

LIGHT YIELD IN BLUE GRASS SEED

Dry Spring, Late Freeze Factors in Sharp Drop; Stripping Begun

SMALL GRAIN "GOOD"

Holt county, which produced more bluegrass seed than the entire state of Kentucky last year, will take a back seat when the agricultural statisticians tabulate this year's output. All because of a dry spell during the crucial growing period in the Spring, and because of unseasonal freezes in May. These two factors cost the bluegrass industry heavily in a sharply reduced 1946 crop.

This year's crop is virtually non-existent in comparison with the thousands of pounds that were produced here in 1945, which was an abnormally good year.

The bluegrass industry, which brought an estimated million and a quarter dollars into Holt county last year, has shifted west into Sheridan and Cherry counties.

The cold weather in May retarded the growth of the bluegrass, killed the blossoms, and caused irregular headings.

County Agent A. Neill Dawes asserted that upon examination of the heads it was found that from 10 to 70 percent were sterile.

Lesser Says "Fair"
Some stripping has already begun, but the yields are "very little," Albert Lesser, who resides southwest of Atkinson, reports a "fair" crop, and Charles Tasler, of Stuart, who has already stripped five tons, has issued a slightly better report.

Meanwhile, farmers are predicting small grain yields that will be only slightly below last year's average. The freeze did some damage to rye, and the lack of adequate moisture in late May might be the cause of a reduced yield in barley and oats. The quality of barley and oats is expected to be "good." Small grain harvest is expected to begin in parts of the county between July 8-12.

The abundance of moisture during the past ten days has been a boon to the corn, which has been making rapid growth and did not suffer generally from the heat.

The farmers are also pleased over the alfalfa crop, which weathered the May cold in good shape. The hay crop, which is expected to be about 60 percent of last year's output in the county, is regarded to be of good quality.

County Agent Dawes said Wednesday that there were more applicants from haying and harvest hands for work than there were farmers seeking help. He suggests that those who will require help make their needs known immediately.

The week's weather summary:

Day	Hi	Lo	Moist.
June 19	60	47	87
June 20	53	43	86
June 21	72	48	
June 22	84	58	
June 23	95	70	
June 24	95	70	
June 25	89	60	26
June 26	81	61	
June 27	88	62	15
Total			1.34

80 YOUTHS ON 4-H OUTING

More than 80 Holt county 4-H club youths departed today (Thursday) for the north-central district 4-H camp to be held at Long Pine Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

From the Amelia Jolly Stitches club—Beverly Small, Maxine Peterson, Jeanene Doolittle, Sandra Gilmer, Joan Adair, Zoe Gilmer, Phyllis Watson.

Amelia S-F club—Jack Gilmer, Marvin Doolittle, Kenneth Small, Dean Gilmer, Donald Peterson, Donald Fullerton.

Cleveland and Sand Creek clubs—Jerry Weber, Bob Weber, Wm. L. Mulford, Vita Marie Weichman, Beth Sloan, Edwin Sweet, Valera Lofquest, Lucille Mitchell, Darlene Grimes, Joann Beed.

Silver Star Seniors club—Ada DeHart, Armetta Glead, Helen Farewell, Charlotte Farewell.

Green Valley club—Delores Tasler.

O'Neill Junior 4-H club—Eddie Tomlinson, George F. Tomlinson, Billy Don Lyons, Jim McKinny.

Chambers Blue Ribbon club—Sammy Young, Russell Miner, Tommie Ressel, Donald Ressel, Ronald Ressel.



A HALF-CENTURY TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Watson (above), well-known Amelia couple, Sunday marked their golden wedding anniversary with an open-house for relatives and scores of their friends. They began their married life in a sodhouse and today they have a 2,400-acre ranch, which

is one of the finest of its kind in this section. Both enjoy "good" health. The Watsons have two sons, Asa, of Amelia, and Ronald, of Atkinson. One daughter, Mrs. Elsie Greenstreet, of Sedro Willev, Wash., died two years ago.—O'Neill Photo Co.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR SPANISH VET

Otto E. Clevish, 69, Dies After 2-Year Illness; Buried Wednesday

Otto E. Clevish, 69, one of O'Neill's last three Spanish-American war veterans, Wednesday was buried here with full military rites. He had died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday at his home here following a two-year illness.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church with Rev. Lloyd Mullis, church pastor, who was summoned from Denver, Colo., officiating. The American Legion provided the guard-of-honor, the firing squad, and the sounding of taps.

