

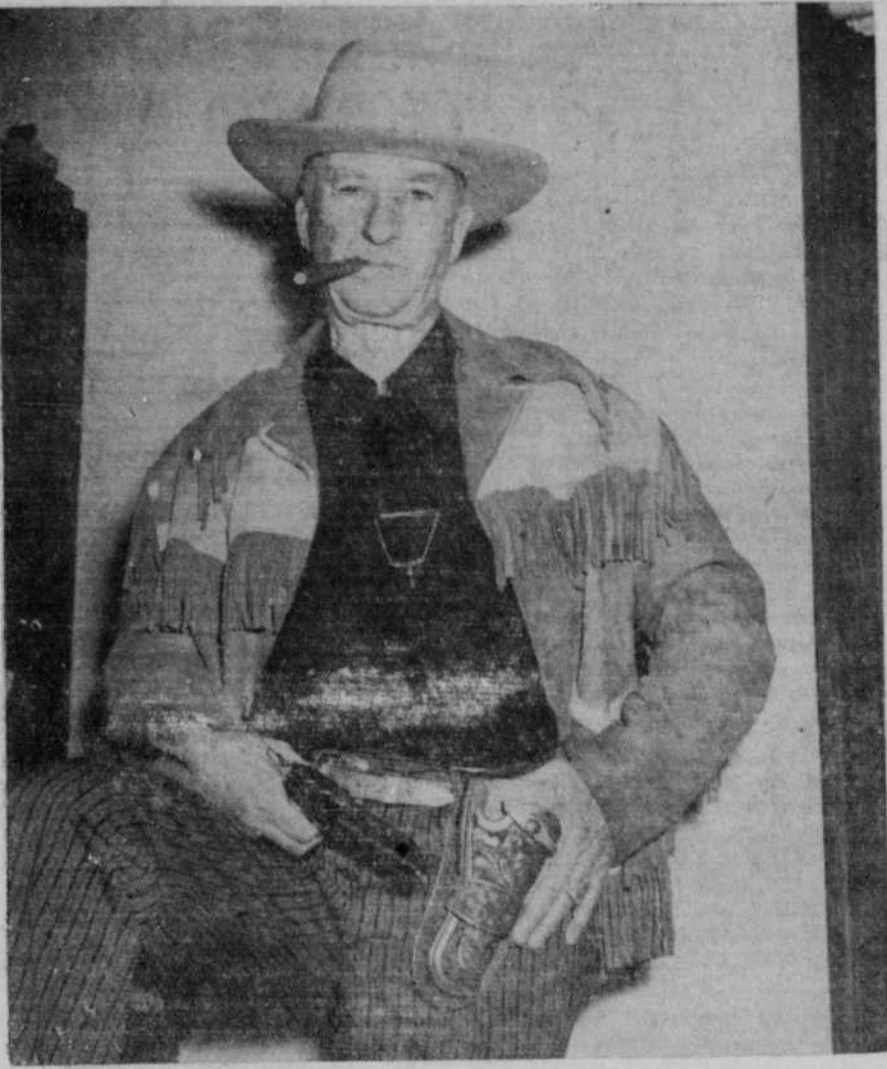
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BACK TO BOSTON

Mike O'Sullivan, native O'Neillite and now president of the American Farmers Insurance company, is shown in western garb in Boston, Mass., where last week he attended an insurance convention.

While in Boston last year,

O'Sullivan was asked not to dine in a hotel restaurant where he was eating without a coat and in a cowboy shirt. Now headquartering in Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. O'Sullivan will visit O'Neill in the next few days enroute from Boston.

SOIL DISTRICT MAKES STRIDES

Carl Lambert Points to 1947 As a Year of Progress

Soil conservation activities made considerable progress in Holt county in 1947, according to Carl Lambert, of Ewing, chairman of the Holt district board of supervisors.

The district's annual report shows that during the year 69 farmers and ranchers with 44,401 acres requested assistance. Fifty-eight farmers and ranchers developed complete long-time conservation programs for their 40,927 acres with the assistance of SCS technicians.

