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FURNACE EXPLOSION IN SCOTT BUILDING DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Damage To Building And Interstate Power Co. Property Estimated At Close To \$1,000.

An oil burning furnace in the basement of the Scott building here is thought to have somehow released gas in the first floor rooms of that structure last Saturday morning and at 2 o'clock a. m. a heavy explosion rocked sleepers upstairs and others and the fire department responded to a call only to find no fire.

An official of the company said when he reached the basement the furnace doors were strewn about the floor and he figured there had been two explosions, the first light and sufficient to blow off the doors and another after the rooms became charged with gas.

Sleepers for blocks around the vicinity of the accident felt the concussion and heard the detonation.

An Interstate official estimated the loss to the company at \$784 and it was agreed that the damage to the building would be somewhere near \$200.

Most of the damage to the Interstate was done electric meters hanging on a frame wall, a partition. These were hung by screws and the building made such a jump the screws were yanked out, throwing the measuring devices among each other and resulting in costly breakage.

Wooden partitions were badly out of plumb, a large plate glass in the front of the building cracked and cement block walls at the rear of the building badly cracked and a rear door way thrown out of line with the doors.

The official referred to said it appeared the rear of the building had been hoisted several inches.

Following the blast the fire siren sounded, the firemen appeared and returned to their quarters on discovering the nature of the accident. Many persons believed a young earthquake had unlimbered. The official said he believed there is no insurance on the electrical instruments and stock. It is understood none against an explosion was carried on the building.

Investigation of the two explosions at the building by John Davidson revealed that crushed soot, which hung on the sides of the chimney for years, accumulated when coal was used as fuel, had buckled and fell to the bottom of the chimney and plugged it and was the direct cause of the explosions.

The oil burning furnace makes no soot. There is a fan inside the furnace to create a draft. Mr. Davidson explained that as soon as the soot fell the gas accumulated in the furnace, was lighted by the burner, exploded, threw the furnace doors off, then gas poured into the rooms several minutes before the automatic shut-off functioned.

The fan must have kept alive a spark on a bit of crust on the burner and this may have ignited the gas in the rooms. The accident gave the public a wrong impression of the behavior of oil burning devices. A chimney plugged air-tight will cause coal gas to explode. Gas of wood, hay, cobs, buffalo chips or any other substance may explode with a plugged chimney. There is no chance of an explosion of an oil burner if the draft is not obstructed. The chimney was not inspected because coal had not been burned for four years and oil makes no soot. Those who have oil burners, or who have desired them, need have no fear of a blast if chimneys are kept free of obstructions.

James Boler, who has been an employee of the state banking department, receiver division, for the past two and a half years and who has made his headquarters in this city for his past year and a half, has been relieved of his duties here, being checked out the first of the week. He is succeeded by George I. Parker, formerly of Newcastle, Neb., who, we understand, will make his headquarters at Butte. Mr. Boler made many friends during his stay in this city and his many O'Neill friends wish him success wherever he may decide to locate.

Mrs. George Urlaub was rushed to the Spencer hospital Wednesday where she was operated on for removal of the appendix at 9:00 that forenoon. At 9:30 she revived from effects of ether and by 10 o'clock she was perfectly conscious. George remained at her bedside until 4 o'clock in the afternoon when he returned here.

Charles C. Kirkland, of Atkinson, was an O'Neill visitor Saturday.

Awarded Judgment In Professional Fees Suit

An action by Dr. W. J. Douglas, of Atkinson, against the estate of Joe Obermyer, was started and completed in the court of C. J. Malone, Holt county judge, here last Saturday. The doctor asked a judgment of \$275 for professional services. He was represented in court by J. D. Cronin and J. J. Harrington represented the defendant.

Judge Malone found for the plaintiff and judgment was entered accordingly.

F. M. Reese, Of Valentine, Replaces Rooney Here As County Agricultural Agent

F. M. Reese, of Valentine, has arrived in O'Neill to take over the duties of Agricultural Agent, a position recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rooney. W. H. Brokaw, Extension Director, announced his appointment effective April 2.

