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900 SIGNERS FOR 'RIGHT TO WORK'

Petitions for Amendment to Constitution Are Forwarded
FILED WEDNESDAY

O'Neill's petitions for the proposed "Right to Work" amendment were forwarded from here late Saturday and were filed Wednesday with hundreds of other petitions in the secretary of state's office at Lincoln.

The petitions, sponsored by the Nebraska Small Business Men's association, called for a vote on the proposed "Right to Work" amendment to the state constitution.

Many more signatures were secured throughout the state than required by law in order that the proposal may appear on the general election ballot in the fall.

Petitions were also circulated in Atkinson, Stuart, and other Holt county points, and were forwarded under the same procedure.

The proponents of the "Right to Work" movement contend that the people can decide whether any organization—referring to the labor unions—can make a person pay out money in order to get a job.

C. D. "Neal" Haskell, of Laurel, headed the Nebraska Small Business Men's petition campaign committee.

CLASS OF 1926 HOLDS REUNION

Six of the 40 original members of the O'Neill high school senior class of 1926 Tuesday held a reunion at the home of Mrs. Orville Kemper, near Page. It was the third event of its kind.

Those at the reunion were: Mrs. William Buxton, (formerly Neva Brentson), of Page; Mrs. Lee Sammons, (formerly Marjorie Alderson), of Amelia; Mrs. Ray Philbin, (formerly Ellen Shaughnessy), of Wayne; Mrs. George McCarthy, (formerly Lillian Simonson), Mrs. George Nelson, (formerly Helen Walters), Mrs. John Davidson, (formerly Edith Sexsmith), all of O'Neill; Mrs. Russell Weingartner, (formerly Margaret Leach), of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Kemper, (formerly Ruth Parker), and Mrs. F. J. Dishner, of O'Neill, who was the class sponsor.

After a picnic lunch, the group spent the day reminiscing their school days and looking at photographs.

The intervening 20 years since their commencement day have separated the class members widely. One member, Hazel Strube Chapman, is dead; two have never married; seven served in the armed forces during World War II—C. E. Cronin, J. A. Arbutnot, Francis W. Welsh, in the Navy, Louis C. Zastrow, Alva Winchell, Dr. Donald M. Alderson, and Dr. Louis V. Brennan, in the Army.

Drilling to Begin on New City Well

The Kelly Well company, of Grand Island, contractors for drilling a new well for the city's water department, Friday will begin drilling two miles south of the city on highway 281. The contract was awarded a month ago.

FIVE MORE RELEASED

Five more Holt countyans have been released by the Selective Service system during the seven day period ending early Wednesday. They are: Hugh O. Benson and Milo L. Groen, both of O'Neill; Lorenz E. Nissen, of Page; Carl L. Werner, of Ewing; Albert M. Wasson, of Atkinson.

RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Kerbel, of Inman, received word Sunday morning of the death of their son-in-law, William O. Moller, which occurred at his home at Glendale, Calif. He died suddenly of a heart attack. Mr. Moller is survived by his wife and a 15-year-old son.

TOURING WEST

Guy Harris and James Bridges, youthful O'Neill residents, are making a hitch-hiking tour of the West. They have visited southwestern Canada, Washington, and Oregon, and are now in California.

LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. William Beha and daughters, Nana and Pere, returned to their home in New York City Sunday after spending two weeks here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sheik went to Wagner, S. D., Sunday, taking Mrs. Sheik's mother, Mrs. Marie Petranek, to her home there.



FORMER O'NEILLITES GATHER

Ex-O'Neillites now residing in Omaha held their second annual picnic-reunion at Benson park in Omaha on June 9, under the sponsorship of the Omaha chapter of the Alumni of St. Mary's Academy. More than 150 former residents and their families gathered for the event.

Pictured above are: front row—Mrs. H. B. Hubbard, Mrs. J. P. Golden, Mrs. Hugh Boyle, Mr. Golden, Mrs. C. M. Daily; back row—John Mullen, Mrs. Arthur Mullen and Mr. Boyle.

"There's a kinship in O'Neill that I have never found anywhere else," said Mrs. Arthur Mullen, widow of one of O'Neill's most illustrious sons. Mr. Mullen was a power in the Democratic party and a champion of civil liberties.

