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WEST ENDERS SEEK IMPROVEMENTS

Want Street Lighting System 'Similar to Uptown O'Neill'

PETITION COUNCIL

A petition signed by 25 lessees and owners of real estate in O'Neill's expanding westend Wednesday night submitted a petition to the city council, requesting a series of street improvements including a street lighting system on Douglas street "similar to the one in use in uptown O'Neill" and grading and graveling side streets and alleys for one block on each side of Douglas—the main thoroughfare.

Tony Asimus, of the Asimus Bros. Outlaw stores, submitted the petition. Signers include: Midwest Furniture & Appliance company, (H. J. Hoffman); Hunt's Recapping Service, (K. C. Hunt); William Krotter company, (Donald W. Krotter, president); Cockers Lockers, (E. H. Cocker); Beckwith Oil company, (Verne Beckwith).

Tony and Carl Asimus, Harry Sullivan, Vernon Gorgen, Clinton Peterson, Elden Peterson, M. Anderson, L. E. Prescott, Paul L. Beha, Jack M. Barr, H. L. Lindberg, M. B. Marcellus, Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, T. J. Donohoe, George M. McCarthy, Mrs. George M. McCarthy, Kathryn L. McCarthy, Jeanne Gonderinger, Lloyd A. Collins and Guy Beckwith.

No Action Taken
Commenting on the proposal, Mayor F. J. Dishner said that no action was taken and the petition will be referred to the city planning commission for recommendations. At present, the mayor pointed out, "the city has no money for immediate street improvement." He said that the current expansion of the city water system was the high-priority project, and was taxing the city's treasury.

The petition reads as follows: "PETITION TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF O'NEILL Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned lessees and owners of the business places, homes and lots in the section of West O'Neill, between First street and Harrison street on Douglas street and all facing Douglas street, hereby petition and ask for the following improvements in West O'Neill, which we know will benefit all of O'Neill; also all of the people who come to O'Neill.

We petition that a street lighting system be installed, similar to the one in use in uptown O'Neill; the city to furnish wiring, poles, and pay for current. This should be installed on both sides of Douglas street on the blocks from First street to Harrison street. Some street lights should also be erected turning north by Beckwith filling station and the Marcellus Implement company.

Douglas street, outside of the blocks in center of town, has the poorest lighting system for a main traveled highway of any town in Nebraska.

We petition that all alleys in blocks adjoining Douglas street from First street and Harrison street be opened or kept open. The alleys should be graded and gravelled. This will prevent fire hazards, as fire trucks cannot travel some of alleys now.

We petition that all side streets for one block each way from Douglas street, be graded, on the streets from First street to Harrison street, including Harrison and First street. This will relieve traffic congestion on Douglas street.

We petition that Douglas street from First street to Harrison street be widened to at least 90 feet for traffic. This street is laid out 98 feet wide and is owned by city and state highway system.

We also ask that the mayor and city council take up and consider if the stop light in center of town is necessary. If left as it is, warning stop lights should be placed one block each way from stop light.

We also ask that the mayor and council consider parallel parking through O'Neill on Douglas street."

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The next regular state teachers examinations will be given Saturday, January 18, at O'Neill, Ewing, Stuart and Atkinson. There will not be another one until May 3, 1947. The following schedule of subjects will be used: Arithmetic, 8 a.m.; English composition, 9 a.m.; English composition and grammar, 10 a.m.; physiology and music, 11 a.m.; theory and art and course of study, 1 p.m.; reading and orthography, 2 p.m.; geography, 3 p.m.; penmanship and drawing, 4 p.m.

By Elja McCullough
County Superintendent



NEW GOVERNOR

Gov. Val Peterson . . . succeeds Dwight Griswold as Nebraska's chief executive.

INAUGURAL FOR GOVERNOR TODAY

Former Elgin Publisher Takes Chief Executive's Chair At Lincoln

Nebraska's new governor, Val Peterson, former Elgin publisher and ex-Army Air Force officer, today (Thursday) became the state's new governor. He and other new state officials were inaugurated at 1:30 p.m. in the legislative chamber at the state capitol.