Mr. Reese graduated from the Agricultural College, University of Nebraska, in 1927, and for the past two and a half years he has been employed at the Valentine experimental sub-station. Previous to that time he was associated with his father, C. S. Reese, in the ranching business.

Mr. Reese expects to move his family to O'Neill some time in May.

Gamble Opening Proves Value Of Advertising

Even the most skeptical must have been convinced of the value of advertising when he glanced at the crowds that thronged the Gamble store last Saturday for their grand opening and have crowded their store ever since. This company is a firm believer in advertising and their sales last Saturday were four times as large as they had anticipated for their opening day, which proves that advertising is the keystone to modern business success. Their cash receipts for that one day were more than many business places in this city—who are not believers in the value of printer's ink—take in during a month. The greatest amount of their advertising for this opening event was carried in the columns of The Frontier, which proved again the value of this paper as an advertising medium. Notwithstanding the statements of others interested The Frontier has the circulation and is unexcelled in this section as an advertising medium. If you don't want business do not advertise in The Frontier.

Erecting New Building

Work started this morning on the excavation for a new building that will be erected between the Virgin Electric store and the Scott building, occupied by the Interstate Power company. The building is being erected by Mrs. Margaret Clauson for her Beauty Shop. The building will be 22½x50 feet, with nine foot ceiling, of brick and tile construction, with tile flooring. Completed the building will cost about \$5,500. It is to be completed and ready for occupancy by June 1. C. E. Melena has the contract for its construction.

Hospital Notes

John Carr was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday morning. He will spend a few days with his cousin, Mrs. Jordan, before going to his home in the country.

Little Dick Richards, who had his fractured leg put into a cast, was taken to his home in this city Wednesday evening.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Helmar Widfeldt at the hospital, a son on Friday morning, March 30. Mother and son are doing fine. The little boy has been named Helmar Morris.

Charles Kraft was admitted to the hospital Wednesday for treatment. He went home the same day.

A pair of sportsmen inspecting things in general in the south country Sunday found the body of a brown hawk the wing spread of which was four and one-half feet. It weighed 10 pounds and was as plump as a canvas-back duck. The men said they saw at least 50 brown hawks. One said a recent visitor from Texas said these birds are more numerous than are crows here, and that sportsmen fear game birds, between the crows and the hawks, may be wiped out of any territory they feed in.

In spite of the fact there are no suitable hills here, boys are trying out their wings on skis. Gravel pit walls and part of the Northwestern grade south of town are used as practice grounds. Several trips to the hills of Eagle valley are being planned.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the people of O'Neill for the splendid vote given me at the election last Tuesday. Now that the election is over let us all pull together for a bigger and better O'Neill, and I want the hearty cooperation of all the citizens in making the city, that we call home, a better place in which to live. To that end I invite the cooperation and support of all the people of O'Neill, assuring you that I shall endeavor to fill the position, without fear or favor, to the best of my ability, and thus merit the confidence you have placed in me.

JOHN KERSENBROCK.

TREE APPLICATIONS DUE IN BY APRIL 15

Shipping Of Seedlings To Holt County Began Last Friday. Many Kinds Of Trees Still Available.

Holt county farmers have until April 15 to send in their applications for Clarks-McNary seedling and transplant trees, Agricultural Agent Rooney reported today after receiving notification from Clayton W. Watkins, extension forester at the Nebraska college of agriculture. In this county a total of 36,700 trees have already been ordered for windbreak, woodlot and shelterbelt plantings.

Supplies of Chinese elm, mulberry, cottonwood, boxelder, Russian olive, American elm and Austrian pine are plentiful yet, Watkins stated. Farmers in all counties have ordered more than 850,000 trees thus far. Nearly 300,000 Chinese elm have been ordered and another 100,000 are available.

Shipping of trees to Holt county farmers began last Friday. The evergreen varieties are shipped from the Nebraska National Forest at Halsay, while the broadleaf species are shipped from Fremont.