Mr. Lambert pointed out that approximately 14 percent of the land in the district is already operated in cooperation with the Holt district. He stated that some permanent conservation measures have been established on this land which will result in the conservation of soil, moisture, wildlife, and other natural resources.

Lambert said: "There are approximately 40 different conservation practices that can be used to solve the multitude of erosion and soil depletion problems on the farms and ranches."

Last year district cooperators planted approximately 87,000 trees for field shelterbelts, farmstead and livestock windbreaks and for erosion control. The shelterbelt and windbreak plantings extended a distance of 21 miles. Over 1,300 acres of land were seeded to perennial grass for hayland, range and pasture and 1,522 acres of cropland were seeded to legumes and grasses.

10 Ponds Stocked
Crop residue management farming was established on 8,668 acres with strip cropping established on 2,318 acres. Cover crops for winter protection were seeded on 375 acres and contour farming was established on 403 acres. There were 17,382 acres of grazing land stocked in accordance with its proper grazing capacity and 2,740 acres deferred from grazing. There were about four miles of terraces and 2,200 feet of diversions constructed. Eighteen farm and ranch ponds were constructed. Ten ponds were stocked with approximately 20,000 fish secured through the district. Many other conservation practices were also established, he continued.

At the district's annual meeting last week the supervisors reported that they handled approximately 58,000 trees and shrubs and about 5,000 pounds of native grass seed for cooperators in 1947. The district tractor, tree planter and crew planted some 57,000 trees.

Mr. Lambert pointed out that the district will be four-years-old this week, the certificate of organization having been dated January 28, 1944, by the secretary of state. However, the office was not set up and operations were not begun until April 4, 1944.

Mr. Lambert predicts that the next four years will see even greater progress.

rites at Atkinson

ATKINSON — Funeral services were held at the Seger Funeral home here Sunday for Teddy Morell, 41, of Beatrice, formerly of Atkinson. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morell, he died Friday at Beatrice.

HYDROS CHOKED; DIM-OUT RESULTS

Ice in Nebraska rivers is choking the hydro electric plants in the Consumers Power network to a point where a statewide "dim-out" of street lights has been put into effect.

Beginning Monday, all cities and towns in the state served by Consumers are without street lighting several hours after sundown.

In O'Neill the street lights have been turned on about 7:30 to 8 p. m.

Consumers officials here say the ice is expected to break later this week.

ATTEND FAIR MEETING

CHAMBERS—Edwin Wink, of Chambers, and Vern Sageser, of Amelia, went to Lincoln Monday to attend a convention of Nebraska county fair officials.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES ON COAST

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Escondido, Calif., for Mrs. Sheridan Simmons, 76, a former O'Neill resident, who died Friday in a hospital at San Diego, Calif. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery at Escondido.

The late Mrs. Simmons had been in "poor health," relatives said, for six years, but was not seriously ill until four days before her death.

Mrs. Simmons was born in Council Bluffs, Ia., on June 7, 1871. She came to Nebraska with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas, as a small child. They settled near Fremont and North Bend.

On May 7, 1888, she married the late Sheridan Simmons at Creighton. The couple resided near North Bend until 1894, then moving to O'Neill. The Simmons regarded O'Neill as their home. Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Methodist church.

9 Children Living
They became the parents of 12 children, nine of whom are living.

Mrs. Simmons made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Sara George, at Escondido, Calif., since 1933. She made two return visits to O'Neill since leaving here. Mr. Simmons died at O'Neill on March 20, 1935.

Survivors include: Sons—Charles Simmons, of Venus, and Phillip Simmons, of Ft. Williams, Me.; daughters—Mrs. Pearl Divine, of Cedar City, Mo.; Mrs. Ella Dempsey and Mrs. Zella Cook, both of O'Neill; Mrs. Melvin Anderson, Mrs. Sara George and Mrs. Clarissa Hoffman, all of Escondido, and Mrs. Maxine Wagon, of Rockford, Ill.