"O'Neill is a town with a personality," said Mr. Boyle, another one of the speakers. "The hard land made the settlers and their children hustle. It was this drive that carried so many into politics and public service."—World Herald Photo.



MARK THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

All members of their family were present Thursday when Mr. and Mrs. William G. Beha quietly marked their 50th wedding anniversary at their home here. They were married June 29, 1896, at California, Mo.

They are the parents of three sons, Paul L., Joe E., and William, and one daughter, Nana. There are nine grandchildren. They owned the Beha hotel here for many years, retiring in 1934. Both enjoy good health. —O'Neill Photo Co.

MERCURY STAYS IN 'COOL' 80'S

For the third consecutive week the mercury has hovered in the "cool" 80's, and has given Holt county continued relief from excessive heat.

Only a trace of moisture had been received during the week, until Wednesday night and early Thursday (today) when 1.23 inches was officially recorded here.

The high for the week was 90. The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m., daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
June 28	90	66	T.
June 29	83	60	
June 30	87	64	
July 1	78	52	
July 2	81	61	
July 3	84	65	
July 4			1.23

Countyans at Wayne College Gather

Holt countyans attending Wayne State Teachers' college during the summer term held a weiner roast and picnic on the campus Sunday. The event took place in the shelterhouse. Games and stories were included on the program.

Among those attending were: James Adams, of Chambers; Eunice Chudomelka of Inman; Gene Clanson, of O'Neill; Martha Crellin, of Ewing; Harold Dickeaw, of Atkinson; Alberta Dobrovolsky, of Atkinson; Mrs. Catherine E. Fritton, of O'Neill; Donald Gibson, of Chambers; Ruby Havel, of Ewing; Twila Hicks, of O'Neill; Viola Krutz, of Inman; Deloris Pierson, of Ewing; Catherine Rockey, of Ewing; Margaret Sauer, of O'Neill; Ida Schmuecker, of Atkinson; Mrs. Florence Schultz, of O'Neill; Ruthie Sholes, of Inman; Mary Lou Spath, of Chambers; Emma Stevens, of Page; Mrs. Kathleen Tomjack, of Ewing; Marcella Tomjack, of Ewing; Maurice Tomjack, of Ewing; Jean Wandersee, of Chambers.

Mrs. Neil Ryan spent the weekend in Omaha on business.

REPRESENTATIVES TO AIR HEARINGS

City Attorney, Councilman Will Be Present When Plans Are Heard

O'NEILL KEY STOP

The city of O'Neill will be officially represented when the Nebraska Railway Commission hears an amended application from the Civil Aircraft Service, of Lincoln, for permission to operate commercial and passenger service over three key intrastate routes. The principal—and longest—of these will include O'Neill as an important stop.

The city council Tuesday designated City Attorney William M. Griffin and Councilman Merle Hickey to attend the hearing on July 24.

Preliminary hearings for the proposed intrastate air routes were begun June 24. The Civil Aircraft Service's number one route includes Omaha, Oakland, Wayne, Norfolk, Neligh, O'Neill, Ainsworth, Valentine, Gordon, Rushville, Chadron, Alliance and Scottsbluff. The number two route terminates at Omaha and Scottsbluff via Beatrice, McCook, North Platte and other points. The third route includes Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, North Platte, Columbus, and Fremont, and other points.

Six weeks ago the Prairie Airways, Inc., filed application for intrastate passenger and freight service, and also included O'Neill on its route.

PARTIES CONVENE NEXT THURSDAY

Holt County Republicans and Democrats will assemble here next Thursday for their county conventions, to which delegates were elected at the June 11 primary election.

Murray Family Reunites in Black Hills

A family reunion of the daughters and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray, of O'Neill, was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray, of Lead, S. D. Guests at the reunion included: Mattie Soukup, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter, Mrs. Clyde Streeter and daughter, Barbara, all of O'Neill; Mrs. Bernard Matthews and daughter, Madge, of Omaha; Mrs. Ernest Perkins, of Ainsworth; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams and daughter, Coleen, of Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Ellen Bloomberg and daughter, Dixie, and son, Martin, of Gill, S. D.; and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones, of Miles City, Mont. A requiem high mass was held in memory of their parents June 26.

There were nine daughters and one son, including Mrs. Margaret Hagen, deceased, and George Murray, of Lead.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spelts left Sunday for Portland, Oregon, where they will spend their vacation.

