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Holt Valuation Up More Than Million

Automobile Values Take Big Jump, Assessor Reports

The Holt county assessed valuation is up \$1,351,260 over 1948, according to L. G. Gillespie, county assessor.

This figure represents individual assessments, business, vehicles, railroads, rural real estate and improvements, city real estate and improvements, franchise, telephone, telegraph and insurance assessments that are levied at \$54.12 per \$1,000 of valuation.

In addition, Gillespie pointed out, the valuation may be "around" \$50,000 more as representatives from the state tax commissioner's office are contacting business houses throughout the county to determine if scheduled assessments have been made accurately.

The 1948 county real, personal and business assessments totaled \$25,567,225 as compared with \$26,927,485 for 1949.

Largest single increase came in the motor vehicle department. An increase of \$600,000 was reported as the number of vehicles increased from 4,864 that were valued at \$1,374,285 in 1948, to the 5,811 in 1949, that are valued at \$1,934,585.

Gillespie reported this due partly to the increase number of motor vehicles but largely because of the higher prices of the newer models.

All types of businesses showed an increased valuation of \$174,525, according to the assessment schedule.

Insurance company's valuations increased over the 1948 figure. Last year's assessment records show \$99,315 as compared to the \$112,700 this year.

Real estate and improvements increased slightly this year as the 1949 report showed \$11,078,375 against the \$11,064,760 for 1948.

City real estate and improvements swelled from \$1,796,350 a year ago to \$1,866,255 in 1949.

Intangibles "A," which include cash and bank accounts, showed a dip this year over last. In 1948, \$2,285,265 were reported as against \$2,245,610 this year. Intangibles "A" are assessed at the rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000.

Intangibles "B," which include stocks, bonds, and mortgages, were up \$133,595 for the current year.

Other small increases helped swell the overall total.

Holt Wheat Price Is Established

The 1949 Nebraska wheat loan rate has been announced by Frank W. Reed, State production and marketing administration chairman.

Support prices for Holt county wheat will be \$2 per bushel. The rate is based on a price of \$2.21 a bushel for stored U. S. No. 1 wheat at terminal markets in Kansas city, Omaha and Sioux City.

Support prices for Nebraska, according to counties, ran from \$1.90 up to \$2.07 per bushel.

Apparel Shop's Clearance Sale Begins July 21

One week from today—Thursday, July 21—is opening day for the Apparel Shop's big clearance sale. The merchandising event will continue through July 30.

An advertisement on page 3-A heralds the big sale although the start is still seven days away.

Valentine Bandmaster to Direct

Lee Kjelsen, bandmaster at Valentine, will be conducting the O'Neill Municipal band at the regular concert Saturday night at the O'Neill bandstand.

Selections will include: "Star Spangled Banner," by Key; march, "American Legion," by Parker; waltz, "Always," by Berlin; novelty, "Slidin' Some," by Chenette; selection, "Pavanne," by Gould; march, "Salutation," by Seitz; novelty, "Teddy Bears' Picnic," by Bratton; vocal solo, "Stout Hearted Men," by George Ellington, of Valentine; hymn, "Abide With Me," by Monk; march, "The Footlifter," by Hayes.

Omahans Among Guests at Country Club Dinner

Sunday evening marked the second dinner of the season for members of the Country club, with Mrs. L. M. Diehlman as chairman, and Mrs. C. J. Gatz, co-chairman. Guests numbering 150 attended. Out-of-town guests included: Mr. Rolland Waechter and son, John, of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hiber, of Hastings.

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HAY DAYS PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Atkinson To Celebrate Annual Event August 17 - 18

ATKINSON—The annual Hay Days celebration, to be held here August 17 and 18, will be highlighted in a country pageant with parades, amateur shows, crowning of a hay queen and the world's champion hay cabler, and the presentation of the "typical" farm family.

Plans for the two-day American Legion sponsored celebration have been made and the program is entirely mapped out, according to Charles E. Chase.

Active boosters for the celebration are seen frequently on the streets here and can be readily identified by a red straw hat.

The first day will include a parade with the theme, "Our Country and Our People," presentation of typical farm family as chosen from a list of candidates drawn up by the Holt county project clubs.

The agriculture extension department of the University of Nebraska will judge the farm family contest. An afternoon baseball game is on the first day schedule also.

During the evening of the first celebration day, a home talent program and a salute to hayland is on the agenda and the coronation of the hay king and queen.

Second day program includes a 4-H and childrens parade; amateur show; world's champion hay cabling contest; identification of Mr. Hay, and another baseball game.

Evening of the final celebration date will be a professional radio show with many well known stars appearing in person.