HAMILTON SPENCE DIES IN WYOMING

CHAMBERS—Word has been received here of the recent death of Hamilton Spence, a former resident.

He died at the home of a son in Sheridan, Wyo. No details have been received regarding funeral arrangements.

ATTEND CHURCH MEET

Rev. J. W. Clapper, Assembly of God pastor, attended a church meeting Monday at Creighton.

BITTER COLD GRIPS REGION

Mercury Sinks to 23 Below Zero; Busses, Trains Run Normal

A severe cold wave whipped across the midwest last week with north-Nebbraska bearing a share of the brunt of the biting cold.

Early Friday morning the official temperature in O'Neill dropped to 23-degrees below zero—the coldest mark in five years.

Government Observer Elmer Bowen said that not since January 19, 1943, had the mercury dropped so low. At that time, a -23 reading was recorded during a nine-day seige of subzero weather.

The frigid wave was accompanied by intermittent light snow and strong wind.

Despite a general fuel oil shortage there was no suffering reported here. Coal stocks were plentiful.

Most livestock men had ample warning of the impending cold and steps were taken to protect stock.

Schools Carry On

The city's schools — O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy — carried on as usual although some absentees were attributed to the severe weather. The basketball program, of course, went on as usual. The Friday double-header between St. Mary's and Page and O'Neill and Orchard, attracted a fair-sized crowd despite the 14-below temperature that was reached before the night was over.

Busses and trains carried on their normal schedules, although most of them were running slightly behind time. There were no cancellations and no passengers were stranded in the city for lack of scheduled transport.

Temperatures began easing up the scale Friday after the shortlived icy blast.

With the exception of Sunday, the minimum temperature each day has been below zero. The weatherman forecasts "fair and warmer" for the weekend.

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
January 22	24	-2	
January 23	4	-23	17
January 24	12	-14	
January 25	22	10	
January 26	22	-7	
January 27	6	-15	
January 28	2	-15	

CHARLES MULHAIR DIES AT LYNCH

LYNCH — Charles Mulhair, sr., 86, the senior member of the Mulhair & Sons garage firm here, died January 21 in Sacred Heart hospital here.

Mr. Mulhair had been a hospital patient following an apoplectic stroke several weeks ago.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Catholic church.

The late Mr. Mulhair was active in the garage business until his recent illness. His wife died several years ago.

Survivors include: Six sons, four daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Among those coming from a distance for the funeral were: Mervin Miller and sister Dorene, both of Winner, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pischel, of Verdel; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reel, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mulhair, of Omaha; Mae Alexander, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Dan McKenzie, of Winner.



"Grandma" Hohndorf... an immigrant from Germany... leaves survivors on both sides of the Atlantic.

MRS. HOHNDORF DIES AT REDBIRD

German Immigrant, She Leaves Host of Kin; Burial at Surprise

REDBIRD — Mrs. Louis Hohndorf, 86, better-known among northeast Holt county residents as "Grandma" Hohndorf, died last Thursday at 4 a. m. at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Peter More. Death followed a lingering illness accompanying her advanced age.

Brief funeral services were held at Christ Lutheran church here at 9:30 a. m. Saturday and the remains were taken to Surprise for final rites and burial near the grave of the late Mr. Hohndorf, who died July 9, 1941.

Rev. Clyde C. Cress, of Christ Lutheran church, officiated.

Came to U. S. in 1914

The late Mrs. Hohndorf, nee Augusta Daekhorn, was born August 1, 1861, in Windorf, Germany. She was reared in Germany and on September 21, 1884 she married Louis Hohndorf. The couple became the parents of seven daughters and one son.

On May 2, 1914 the couple left Germany for a new home in the United States, leaving behind their three oldest daughters. The Hohndorfs settled on a farm 21 miles northeast of O'Neill in the Opportunity vicinity.

In 1924 the family moved to near Surprise where 10 years later the couple marked their golden wedding anniversary.