Ray Siders Lauds Subsurface Tillage for Soil Conservation

Ray Siders, a farmer residing 23 miles northeast of O'Neill, now is a confirmed believer in subsurface tillage, because he has been conducting an experiment that has proved to his own satisfaction that subsurface tillage and crop residue management are the real McCoy.

"This Spring I subsurface-tilled, or 'duckfooted,' as some call it, a field which was in its second year of sweet clover last year. There was quite a lot of trash and residue on the surface. I also built a terrace in this field with a moleboard plow," explained Mr. Siders.

"Shortly after I completed the tilling and plowing," he continued, "we had a good shower of rain. I went out to examine the field right after the rain and found that there was no water standing, and there was no evidence that any had accumulated or run off on the subsurface tilled land. However, on that which had been plowed for the terrace, the water had accumulated and run off."

Mr. Siders said he had always thought that plowed land could absorb water more rapidly, but that this demonstrated to him that the subsurface-tilled land could absorb more water faster than plowed land.

Mr. Sider's practice is part of the conservation program which he has worked out for his farm with the assistance of the Holt county soil conservation district. The terrace which he constructed with a tractor and plow is another. Other practices are contour-tillage, field diversions, seeding grasses for permanent hay or pasture, proper stocking of pastures, and tree planting.

The Holt district has a subsurface tillage machine, which Mr. Siders used. It is available to cooperators in trying this method of tillage. Judging by the number of requests the district's supervisors have received for the use of this machine this fall, they predict that this will be an increasingly popular method of tillage in Holt county.

NEBRASKANS IN WEST TO PICNIC

Ten thousand ex-Nebraskans, who are now residing in southern California, will gather in Bixby park at Long Beach for the annual summer picnic, on Saturday, July 13, according to Paul S. Dietrick, the picnic president.

The affair will open with a 1 p. m. concert by Municipal band, followed by other music and entertainment.

W. M. Jeffers, a native of North Platte and ex-president of the Union Pacific railroad will speak on "Pioneering in Nebraska."

Registration will be made by Nebraska counties. Lunches will be served on the grounds. Coffee will be served free, and a Nebraska badge will be given to each ex-Nebraskan present.

Bixby park, situated on the ocean, is described as an ideal place for a reunion or an outing, Dietrick said.

All California "Nebraskans" are urged to attend, he added.

3-Way Mishap Close; Lenz Takes the Ditch

CHAMBERS—Lape Lenz escaped injury early last Thursday on a road west of here when he elected to drive his machine into a ditch in order to avoid a possible three-way mishap in which one other automobile and truck might have been involved. The two other vehicles were a car driven by Joe Shonka and the Gillette oil truck.

Only slight damage was done to Lenz's car. The incident occurred near the John Couch drive.

WORK BEGUN ON BUDGET

The Holt county board of supervisors has begun work on the county's budget for the fiscal year, which begins Monday.

Army Releases Its Honor List; 48 Holt Countyans Die in War

Holt county's total personnel dead and missing in World II was 48, out of Nebraska's total of 2,976, according to the honor list of dead and missing recently released for publication by the War Department. The figures include only Army personnel— -- with casualties in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard being in addition.

The total dead and missing in other northeast Nebraska counties includes: Antelope, 30; Boone, 22; Boyd, 7; Cedar, 34; Knox, 32; Madison, 52. The name, grade and key designation indicating how the individual met death is given below for Holt county. Addresses other than the county were not included in the War Department release, but are supplied by the County Selective Service.