Mr. Clevish was born at Seward on February 6, 1877, and he came to Holt county in 1884, from the Seward vicinity. His original name was Stone, but he was adopted as a small boy by the late Mr. and Mrs. William Clevish, who were pioneer residents in this sector and were without other children.

On December 18, 1907, he was married to Miss Nettie A. Hubby in a ceremony that took place here. They became the parents of two daughters, Florence and Pearl. Pearl died in 1930 at the age of 17.

Survivors include the widow, Nettie; and one daughter, Florence, (Mrs. Lee Osborn), of O'Neill, and two grandchildren.

Served in Cuba
Mr. Clevish was a private soldier in Company M, Third Regiment, Nebraska national guard, all members of which were volunteers in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Clevish spent sometime in Cuba during that war. He later farmed for several years north of O'Neill, after which he worked at the carpenter trade here for more than 20 years.

Pallbearers at the funeral were John Lansworth, C. W. Porter, Leo Carney, T. M. Harrington, Victor Halva, and Paul Beha. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. John Moler, of Wall, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubby, of Butte; Mrs. Elsie Henifin, of Atkinson; Rev. and Mrs. Merridy Hubby and family, of Spencer.

Friends from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. Idin Loub, of Ainsworth; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cunningham, of Wahoo.

4 MORE DISCHARGEES
Four more registrants in the Holt county selective service headquarters here have been officially released during the seven-day period ending Wednesday: Carroll L. Hunt, of O'Neill; Wayne H. Bowers, of O'Neill; Howard R. Oberle, of Dorsey; Grant L. Price, of O'Neill.

NO SALE THE 4TH
There will not be a sale at the Frederickson Livestock Commission company here the Fourth of July, it has been announced by James G. Frederickson, the manager. The next regularly scheduled sale will be on July 11.

ENTERS PIERRE RODEO
CHAMBERS Vernon Whitaker entered the Pierre, S. D., rodeo last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Whitaker.

Betty Jean Burival, 3, Buried Here Today

Betty Jean Burival, 3, daughter of Mrs. J. F. Conway, of O'Neill, died Tuesday in a Lynch hospital following a three-day illness. Death was caused by measles.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church here, with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The child was born May 23, 1943, at Auburn, Wash., a daughter of the late Ralph W. Burival and Mrs. Burival, who later married J. F. Conway.

Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Conway; the step-father, Mr. Conway; one sister, Bonnie Beth Burival, and one brother, Dennis Eugene Burival, all of O'Neill. Another brother, Ronald Ralph, preceded her in death.

WOMAN, 53, DIES AFTER KIN WEDS

STUART—Mrs. C. B. Shade, 53, the wife of the Stuart and Atkinson manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone system, died Tuesday, an hour after attending the wedding of a daughter.

Mrs. Shade attended the wedding at 7 a.m., and also the wedding breakfast which followed the ceremony. She was stricken suddenly and died at 9:30. Death was believed to have been caused by an apoplectic stroke.

Funeral services were held at Stuart today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church. Burial was made in the Stuart cemetery.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Arleen and Eileen, both of whom are known in O'Neill; one son, Floyd, of Ainsworth; two sisters, and other relatives.

The wedding was that of her daughter, Arleen, and Robert Chaney, of Lexington, formerly of Stuart.

John Lansworth, Deputy Sheriff, Quits Post

John Lansworth, deputy Holt county sheriff since January, 1945, this week resigned his post. He has not announced his future plans, but will take a vacation trip to Missouri. County Sheriff A. B. Hubbard has not appointed Lansworth's successor.

NO CONCERT SATURDAY
There will be no concert by the Municipal band here Saturday night. The next concert will be on July 6.

Ruth Harris Commissioned for Mission Work in China

Miss Ruth Harris, a daughter of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, was commissioned in New York City on June 19 to become a missionary in China, where she will engage in educational work among the natives. She will not depart for China, however, until early 1947, because of an interim Chinese language course she will study at New Haven, Conn.

A graduate of O'Neill high school and Morningside college, in Sioux City, where she earned a bachelor's degree, Miss Harris taught music in the public school systems at

BOARD TO STUDY REA EXPANSION

The board of directors of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, a recently-formed tricity rural electrification district, will meet tonight (Thursday) at Spencer to discuss and study the second phase of the district's construction plans in the counties of Holt and Boyd and a portion of Knox.