The late Mrs. Hohndorf enjoyed a wide acquaintanceship. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

18 Great-Grandchildren

Survivors include: Daughters — Mrs. Peter (Frede) More, of Redbird; Mrs. Elsa Penneback, of O'Neill; Mrs. Olga Hickstein, of Grafton; Mrs. Lina Meissner, Mrs. Bertha Horn and Mrs. Helene Keller, all of Germany; son—Louis Hohndorf, of Shelbyville, Pa.; and Charles Dackhorn, of Clinton, Wis.; 22 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Four sisters and one daughter, Mrs. Herman (Alma) Eisler, of Middlebranch, preceded her in death.

FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

Auctions to Aid Donors

Three livestock auctions have been scheduled during the next seven days to boom the Friendship Train movement.

The first in the series will be held Saturday at the Ewing Livestock Market; the second will be held Tuesday at the Atkinson Livestock Market, and the third will be held next Thursday at the Fredrickson Livestock Market in O'Neill.

A statement pertaining to these sales follows:

"At these auctions every class of livestock will be sold without charge. The Atkinson and O'Neill Friendship Train auctions will be in connection with the regularly scheduled sales.

"The proceeds will be used to purchase a carload of utility type beef cows and a carload of rye. Both carloads will be shipped to processing centers where they will be processed into food, either rye flour or canned beef, for overseas shipment. It is estimated that it will take about \$9,000 to cover the cost of the two carloads.

"In regard to making donations, it is not necessary that rye or beef stock be given, but anything, including money, will be accepted and turned into rye or livestock to fill out the cars.

"Those wishing to contribute grain or poultry are requested to sell them through their grain or produce buyers and donate the proceeds to the Friendship Train committee. Cash donations may be left at any bank in the county.

"It is essential that all contributions be made not later than next week, as the train will leave Lincoln, Neb., for Springfield, Ill., on February 12, Lincoln's birthday. This is a state drive for foodstuffs for the starving people of Europe."

(See story at right.)

FRANK KAZDAS WED 52 YEARS

Atkinson Couple Marks Anniversary Quietly; Enjoy Good Health

ATKINSON — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kazda quietly observed their 52d wedding anniversary here Tuesday. At 72- and 70-years-old respectively, both are enjoying "good health."

The day was marked with the receipt of numerous congratulatory messages and visits from relatives and friends.

Mr. Kazda was born in Bohemia and came to the United States with his parents at the age of one. The family initially settled on a homestead in Iowa where a few years later the elder Mr. Kazda died. The widow and two sons, Frank and John, came to Holt county in 1902.

Mrs. Kazda was born near Avon, S. D. She was 18-years-old when she married Mr. Kazda at Atkinson. The couple resided on a farm eight miles northeast of Atkinson for several years, later moving into town. Mr. Kazda worked for many years as a carpenter, having helped build many of the houses in the town.

Rear 7 Children
Mr. and Mrs. Kazda celebrate their birthday anniversaries on the same day—February 16.

Since John Kazda's death on October 27, 1938, Mr. Kazda has no relatives in United States except his own immediate family.

The Kazdas became the parents of seven children. One daughter, Mrs. Sylvester (Mary) Tushla, of Atkinson, died June 8, 1945. The others are: Mrs. Carl (Anna) Holz, of Ewing; John Kazda, of O'Neill; Alfred Kazda, of Atkinson; Mrs. Norbert (Luella) Uhl, of O'Neill; Frank Kazda, of Ewing; and Mrs. Carl (Ella) Hoppe, of Atkinson.

CHAMBERS COUPLE MARRIED 57 YEARS

CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. William Medcalf, long time south-Holt county residents, were honored Sunday on their 57th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, E. H. Medcalf.

Present at the quiet gathering, besides the honored couple, included: Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Medcalf and daughter, of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Medcalf and children, Mrs. Ben Medcalf.

The Medcalfs were married on January 28, 1891. For many years the couple resided on a farm southeast of Chambers in the Martha community. Mr. Medcalf since has operated a harness shop in Chambers.

Auto Tab Sales Lag as Deadline Nears

The sale of 1948 auto tabs is lagging, County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock said Wednesday.