Peterson, a Republican, succeeds Dwight Griswold, also a Republican, who will depart this month for Germany for a post as internal affairs officer in the Allied military government.

'Only Job'
Gov. Griswold told newsmen at his last press conference that "the governorship is the only political job worth having." He has completed six years as the state's chief executive.

The retiring governor submitted a budget proposal Wednesday, his last official act, recommending 70 million dollars to support the state government for the next two years (July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1949). Nebraskans would have about \$1.50 more taxes in 1948 if the Unicameral legislature should adopt Griswold's proposal. The 70 million figure includes fees, licenses and other charges.

The state general fund would be increased approximately six million dollars. The general fund levy for the state would be about 4.23 mills (\$4.23 taxes for each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation). The last year levy for that fund was 2.73.

Big Increases to Board
The budget boost centers largely around big increases to the state board of control for its 16 institutions, to the University of Nebraska, and to the state teachers' college.

The inaugural ball for Gov. Peterson will be held at the University of Nebraska coliseum Friday night. Among Holt countyans planning to attend the affair are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brady, of Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Runnels, of Stuart.

Name of Johnson a Headache to VA

If the names appearing on insurance records are an indication, the Scandinavians from Nebraska, the Dakotas, Iowa and Minnesota were well represented in World War II.

Among the thousands of GI names recorded from the five states at the Veterans administration insurance unit at Fort Snelling, Minn., the name of Johnson leads all the others. The score looks like this: 9,680, Johnsons; 5,600, Andersons; 3,300, Smiths; 3,000, Olsons and 1,600 Joneses.

The names may be a source of pride for the Scandinavians, but their similarity gives the VA a headache in trying to keep insurance records straight. That's why World War II veterans are urged to always include their insurance "N" or "V" numbers when writing about their insurance or when paying premiums, it was pointed out.

Fire Destroys Small Dwelling Near Page

PAGE—A small dwelling on the Roy Parker farm, where Mrs. Syella Pegler resides, was destroyed by fire Friday. All of the contents were lost in the blaze. Mrs. Pegler is the mother of Mrs. Parker. The origin of the fire is not known.

Help arrived in time to prevent spread of the flames to other buildings, but nothing could be done to save the structure or its contents.

The place is a mile and a half north of Page.

MARCH OF DIMES DATES ARE FIXED

Holt Chapter Expended \$1,878 in Treating 4 County Victims

CHAIRMEN NAMED

The 1947 March of Dimes, the annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will be held January 15-30 in Holt county, it was announced this week by Mrs. Cletus Sullivan, of O'Neill, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. Simultaneous with the announcement of the dates for the March of Dimes comes word from the state department of health that poliomyelitis was the only major epidemic in Nebraska in 1946. Fifty-three lives were claimed out of 645 cases. It was the largest outbreak in the history of Nebraska.

"The need for funds for fighting polio," Mrs. Sullivan points out, "is greater than ever. The 1946 epidemic on the national level is second in severity to the great epidemic of 1916, which was the worst in recorded history. The National Foundation was founded in 1938 to spearhead and coordinate the battle against the disease."

Community chairmen for Holt county, appointed by Mrs. Sullivan, follow: O'Neill—P. J. O'Donnell, Atkinson—Mrs. Leonard Davis, Ewing—Miss Francis Rotherham, Stuart—J. W. Walton, Chambers—Mrs. J. W. Walters, Amelia—Mrs. George Fullerton, Emmet—Mrs. Walter Puckett, Page—Mrs. Earl Hurst, Inman—Mrs. Carrie C. McMahan.

Miss Elja McCullough, county superintendent of public instruction, will direct the drive in the rural schools. Money-raising plans include newspaper and screen advertising and the placement of coin-collectors in various places of business.

4 Cases in County
Discussing the Holt county polio situation during 1946, Mrs. Sullivan said that there were four cases in the county alone. In behalf of three of the patients, the Holt county polio chapter expended \$1,878.02, while no expenditure has as yet been made in behalf of the fourth case.

Mrs. Sullivan said that the county can be considered fortunate in having "so few" victims during the recent epidemic.