This phase of the district's planning is known as "B" section. The original "A" section is in REA headquarters in Washington, D. C., in the form of a request for the district's initial allotment to build 340 miles of lines.

There are already 1,420 applications for rural electric service. The officials of the Niobrara Valley board are: William Blakolb, of Naper, chairman; Harry Ressel, of Chambers, vice-chairman; Carl Schmidt, of Spencer, treasurer; Carroll O'Neill, of O'Neill, secretary.

Other members of the board are: Vern Sagger, of Amelia; Joe Locke, of Atkinson; William Welfso, of Stuart; Albert Schindler, of Monowi; Harry Pebbel, of Butte; Thomas Courtney, of Lynch; Walter Soulek, of Verdell.

They were born at Lodi, Wis., daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sanford. Viola (Mrs. Hoxsie) was 12-years-old, and Anna (Mrs. Harding) was less than one-year-old when they accompanied their parents to Nebraska as a part of the second group of settlers to come to this vicinity.

O'NEILL COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS

William G. Beha, Wife to Quietly Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Beha, who have been residents of O'Neill since 1910, Saturday will quietly observe their golden wedding anniversary at their home here.

Mr. Beha was born at Booneville, Mo., and his wife, the former Miss Nellie Clary, was born at California, Mo. They were married at California on June 29, 1896.

After the turn of the century, the Behas moved to Lincoln, and in 1910 came to Holt county, where one year was spent on a farm near here before moving into O'Neill. They owned and operated the Beha hotel until 1934, when it was sold. It is now known as the Fox hotel.

Both Mr. Beha, who is 80, and Mrs. Beha, who is 78, are enjoying "fairly good" health.

Their family consists of one daughter and four sons. They are: Paul L. Beha, of O'Neill; Nana Beha, of New York City; Joe E. Beha, of Minneapolis, Minn.; William, of New York City, and Matthew, of O'Neill. There are nine grandchildren.

The out-of-town members of the family being arriving last week, and all members of the immediate family will be present for the family dinner and reunion Saturday.

Bell System Honors 4 Employees Here

The Northwestern Bell Telephone company Wednesday awarded service emblems to four employees here. Those honored were: Harry Petersen, man ger, for 29 years' service; Miss Elizabeth O'Malley, for 25; Miss Anna S. Mathre, for 17; Miss Jean Biglin, for 6.

The emblem is an attractive gold pin. A star is attached to the emblem for each five full years of service attained.

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS OFF

The subsidy payment on cattle and sheep will be discontinued June 30, it was officially announced Wednesday by Harry E. Ressel, chairman of the Holt county AAA committee. Ressel added that all applications must be filed before August 31.

CLOSING FISCAL YEAR

Holt county officials this week are closing the books on the county's fiscal year, which began July 1945, and closes June 30, 1946. The budget for the new fiscal year's expenses will not be established until next month.

2 SISTERS DIE WITHIN 52 HOURS

Mrs. Viola M. Hoxsie and Mrs. Charles Harding Buried Here

PIONEER SETTLERS

Two elderly sisters, who came to Holt county with their parents in 1874, died 52 hours apart this week. They were Mrs. Viola M. Hoxsie, 84, and Mrs. Charles L. Harding, 73.

Mrs. Hoxsie died Saturday at 11:45 a.m. at Atkinson, where she had been residing recently, and Mrs. Harding expired Monday at 4:30 p.m. at the family home here. Mrs. Hoxsie had been ill for three years; Mrs. Harding was ill for 18 months.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hoxsie were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church, while the rites for Mrs. Harding were held today (Thursday) at the same hour in the same church. Rev. Kenneth S. Scott, church pastor officiated, at both services, and the sisters were buried in Prospect Hill cemetery.

They were born at Lodi, Wis., daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sanford. Viola (Mrs. Hoxsie) was 12-years-old, and Anna (Mrs. Harding) was less than one-year-old when they accompanied their parents to Nebraska as a part of the second group of settlers to come to this vicinity.

Viola Mae Sanford was married to the late Henry Hoxsie at O'Neill on May 19, 1878. To this union was born two sons and three daughters.

Mr. Hoxsie died in 1910. Survivors include one son, Clarence A. Hoxsie; two daughters, Mrs. Nellie M. Bradley, and Mrs. Etta B. Losher, all of the O'Neill vicinity.

