink—is told a thrilling, stirring drama of painted faces and loyal hearts. 2-reel talking comedy. Bring the family Wednesday. Thursday 20c night.