GALLAGHER STORE QUILTS BUSINESS

Once Operated on Corner Where Golden Now Stands

One of the oldest firms in the O'Neill business directory has sold its stock in preparation of terminating business.

The J. P. Gallagher store has operated from its present site on the Northeast corner of South Fourth and Everett streets since 1901.

The late J. P. Gallagher, founder of the store, started business in the old Haggerty store where the Golden hotel now stands. Gallagher obtained his experience in the J. P. Mann store where he had worked four years prior to entering business for himself.

Gallagher operated on the Golden hotel corner four years, and then, with the help of his father, bought the present site from the Pfunders.

Mr. Gallagher operated the general store up to his death in 1933. It was then turned over to the heirs of his estate.

Helen Gallagher, who has been in the store since 1932, has been operating it since her father's death.

Other heirs holding interest in the store are Hilda, of O'Neill, and Dr. Frank Gallagher, of LaCrosse, Wisc.

It was a general store until 1937 when it was changed to a grocery store.

A clerk, who had been with the firm for 47 years, passed away May 25, this year. She was Mary C. Meer, a distant cousin of the Gallaghers.

The stock has been sold to Neil Ryan and disposition of the building has not been decided.

Group Attends Camp at Niobrara

Five young people of the Wesleyan Methodist church left Monday for a five-days' stay at the youth camp at Niobrara. The campers are: Marvin Strong, Donald Strong, of Chambers; Mary Arleen Fox, of Page, and David Page, Clifford Closson and Richard Huebert.

Local Children Heard on National Hookup

Little Mary and Judy Ryan, who were enroute to their aunt's home, Mrs. Emmet Doyle, in Chicago, Ill., were interviewed over the "Welcome Travelers" program Monday on NBC.

Return From Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jonas and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jonas and Richard returned Wednesday, July 6, from the Black Hills and Hot Springs, S. D.

2-MONTH-OLD CALF BRINGS \$611

St. Anthony's Building Fund Continues To Roll

The week-by-week success story of the St. Anthony hospital building fund this week is unchanged. The fund continues to grow slowly but steadily.

Tabulations for the past seven days show that \$2,972.61 have been contributed, which increases the grand total of the building fund to \$80,524.55, according to Mrs. Glen Tomlinson. On Saturday night, the Merri Doctor Pepper Bottling company donated a 15-bottle refreshment cooler. This was auctioned by the Catholic Daughters of America and sold for \$35 to John Turner, of O'Neill. The same night a bingo game netted \$257.47.

A two-month-old calf last week probably changed hands more times than stock on the market did in 1929. It all started Saturday evening.

Mrs. Loretta Hynes, of O'Neill, donated the calf.

After selling \$250 worth of tickets, the calf was won by an outstater, who gave it back immediately. It was put on public auction the same night. S. R. Robertson, of O'Neill, paid \$100, but he too gave the critter back. Again it was put on the auction block. This time it sold for \$85 to M. J. Wallace and he returned it.

On Tuesday the small calf was taken to the Ewing sales pavilion and auctioned four times before a buyer would keep it.

Norb Uhl, of O'Neill, was the first buyer, paying \$50. It was the same story with Frank Froelich. The third buyer, who bought it for \$40, was the Ewing sales pavilion. The final time the calf brought \$36 and Elbert Chickster, of Page, was the owner.

Total money derived from the sales and re-sales of the calf amounted to \$611.

The following is a list of contributions to the hospital fund for the seven-day period ending Saturday, July 9:

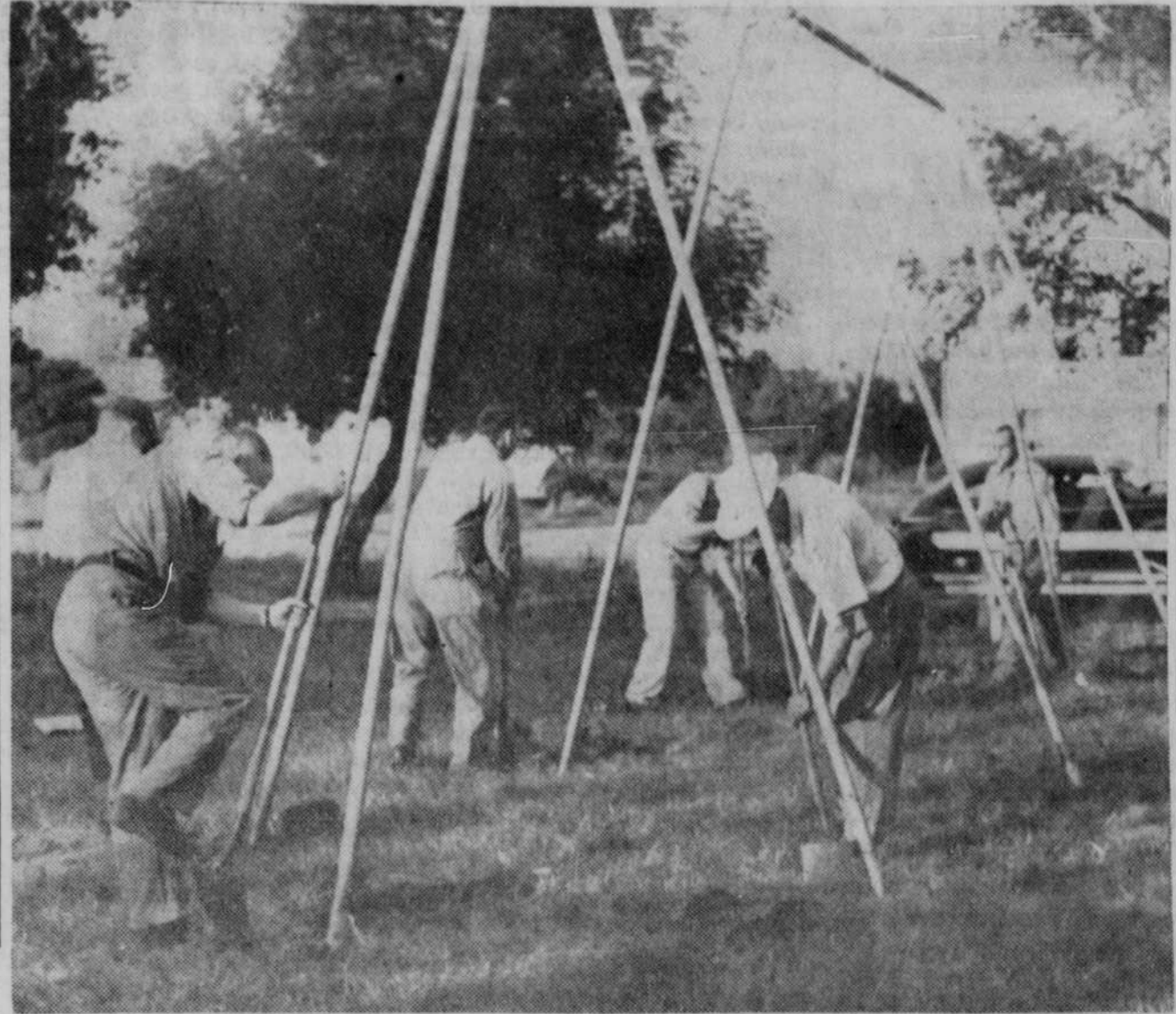
Name	Address	Cont.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Janzing, Emmet		25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoppe, Atkinson		5.00
Mrs. Sophie Hoppe, Atk		5.00
Fred Carey, O'Neill		10.00
Pete Weber, O'Neill		2.00
Wm. D. and Ruth Closson, O'Neill		20.00
Anna Brown, O'Neill		23.00
Girl Scout Troop No. 1, O'Neill		100.00
Ed Etherton, Atkinson		20.00
F. J. Gilg, O'Neill		50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Pruss, O'Neill		50.00
Edw. S. Early, O'Neill		50.00
Cyril C. Peter, O'Neill		25.00
Fred Mack, Atkinson		10.00
A. M. Batenhorst, Stuart		5.00
J. B. Grady, O'Neill		25.00
Winnie Mullen, O'Neill		50.00
Frank Nelson, O'Neill		100.00
Mrs. Cleo Brand, O'Neill		5.00
E. H. and Nellie Medcalf, Chambers		10.00
Tobin Seed Co., Overland Pk., Kans.		57.00
Guy Cole, Emmet		100.00
Joe Gallagher, Inman		500.00
Fred Conway, O'Neill		40.00
Musil Bros., O'Neill		144.72
Girl Scout Troop No. 1, O'Neill		80.00
Star Get-To-Gether Club, Star		5.00
Amer. Legion Simonson Post No. 93, O'Neill		164.87
Fred E. Boettcher, Atk		25.00
Florence C. Ponton, O'N		5.00
Guy Johnson, O'Neill		100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Young, O'Neill		25.00
Mrs. Mary Zastrow, O'N		25.00
Charles Snowardt, jr., O'Neill		10.00
Elsie Peter, O'Neill		50.00
Catholic Daughters, O'N		435.00
George Shoemaker, O'N		200.00
O'Neill Rural Youth, O'N		25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koci, Chambers		150.00
J. H. and Mabel Gibson, Chambers		25.00
Catholic Daughters, O'N		257.47
Total		3,014.61
Total to date		\$80,166.55

O'Neill Golfers to Neligh

Among the O'Neill golfers taking part in the annual Antelope Country club one-day tournament Sunday were: Gordon Elkins, Joe McCarville, jr., Norman Gonderinger, and Gene McKenna.