Pallbearers at the funeral were Edward Leach, D. H. Murphy, James Moore, H. E. Coyne, William Kraft, and Bat Murphy.

Anna M. Sanford's first husband was the late Dan Davis, of O'Neill. Her second husband, Mr. Harding, and her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Hayford, of O'Neill, survive.

Pallbearers at the funeral for Mrs. Harding were Lyle Green, Lester Ritts, Elmer Ross, Clay Johnson, Jr., Peter Peterson, and Frank Benish.

2 TALLIES IN 9TH ENABLE VICTORY

Playing headsup ball all the way, the St. John's baseballers of Deloit threw a scare into the O'Neill Independents Sunday by jumping into an early one-run lead and holding it until the first-half of the ninth, when O'Neill bunched three hits, scored twice, finally winning 3-2.

Having recovered from the 4-13 shelling at O'Neill several weeks earlier, the St. John's club Sunday displayed an altogether different brand of ball.

First baseman Maynard Morrow, the first O'Neill man up in the ninth, singled, and advanced to second when Centerfielder Keller struck out. Leftfielder Junior Adamson singled, scoring Morrow, and later crossed the plate himself with the winning single when Pitcher Darel Graham singled.

St. John's shortstop, Ted Tomjack, collected four putouts and was credited with eight assists. E. Funk, the Deloit pitcher, kept O'Neill's 10 hits well scattered. Gene Wolff, O'Neill third baseman, singlehandedly collected three putouts in one frame. The oldest member of the St. John's team is 22.

The boxscore:

O'NEILL (3)	AB	H	R
Wolfe, 3rd	5	2	1
Tomlinson, rf	4	2	0
Tibbets, ss	5	2	0
Pruss, 2nd	4	0	0
Cole, c	4	0	0
Morrow, 1st	4	1	1
Keller, cf	4	0	0
J. Adamson, lf	4	2	1
D. Graham, p	4	1	0
Totals	38	10	3

ST. JOHN'S (2)

D. Cameron, 3rd	AB	H	R
V. Funk, c	5	0	1
A. Hupp, 2nd	3	1	0
T. Tomjack, ss	4	1	0
B. Tomjack, 1st	4	1	0
E. Funk, p	4	0	0
J. Funk, lf	4	1	0
Schindler, cf	1	0	0
J. Tomjack, cf	2	1	0
Sehi, rf	4	0	1
Totals	34	5	2

Mrs. Paul Montgomery and children departed from Grand Island Friday for Baker, Ore.

1,000 'Right to Work' Signers Sought Here

PLAN SERIES DDT DEMONSTRATIONS

Three DDT fly control demonstrations will be held in Holt county next Wednesday. The first, at 10 a.m., will be staged at the Walt Sire farm, northwest of O'Neill; the second, at 2 p.m., at the Van Robertson farm, three miles west of Chambers; the third, at 4 p.m., will be held at the Herman Meyer farm, two miles north and one mile west of Atkinson.

The demonstrations will be under the sponsorship of the county extension office, according to County Agent A. Neill Dawes. W. W. Derrick, Lincoln, state extension animal husbandryman, will demonstrate the use of a power spraying equipment for the control of flies on cattle and in barns. Herds of cattle will actually be sprayed and farmers and ranchers who are interested in using DDT as a fly controlling agent are invited to be present.

County Agent Dawes states that many farmers have inquired each week regarding the use of DDT for fly control, and that he has arranged to hold these demonstrations.

THOMAS GRIFFIN EXPIRES SUNDAY

Native of County Clare, Ireland, Came to Holt in 1902

A native of Ireland and a well-known builder and contractor here for many years, Thomas Griffin, 73, died Sunday at Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch. Death was caused by a heart affliction.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic church here, with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiating. A large crowd of friends and neighbors attended the service. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mr. Griffin was born in County Clare, Ireland, on New Year's day, 1873. He migrated to the United States in 1901, and came to Holt county in 1902. In 1906, his bride-elect, Miss Nora Glynn, also a native of Ireland, arrived here from Connecticut, and they were married on April 25.

They were the parents of one son and one daughter, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Griffin's only survivors in the United States are nephews and nieces, all of whom reside in the funeral. Two sisters reside in Australia.

During the height of his career here, Mr. Griffin conducted extensive contracting and building operations. He was active in the construction of St. Patrick's Catholic church in addition to numerous houses and buildings.