"The people in Holt county have been most generous in the past in supporting the March of Dimes," Mrs. Sullivan recounts. "The March of Dimes is the only means of financing the National Foundation's fight against the disease, as it is hoped that this year Holt countyans will be even more generous because they know the fight is their fight."

Flock Owners Hear Improvement Plans

Holt county poultry flock owners will eat a turkey dinner tonight (Thursday) at the Golden hotel and hear J. H. Claybaugh, extension poultryman of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, discuss the purpose, aims and policy of the department of agriculture - sponsored poultry improvement plan. James Corkle, of the Corkle Hatchery here, is the host at the dinner.

A similar meeting was held at Atkinson yesterday, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes, who has been assisting with the arrangements of the poultry meetings in the county.

5 MORE EX-GIs

Registrars released by the Selective Service since December 30 include: Charles R. Cooper, of O'Neill; Donald A. Kaup, of Stuart; Patrick J. Burk, of Ewing; Lloyd O. Wyant, of Redbird, and Martin V. Langan, of Spencer.

Go to Phoenix

Mrs. A. E. Bowen and daughter, Mary, and son, Don, departed late last Thursday for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will make an extended stay.

They went by way of San Antonio, Tex., where they remained for several days.

Report of Eerie 'Ghosts' Revived Along the Eagle

SPENCER—There is probably some very simple explanation for the strange, wavering lights which have been reported from north Holt county, south of Spencer.

Automobile headlights, perhaps, in the mist which drifts in from Eagle creek, are the cause.

But oldtimers think the reports may mark the reappearance of the "ghost" lights which used to drift along the meadows 25 years ago.

The "ghost" lights, about the size of a football, would appear in many colors. They would

Kathleen Wanser First 1947 Baby

To Little Kathleen Wanser, who made her debut on the Earth at 4 a.m. on January 2 in the O'Neill hospital, goes the honor of being the first baby to be born in Holt county in 1947.

A first baby contest was sponsored by a group of O'Neill business firms in cooperation with The Frontier. As announced in the December 26 issue of this newspaper, the lucky baby will be showered with gifts.

The Wanser infant arrived with dark blue eyes and dark hair, and she tipped the beam of the scales at eight and three-quarters pounds. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser, whose postoffice address is Inman. The little miss has six brothers and one sister.

The infant son of Pfc. and Mrs. Joseph Gokie, of Emmet, missed the first baby honors by arriving during the waning hours of the old year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Krugman, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. John Rosno, of O'Neill, became the parents of a son and daughter, respectively, on January 2, both births occurring at least 12 hours after Little Miss Wanser put in her appearance.

New Year's day was a birthless affair in Holt county as far as The Frontier could learn.

There was one New Year's day arrival reported in Boyd county, but the infant was not eligible for the Holt county contest. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fellers, of Butte, became the parents of a daughter born in

the Lynch hospital on her mother's birthday anniversary. Mrs. Fellers is the former Miss Helen Whitla, of Butte.

Brown-McDonald's will give a Chatham baby blanket; the O'Neill Photo company, an 8x10 enlargement in a gold frame; McCarville's, a baby sweater; Lindberg Home & Auto Supply, a slumberie; McIntosh Jewelry, an infant's gold ring; Gambles, a clothesbasket; the Ralya IGA store, two quarts of homogenized milk; the Union Store, an assortment of Heinz baby foods; Penney's, a baby book, and The Frontier, a year's subscription to the parents.

Applications for the first baby honors were to have been filed before 6 p.m. January 6, the hour the contest was closed.

HENRY J. WAYMAN TAKEN BY DEATH

Resident of State Over 70 Years Buried Here Monday

REARS FAMILY OF 11

Henry J. Wayman, 83, a resident of Holt county for 38 years and a resident of the state for more than 70 years, was buried here Wednesday following funeral services in the Methodist church. Mr. Wayman died Sunday at his farm home near here following a two-year illness.