The affair was won by Dean Christofferson, champion of the 1948 O'Neill golf tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. George Munger returned to Chicago, Ill., Sunday after visiting relatives for a week.



The Monday night Parent-Teacher association playground workers at Ford's park are, left-to-right: Dave Eby, Dale Fetrow, Art Brinkman, Harry Ressel, W. B. Gillespie and Verne Beckwith. The group is digging placement holes for the swing frame at the new playground.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Ford's Playground Progresses

Installation of \$600 worth of playground equipment was started Monday night at Ford's park by the members of the Parent-Teachers association.

The equipment to be cemented in, is comprised of a horizontal bar, four and six sectional giant strides of swings, a step-on merry-go-round and some other pieces, according to Robert Nicholas, chairman of the purchasing committee.

At a meeting to be held this week, the members of the P-TA

will decide about construction of a wading pool, other equipment needed and about solicitation of additional money.

The playground committee to date had cleared the grounds, placed finished picnic tables and benches, turned on water and filled sandpiles.

At the regular meeting of the city council, the body was forced to turn down the proposal to fence the park because of lack of funds.

Meanwhile, the committee

continues to work two nights each week, Monday and Friday. P-TA committeemen extend invitations to all who are interested in the city's youth and their recreation, to come out to Ford's park on the work nights to aid in piecing the playground together.

The drive for funds, launched June 15, attained its first thousand dollars last week when the American Legion post and auxiliary rounded out the needed funds.

All-Star Proceeds to Hospital

Plans are now complete for the North-Central league St. Anthony hospital benefit all-star baseball game to be played in Carney park Saturday, July 21. Proceeds will go to St. Anthony's hospital building fund.

Organizations are supporting the game "whole heartedly," according to Laurence Haynes, who is helping with arrangements.

The Merri Doctor Pepper Co. is furnishing free of charge all soft drinks, the city has donated the field and the lights free of charge, and the Boy Scouts of

troop 210 will act as vendors at the contest.

The squads, East and West, have already been chosen. Dick Tomlinson is the tutor for the East team while August Troshynski will manage the West club.

The East squad is made up of players from Valentine, Stuart, Atkinson and Ainsworth. The West team is made up of players from Page, O'Neill, Ewing and Chambers. Four players and an alternate have been chosen from each team for the all-star tilt.

Matt Beha, one of the organizers of the contest, has written letters to major league ball players requesting signed baseballs that will be auctioned off at the benefit tilt.

Players who have been written to are: Richie Asburn, a former Tilden player and now with the Philadelphia; Johnny Hopp, formerly of Hastings, now with Pittsburg; and Rex Barney, Brooklyn Dodgers; Howi Pollet, of St. Louis, and Mickey Owen, with the Chicago Cubs.

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Atkinson Woman Plans August Visit to Her Native Czechoslovakia

By MAUDE SILVERSTRAND Special Correspondent

ATKINSON—Barbara Ballon, who will be 78 on December 4, is looking forward to a visit with an old friend in Prague, Czechoslovakia. She will leave New York on the Queen Mary on August 12, leaving Atkinson August 9.

Barbara was born in Austria and came to this country when she was 8-years-old. She attended school here up to the fourth grade. At the age of 17, she went to Sioux City to work. She advanced until she became an accomplished bookkeeper. She lived in Sioux City for 30 years. During that time she never ceased her studying. She learned to write what many declare is a "beautiful hand" and she can con-

verse on almost any subject you choose. Her lively chit chat is a challenge to the wit-tiest of younger people. Her brown eyes dance with laughter as she relates episodes from her busy and happy life.

Through the years she has accumulated what might be termed a "comfortable" amount of money. She owns a lovely home in the Northeast part of Atkinson and three other town properties.

I was greatly amused at her acceptance of the fact that the only reservations she could get were on the luxury liner the Queen Mary and only first class passage on that ship. I said, "Isn't that dreadfully expensive?" She said, "Yes, it costs three times as much but I'll get my money's worth!"

She will first go to Cherbourg, France, and from there to Prague where she will visit her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skokan, and their son, Henry. Mrs. Skokan will be remembered here as Frances Svoboda, who worked in the Ivan Dickerson home at one time.