He made one return trip to Ireland. The pallbearers at the final rites were P. V. Hickey, Ed Carney, Leonard Shoemaker, Robert Donohoe, John Murray, James Kelley, James Carney, and Lloyd Whaley.

130 Attend Walther League Zone Rally

CHAMBERS—One hundred and thirty attended the zone rally of the Lutheran Walther League in the high school here Saturday afternoon and evening. Rev. Sternberg, of Neligh, was the speaker at the afternoon session.

At the evening banquet, Rev. Frase, of Omaha, acted as toastmaster. The tables were decorated in blue-and-white, and the banquet was served by candlelight. The program consisted of music, baton-twirling, and drills.

Miss Helen Hagensick Wins Scholarship

Miss Helen Hagensick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hagensick, has been awarded a \$100 Scottish Rite scholarship at the University of Nebraska, where she is attending summer school. She was one of 59 students winning the award.

BACK FROM NAVY

STAR—Joseph Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noble, was released June 1 from the U. S. Navy. He spent 22 months in service, 13 of which were in the Southwest Pacific. He will reside on his parent's ranch near Star.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harbottle returned Sunday from Pomona, Calif., where they had spent two weeks visiting Mr. Harbottle's father, Fred Harbottle.

Petitions for Proposed Amendment Are Circulated

BENEFITS ARE CITED

The "Right to Work" movement was touched-off here this week when C. D. ("Neal") Haskell, of Laurel, chairman of the petition campaign committee of the Nebraska Small Business Men's association, conferred with representative leaders of the community.

Immediately, petitions calling for a vote on the proposed "Right to Work" amendment to the state constitution were put into circulation. Haskell, who asserted that 35,000 petitions have already been distributed throughout the state, hopes that more than 1,000 signatures will be secured in the O'Neill community alone. Other petitions are being circulated at Atkinson and other points in the county. The petitions will be filed with the secretary of state next Wednesday, and the O'Neill petitions will be forwarded from here Saturday.

People to Decide

"All we aim to do is to get the petitions signed with enough signatures so that the people can decide whether any organization can make a person pay out money in order to get a job," said Haskell.

Simultaneously with Chairman Haskell's visit here, J. A. Moran, president of the Nebraska Small Business Men's association, sent a personal letter to leading citizens throughout the state. He wrote: "Farmers, ranchers, business people, and working men and women from all over the state are taking an interest in this statewide activity to obtain enough signatures to place the proposed amendment on the ballot this fall.

Assures Freedom

"The worker benefits," Moran pointed out, "because this amendment assures him freedom to work without being fired because he joins a union, or without being forced to join a union against his will.

"The farmer and rancher benefit because this amendment will be an aid to industrial peace... much needed farm machinery and equipment will become more readily available.

"The businessman benefits as part of the general public. Steadier employment and the attracting of new industries to our state will build more jobs and incomes and bring greater prosperity to Nebraska.

Haskell said that he wants to make it clear to the people of Nebraska that when they sign the petition they are not creating a law. They are merely giving the people the right to vote next November on the "Right to Work" amendment to the state's constitution. He believes that if Nebraska adopts the amendment as provided by petitions, it would be a great encouragement for industrial expansion in Nebraska, and will minimize strikes, which are expensive to both labor and industry.

'VICTORY' 4TH AT NELIGH PARK

NELIGH—Antelope Post 172 of the American Legion, with more than 200 members, is sponsoring its 27th annual 4th of July celebration at Riverside park, this year, in a "Victory Celebration." A program has been designed to attract a huge crowd. Picnic facilities are ideal in beautiful Riverside park and ample accommodations for an all-day outing are available for all.

The horse-racing program, under the direction of Clint Stonebraker and Bill Barrett, is a four-race card. There is also an interesting baseball attraction, a double-header, with the Antelopes vs. Winside in the opener, and World War II Veterans vs. Pierce in the second contest. Harold Cole, the "czar" in northeast Nebraska baseball, is in charge.

Stunt-flying by Eddie Hladovcak, is due to be a thrill-producer. Band music will be supplied by the Neligh 50-piece high school band both afternoon and evening. Free acts, dance and fireworks and a carnival complete the program.

Popular, low prices, that have been the "rule of thumb" with the Neligh Legion in staging previous celebrations, will be the vogue again this year. The Legion at Neligh has a reputation for staging one of the largest celebrations, year in and year out, in Nebraska, and members of the post are determined that the "Victory" celebration this year at Riverside park will be well up and above previous efforts.