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, of O'Neill, officiated in the rites and Bigin Brothers were in charge. The late Mr. Wayman was born at Harrison Furnace, O., on January 3, 1864, and he came to Nebraska as a 'teen-age youth, settling in Gage county near Beatrice.

On February 25, 1892, he married Alvinia Kloepper at Glatonia. To this union was born six sons and five daughters.

The family moved to Holt county in 1909, where Mr. Wayman was engaged in farming and resided on a farm until he died.

Survivors include the widow, who is 72; six sons, Edwin, Benjamin, Harvey, Roy, and Harry, all of O'Neill, and Clarence, of Boulder, Colo.; five daughters, Alma Schmor, of Emmet; Elizabeth Nickel, of Jesnie, Nebraska; Linda Wayman, and Annie Ellingson, all of O'Neill. There are also 11 grandchildren.

Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. The following served as pallbearers: L. O. Johnson, Fred Britton, Clarence Ernst, John Dier, Ray Dendinger, and Otto Lorenz.

Dog Lost, 4-Year-Old Owner Offers Unborn Pup As a Reward

The editor of The Frontier this week received a classified ad that was immediately earmarked for page one, digressing from the paper's policy of not publishing advertisements on the front page.

Linda Bredemeier, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Bredemeier, of O'Neill, is announcing to the world that she has lost her pet dog and is willing to go to almost any end to retrieve it.

She tells of her plight this way: NOTICE: My little black cocker spaniel dog disappeared before Christmas. If you have her, bring her back or call me. I'll give you the choice of her next batch of puppies as a reward.—Linda Bredemeier, phone 139LJ, O'Neill.

Bids Will Be Asked on Randall Spur

Bids will be asked January 14 for construction of the first section of the access railroad to the Ft. Randall, S. D., dam site, it was announced Saturday in Omaha. The project consists of 7.8 miles of track from the Milwaukee railroad at Lake Andes, S. D., to the Ft. Randall townsite. The work is to start April 1.

Returns from West Coast Continue to Appear, Report Says

The trend of West coast workers returning to the state and making applications for employment continues, according to Walter A. Steffen, of Norfolk, area manager of the Nebraska state employment service, in a bulletin issued Saturday. The trend began in October and is expected to continue through the winter, he said.

December saw a substantial increase in applications for jobs and unemployment claims. The number of applications gained 31 percent and the total traffic for all activities increased 69 percent over that in November.

Total unfilled openings in the Norfolk area dropped to the lowest figure in the past year and 53 percent under November. There were 32 unfilled openings as compared with 70 in November, the report concluded.

Donlin Ranch to Be Sold Next Week; Land Prices High

The well-improved 1,520-acre John Donlin ranch, generally regarded as one of the best on Eagle creek north of here, is to be sold next Wednesday at public auction.

Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, is the referee, and William W. Griffin, also of O'Neill, is the attorney for the referee.

The sale will be held at the Holt county courthouse, beginning at 1 p.m.

The ranch, situated about 20 miles north of here, has two miles of creek running across the land. A glimpse at the record of recent land transactions in the O'Neill area points to what observers contend are exceptionally high prices.

Fifty dollars an acre is asked for a quarter of mixed wild hay, grazing and a few acres of farming ground, well timbered, lying on both sides of a small river and one-half mile from a large town. A 960-acre ranch is offered at \$11 an acre; a farm-ranch of 160 acres with good improvements is offered at \$11,000.

The late Pat O'Connor ranch of 2,400 acres, situated 10 miles southwest of O'Neill was purchased recently by L. D. Putnam, O'Neill, at \$56,000, over \$23 an acre.

Holt County Cattle in Good Shape—Report

The condition of cattle of Holt county, a leader in the stocker-feeder line, is exceptionally good. Fine fall weather and a good second growth of wild grasses set the foraging tables for a heavy and constant fall-up. Two-thirds of normal crop of hay has been about evened and cattle should get through the winter in fine fettle.