- ALBERS, Richard E., Pvt., Chambers — DOW
- BARNES, Lloyd M., S-Sgt., Atkinson — DNB
- BIGLIN, William J., Pfc., O'Neill — KIA
- BOLIN, Bernard E., Pvt., Page — DOW
- BRADY, Lloyd G., S-Sgt., Dorsey — FOD
- BRAINARD, Dorson B., Pvt., Stuart — KIA
- BURGE, Floyd E., S-Sgt., Emmet — KIA
- BUTZKE, Virgil P., T-5, Atkinson — KIA
- CAMERON, Lynn T., S-Sgt., Ewing — KIA
- CARY, Laddie, T-Sgt., Inman — KIA
- CHILDERS, Harold W., Pvt., Chambers — KIA
- CRANDALL, Calvin D., Pvt., Chambers — KIA
- DAILEY, Donald L., Pvt., O'Neill — KIA
- DAVIS, Dale A., S-Sgt., Inman — KIA
- DELONG, Leo J., S-Sgt., O'Neill — KIA
- DESELVE, Clayton J., Cpl., Stuart — DNB
- EPPENBACH, Harold V., Pfc., Ewing — KIA
- FOX, James I., Pfc., Emmet — KIA
- GALLAGHER, John M., Sgt., Inman — DOW
- GOLDFUSS, Charles P., Pvt., Atkinson — DOW
- HAMILTON, John R., Pfc., O'Neill — KIA
- HARTY, Michael E., 1-Lt., O'Neill — KIA
- JARESKE, Floyd M., Sgt., O'Neill — KIA
- JUNGMAN, Robert E., 2-Lt., Atkinson — KIA

Other than the county were not included in the War Department release, but are supplied by the County Selective Service.

The key to the symbols at the right of each casualty's name is described as follows:

KIA—An individual who was killed in action whether at the front or by enemy action in the rear areas, or if a prisoner of war, whether by air bombardment of his prison camp or by being shot while escaping, is designated by KIA—killed in action.

DOW—Persons who were wounded and later died are marked DOW—died of wounds.

DOI—Those who suffered fatal

battle injuries as opposed to wounds, in combat or in combat areas, and died in line-of-duty status, are designated as DOI—died in injury.

DNB—Other line of duty deaths, such as from sickness, homicide, suicide or accidents, outside combat areas (including training and maneuver deaths) are listed as DNB—died, non-battle.

FOD—Individuals who were determined to be dead due under Public Law 490 are designated as FOD—finding of death.

None of the Holt casualties are now considered "missing".

The honor list:

- KOPEJTKA, Allen L., Pvt., Redbird — DNB
- MACK, Joseph A., 2-Lt., Atkinson — KIA
- MCKENZIE, Ted, Pvt., Dorsey — KIA
- MEYBORG, Walter E., Pfc., Ewing — KIA
- MURPHY, Robert L., 2-Lt., Page — KIA
- NEWTON, Dewey C., Sgt., Emmet — DNB
- NINAS, Robert E., T-5, Stuart — KIA
- RAKOW, Wendell L., 1-Lt., Page — KIA
- RIDGEWAY, Robert L., 2-Lt., Dorsey — KIA
- ROSGO, James M., Pvt., Ewing — DNB
- SCHNEIDER, George F., Pvt., Stuart — DOW
- SHOLES, Richard F., Pfc., Inman — KIA
- STEWART, David E., Pvt., Chambers — DNB
- SWANSON, Robert J., Pfc., O'Neill — KIA
- THORND, Victor C., 2-Lt., Ewing — FOD
- THORIN, Melvin S., T-5, Chambers — DOW
- TUSHLA, Harold R., 2-Lt., Atkinson — FOD
- VALLA, Francis B., Cpl., O'Neill — DNB
- WOEPEL, Warren M., Pfc., Ewing — DOW
- WOLFE, Maxwell M., T-4, O'Neill — DNB
- WOOD, Burtis M., T-4, Stuart — DNB
- WOOD, Warren F., S-Sgt., Page — KIA
- YOUNG, Richard C., Pvt., O'Neill — KIA
- ZAHRADNICEK, Harry H., Pvt., Atkinson — KIA

CITY WILL MARK QUIET FOURTH

Neligh, Atkinson Staging Celebrations with Full Programs

CASUALTIES FEARED

The Fourth will be a quiet affair in O'Neill in the formal sense. Informally, however, it will be a noisy one, for firecrackers and fireworks are available again after wartime shortages.

Some youthful enthusiasts (and others not so young) this week prematurely opened the fireworks season when exposures were frequently heard throughout the night and day.

To Holt countyans, the Fourth will be the first gala holiday since V-J day, and it will also be the curtain-raiser for the first real vacation season since the many wearisome months of war.

No special events here. The holiday will be accompanied by the usual prewar run of family reunions and friendly gatherings. No special events are planned here.

The more ambitious observers will find a variety of entertainment at Neligh and Atkinson.