There were 3,835 licenses issued up until Wednesday with nearly 1,200 more to be purchased. Hancock said that there were about 4,200 passenger cars in the county, and about 6,000 vehicles, including passenger cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, etc., requiring tabs.

After January 31 motorists on highways without 1948 plates are subject to five-day warnings from peace officers. After February 15 these delinquent motorists are subject to arrest.

Weekend in Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Haitt and daughter, Carolyn, spent the weekend in Omaha.

LEMMER TRAIN'S FIRST DONOR

Atkinson Rancher Will Give Heifer; Weller Holt Cochairman

Holt county's drive to fill two rail carloads of foodstuffs for the Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train swung into high gear this week.

Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, original chairman of the Holt campaign, said Wednesday that the early response to the plea for contributions was "gratifying."

Albert Lemmer, Atkinson rancher, was the first donor, pledging a heifer for the livestock car. The Atkinson Service club followed closely with two hundred dollars in cash.

Meanwhile, Ernie C. Weller, Atkinson auctioneer and livestock sales pavilion operator, was named Monday as cochairman of the county organization, serving with Mrs. Cole.

Other officers of the county organization are: Rev. W. C. Birmingham, of Atkinson, secretary, and Edward M. Gallagher, of O'Neill, treasurer.

The county committee and many of the community leaders met Monday in O'Neill to further plans. The committee reported that everywhere the response to the appeal for food to stave off starvation in Europe was encouraging.

Contacts Impossible
Mrs. Cole said that it would be impossible for the county and community drive leaders to contact very many people with the time so short. The two train cars are to be shipped from the county on Saturday, February 7.

Anyone with a contribution is urged to contact one of the drive leaders, Mrs. Cole said.

Money contributions, no matter how large or small, will be converted into bulk staple foods suitable for export such as primary grains, flour, macaroni, basic cereals, etc.

The drive leaders in the various communities will determine the method for collecting the gifts in their respective communities. These leaders are: O'Neill—F. N. Cronin and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren; Stuart—Joe Brewster and Mrs. F. J. Clark; Atkinson—B. H. Wilson and Mrs. Robert Martens; Amelia—Glen White and Mrs. Vern Sageser; Page—Otto Terrill and Mrs. Harry Harper; Ewing—Rev. C. D. Vogel and Mrs. John Archer; Chambers—Leo T. Adams and Mrs. C. V. Robertson; Emmet—Rev. Joseph Lane and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney; Dorsey—H. H. Miles; Phoenix—George Syfke; St. John's—Rev. J. J. Urbanski.

Plan Started at Geneva
The Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train started from a seed planted by the Community club at Geneva. Todate the widespread movement has grown far beyond the fondest dreams of the Geneva citizens.

Despite an illness this week, which made her bedfast for several days, Mrs. Cole helped with much of the groundwork for the Holt portion of the train.

The Nebraska food train will leave Lincoln on February 12—Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Holt's two carloads of food—one livestock and one grain—are expected to join the train at Omaha.

The train is under the supervision of a committee headed by such notables as Biographer Carl Sandburg, honorary chairman; Gov. Val Peterson, honorary state chairman, and Chancellor R. C. Gustavson, of the University of Nebraska, general chairman.

Mrs. Cole said the plans are underway for some kind of a celebration or "send-off" for Holt's two food-laden rail cars. Details, she said, will be announced in the newspapers next week.

At Monday's meeting the committee stressed that contributors may designate which religious or social group is to distribute their gift in Europe. The Friendship Train has been organized in cooperation with the Christian Rural Overseas Program, which has already been credited with saving uncounted lives in war devastated areas. Most churches are supporting the CROP, Mrs. Cole said.

In most communities special events are being scheduled for Friendship Train purposes.

To Hold Coon Feed
Members of the American Legion and auxiliary and their guests will have a roast coon feed on Sunday evening at the club.



Pictured is a portion of the crowd that filled the American Legion auditorium Monday afternoon for the annual John Deere day show.—Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.