Both the cattle and hog producers are in disagreement as to high prices continuing, some having trimmed size of herds toward hedging against a possible big price drop. Fat hog sales have flirited around the \$22 mark some time. Some cattle and hog producers are increasing their holdings evidently in behalf continued demand at high rates must prevail indefinitely.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES

Felix Sullivan, of O'Neill, was admitted Wednesday. . . Terry Snowdard, of Spencer, submitted to an appendectomy Tuesday. . . Mrs. Joseph Gokie, and infant son, of Emmet, were dismissed Wednesday. . . Mrs. Max Wanser was dismissed Wednesday. . . Mrs. Harvey Krugman, O'Neill, and infant son were dismissed Tuesday. . . Mrs. Harold Risor, of Atkinson, was dismissed Tuesday. Mrs. Seth Hertel and infant son, of Chambers, were dismissed Monday.

HUNTING ACCIDENT FATAL TO YOUTH

Aubrey Kreiter, 13, Who Was Born At Ewing, Dies in Oklahoma

SHOT THROUGH HEAD

INMAN — Aubrey Kreiter, 13, who was born at Ewing and had resided in Oklahoma since 1945, died in an Agra, Okla., hospital Saturday following a hunting accident.

The youth was accidentally shot through the head with a bullet from a .22-rifle while on a rabbit hunt with his stepfather, Ernest Wright. Rushed to a nearby hospital, medical attendants worked feverishly to save the boy's life, but their efforts were futile.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday) at the Methodist church at Ewing, and burial will be in the Inman cemetery. The body arrived Wednesday in O'Neill where funeral arrangements were made by Biglin Brothers.

The accident is said to have occurred shortly after the two hunters had chased a rabbit under a nearby building. The stepfather was said to have placed the gun on a nail against the building and was about to aid the stepson in looking under the house for the rabbit when suddenly the rifle, with the trigger near the nail, discharged. The bullet struck young Kreiter in the back of the head.

Active in Athletics
The youth was born March 8, 1933, at Ewing. He lived on a farm near Agra with his stepfather and his mother, Mrs. Leona Wright. He had been active in athletics at Agra high school and was a member of the First Methodist church at Agra.

Survivors include the stepfather and mother; one brother, Gene Kreiter; one stepbrother, Ronald Ben Wright, and one stepister, Jacquelyn Wright, all of Agra. Brief funeral rites were held Monday at Agra in a funeral chapel in which the youth's fellow school students and his teachers attended as a body.

Peter Stewart, a longtime resident of the Page-Ewing vicinities, is a grandfather of the Kreiter youth.

15 BELOW NEW COLD MARK

The mercury tumbled to a season's low early Friday when the official government reading here was 15-degrees below zero. The low figure marked the tail-end of a cold wave that ushered in the New Year.

By Saturday the cold wave had moved out of the state and for the past four successive days this section has been witnessing a January thaw. Highest temperature for the week was 44. There has been no precipitation reported since last Thursday, according to Government Observer Elmer Bowen.

The week's weather summary, based on daily readings at 8 a.m. follows:

Date	Hi	Low
January 3	4	-15
January 4	5	-14
January 5	22	5
January 6	34	21
January 7	44	26
January 8	43	26
January 9	44	23

O'Neill PCA Group to Distribute Dividends

Directors of the O'Neill Production Credit Association have fixed Wednesday, January 15, as the date of the annual stockholders' meeting, according to James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer.

Scheduled to open at 11:30 a.m. in the diningroom of the Golden hotel, the meeting will include the election of one director for a three-year term, reports on the association's progress for the past year, and discussion of future plans. Dividend checks will be distributed to all stockholders.

"Ways to speed the time when the association will be completely member-owned will be discussed," Rooney said.

Luncheon will be served at noon.

Present directors of the association are: D. C. Schaffer, of O'Neill, president; C. F. Clark, of Byrwell, vice-president; Otto Kf-picka, of Spencer; Ray Sid-iss, of O'Neill, and Ott Oberg, of Ericson.

100 TABS SOLD

One hundred "vest-pocket size" automobile license plates were sold last Thursday—the first day the 1947 tabs were on sale at the office of County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock. Because of the steel shortage, full-sized plates are not available.

Clarence Wayman, of Boulder, Colo., arrived Monday for the funeral of his father, Henry Wayman.