Someone asked Barbara how she happened to come back to a small town to retire. She said, "I like small towns and big houses. I like the friends you find in a small town and I want a big house to entertain them in."

Mrs. S. Kenicka, of Omaha, is going on the same ship and they will travel together. They expect to return sometime in November.

They are uncertain regarding what travel complications they might encounter in Russian-dominated Czechoslovakia.



Barbara Ballon . . . returning to picturesque Prague, scene of her childhood.

COMBINES PARADE THROUGH HOLT

Light Rain Falls Here; Atkinson Gets 1 Inch

With the hot weather a boon to the county's corn crop, a much needed light rain of .15 of an inch fell here during early Wednesday. In and around Atkinson approximately an inch of rain fell Tuesday afternoon. The moisture cooled things off considerably but did not handicap the combines that continued their Northward parade through the county during the week.

Along with the combines moving through the county the corn borer seems to be on an identical path.

Even though there are 87,000 acres of corn in Holt county the borers' infestation is light in comparison to other counties throughout the state.

With the report of "light" infestations of the borer, a close check on the corn by the farmers will help curb the segmented pests.

Clusters of eggs from the borer, which lays 100-thousand in a 10-day period, appear on the under side of the leaf near the stalk. During the tassel stage, after the eggs have hatched, the borer starts its move down the inside of the stalk.

The only effective control after the borer has entered the stalk is to burn the stalk.

Other larva stage controls that are effective is the one and one-half pounds of DDT mixed with xylene. The xylene has an oil base which is used as a carrier for the DDT in place of the water.

There is evidence of two types of corn borers in the county.

The European type, that is a flesh colored, segmented worm that has a dark head. The other specimen is the common stalk borer. Indications of its presence is the toppling over of the corn stalks and it is green in the larva stage.

A. Neil Dawes, county agent, who has just returned from Ft. Collins, Colo., Summer school, said at the time the Holt county farmers were combatting the aphids, Iowa was fighting the corn borer.

This week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
July 7	95	71	
July 8	91	69	
July 9	85	63	
July 10	82	53	
July 11	82	58	
July 12	85	65	
July 13	87	65	.15

HOLT ROAD FUND NOT EXHAUSTED

Treasurer's Semi - Annual Statement Report Is Given

In the Holt county treasurer's semi-annual statement, published according to law at the end of the fiscal year, there was a balance of \$581,987.07 as of June 30. This is \$60,217.67 more than was on hand June 30, 1948, and \$35,773.93 less than what was on hand December 31, 1948.

Disbursements over the last six months totaled \$749,680.17 as compared with \$717,288.90 for the same period a year ago. The July 1 to December 31 period showed \$568,088.02 in disbursements.

Contrary to popular thought, the county road and bridge fund was not exhausted as a result of last winter's heavy snow, according to J. Ed Hancock, Holt county treasurer. Most of the extra expense was borne by the Army, Hancock reported.

For the six-month period ending June 30, 1948, the county bridge fund showed a \$12,995.71 balance with the same period for 1948 having a \$38,899.49 balance despite the unusually hard winter that deteriorated roads and bridges.

County bridge disbursements totaled \$9,142.13 for this last six-month period that ended June 30, while \$18,873.44 was spent last year for the same period.

Total county spending for the 12-month span, June 30, 1948, to June 30, 1948, was \$1,317,768.19 as compared to \$1,377,985.86 in receipts.

Neighbors Bring Fire Under Control

SANDCREEK—Stuarts volunteer fire department answered a prairie fire call at the ranch of Dr. F. J. Clark, North of Dustin, on Thursday afternoon, July 7.

The fire department arrived as the neighbors in the territory had brought the fire under control.

The cause of the fire was attributed to lightning. The fire burned about a quarter section of pasture land before being brought under control.

"Grandma" Karr Feled

Mrs. Ella ("Grandma") Karr was honored at a surprise party on Friday. The occasion was her 85th birthday anniversary. Guests were served ice cream and cake. Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Roy Karr, Mrs. Carrie Bartos, and Mrs. Ann Rosenkrans, all of Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. David Page and daughter, Barbara, of Orchard.

Receives Word Mother Ill

Mrs. Ben Hill received word Friday that her mother, Mrs. Anna Bowers, of Strawberry Point, Ia., was seriously ill and had been taken to an Iowa City hospital. Mrs. Hill and sons left Friday for Iowa City. Mrs. Bowers, who has heart trouble, was placed in an oxygen tent and her condition was still "serious" Saturday. Since then no word has been received.

Marriage Licenses Average 1 Per Work Day

Marriage licenses averaged one for every work day during June, according to Louis W. Reimer, judge of the county court. With the 26 working days, 26 licenses to marry were issued.