Antelope post 172 of the American Legion is sponsoring its 27th annual celebration at Riverside park at Neligh. Included on the program are horse races, baseball, stunt-flying, music, freestyle, dance, carnival, and fireworks. The Legion has labeled this year's event as a "victory celebration."

Atkinson's all-day event will begin with a grand salute at sunrise, followed by a 9:30 a. m. review of a fleet of 80 U. S. Army Air Force bombers, which will fly over the city square, weather permitting. Other activity through the day will include foot racing, basket dinners in the park, parade, baseball, rodeo, novelty contests, band concert, softball, fireworks, and dancing.

Predicts Highway "Slaughter"
Capt. J. C. Sanders of the Nebraska State Patrol Wednesday predicted that "the Fourth this year is made-to-order for a slaughter on the highways." He pointed out that the record permits no other prediction as traffic fatalities this year have zoomed to a 23 percent increase over the 91 fatalities in the state during the first six months of 1945.

The Patrol is appealing to Nebraska motorists to meet this accident threat and "be alive on the Fifth."

ASSESSING DONE; VALUATIONS UP

The final tabulation of Holt county's 1946 assessing this week was completed, and will be forwarded immediately to the state tax commissioner's office. After early indications of a drop in valuations, forecast by what initially appeared to be a drop in the number of cattle in the county, the summing up showed a net increase in valuations of approximately \$197,000, according to County Assessor L. G. Gillespie.

The assessor's review was largely brought about by increases in bank deposits, savings, and other class A and B intangible properties.

Miss Flood, Soprano, Will Sing at Concert

A soprano solo by Miss Kathleen Flood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Flood, will feature the concert by the Municipal band at the bandstand Saturday night. She will sing, "With a Song in My Heart," by Richard Rodgers, Ralph Gray, superintendent of the Inman public school, will also sing. The program: March, "Washington Post"; Sousa; march, "Our Director"; Bigelow; waltz medley, "Carolina Moon"; "Goodnight, Little Girl of My Dreams"; "A Little Street Where Old Friends Meet"; "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver"; vocal solo, by Miss Flood; novelty, "Parade of the Tiny Tots"; Van Buskirk; selection, "The Desert Song"; Romberg; march, "The Thunderer"; Sousa; vocal solo, selected, by Ralph Gray; selection, "Siamese Patrol"; Lincke; hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee"; march, "Ringling Brothers Grand Entry"; Sweet. A treat will be provided by Pat Harty.

O'NEILL SPILLS ATKINSON 5-4

Large Crowd Witnesses One of Best Games of the Season

Before a large Sabbath day crowd here, the O'Neill Independence nipped Atkinson 5-4 in one of the Indies' best games of the season. The win was the seventh out of eight starts for O'Neill.

Pitcher Darel Graham whiffed an even dozen Atkinsonians, while the visitors' hurler, Troshynski, set down ten O'Neill men via the strikeout route.

The boxscore:

ATKINSON (4)	AB	H	R
Frickel, 2d	5	0	0
Miller, cf	3	1	2
Troshynski, p	5	2	0
J. Miller, 3d	5	3	1
Livinstone, 1st	5	0	0
Alton, lf	5	1	0
Judge, ss	4	3	1
Shaaf, c	3	0	0
Frickel, rf	4	1	0
Totals	39	11	4

O'NEILL (5)	AB	H	R
Wolf, 3d	4	2	1
Richter, lf	4	1	2
Tomlinson, rf	4	1	0
Pruss, 2d	4	1	0
Tibbetts, ss	4	1	1
Cole, c	4	1	0
Morrow, 1st	4	1	1
Adamson, cf	4	1	0
Graham, p	4	1	0
Totals	36	10	5

Score by innings:
Atkinson—100 020 001—4 11 2
O'Neill—012 010 001—5 10 2

Stuart '9 Coming Here Sunday

The Stuart town team will face the O'Neill Independents here Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

RECRUITER COMING

M-Sgt. Max D. Manifold, of the Army recruiting station at Norfolk, will be in O'Neill July 11 and 25 to accept enlistments in the Regular Army.

CHAMBER TO MEET

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Golden hotel Tuesday.



WILL GO TO CHINA

Miss Ruth Hesther (above), a daughter of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, on June 19 was commissioned in New York City by the Methodist church for missionary work in China. She will visit O'Neill during August and September.