Over Seven Hundred Unemployed In County

L. B. Younsworth, of the local branch of the National Reemployment Service says that with the closing of the CWA 191 men have been added to a list of 600 unemployed in Holt county. He says:

"There are now 600 unemployed men and women registered in Holt county. With the closing of the Civil Works Administration on March 31st, more than 191 men will be added to the unemployed list. Every effort must be made to find employment for these worthy people.

"The duty of the National Reemployment Service in Holt county is to register the unemployed, classify them and refer them to employers. We do not hire people or appoint them to jobs. We merely refer people to you for approval or rejection as you see fit. Our service is free to employees and employers.

"We are asking your cooperation in our effort to serve you and the community. Whether you are a business man, a farmer or a housekeeper, call on our Service when you need any additional help. We have all classes and types of people registered with us. By calling our Service you will not only be helping yourself but also the man or woman who is looking for work."

County Office Filings

Gilbert Clark, one of the state engineers who has been working here on road projects for the past year, has filed for the democratic nomination for county surveyor.

William L. Ulrich, of Atkinson, has filed for the democratic nomination for supervisor from the Seventh district.

This office is in receipt of a letter from James S. Stewart, of Lost Springs, Wyoming, enclosing a remittance for The Frontier. Mr. Stewart was for many years a resident of this county, living south of O'Neill, but has been in Wyoming for the past five years. He says that Frank Pribil, of O'Neill and James Sobotka, of Inman, called on them last Sunday and that he was delighted to see these friends from his old home town and county.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warner and little daughter, Carolyn Joan, came up from Kearney last Friday and spent Easter with relatives and friends here. They planned to return home the latter part of this week.

ELECT DR. BURGESS HEAD OF COUNTRY CLUB THIRD TIME

Club's Program For 1934 Is Outlined At Monday's Meeting, And Committees Appointed.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill Country Club was held at the court house Monday evening, April 2, 1934.

Dr. L. A. Burgess was again elected president of the club, it being the only time that a member has been thrice elected president in succession. R. M. Souers was elected vice-president, Ira Moss, secretary; E. M. Gallagher, treasurer. P. C. Donohoe, W. J. Biglin and W. J. Hammond are other members comprising the directors of the club.

The president outlined the program for the 1934 season. He stated that it is planned to hold a tennis tournament at the club this summer to determine the tennis champion of north Nebraska. The annual golf tournament will be held June 17, 18 and 19. The club opening will take place about May 17th, the date to be determined by the dance chairman, P. C. Donohoe. It is planned to have a strong kitten ball team to engage in games with neighboring towns and especially with teams in the country adjacent to O'Neill. Many friendships were formed with our former friends last year in the games played. The Fourth of July will be celebrated at the club this year as usual and many new innovations will be numbered among the sport events. A large fire-works display is planned.

A cordial invitation is extended to any residents of O'Neill to join the club this year and the membership committee will soon personally call upon prospective members. A new membership was created this year—it was voted to permit residents of neighboring towns to join the club and enjoy the privileges thereof for \$5.00 per year.

The president of the club named the following as heading the various committees:

Membership: R. M. Souers and E. M. Gallagher.
Grounds: W. J. Biglin and Gaius Cadwell.
Trees and Flowers: Ira Moss.
Rules and Regulations: W. J. Hammond.
Tennis and Kitten Ball: R. M. Souers.
Fourth of July: R. M. Souers.
Music, Dances and Entertainment: P. C. Donohoe.
Annual Golf Tournament: Dr. L. A. Burgess.

Wild Geese Headed North

Wednesday night old timers cocked their ears and smiled when several hundred Canadian wild geese honked east of town in the Mullen pasture, a sound not heard here in many years. Wild geese used to be in continuous chatter here at this time of year at night.

Wednesday night was very dark and there was a light fog. The birds must have been confused and alighted to figure out their bearings. Now and then several scouted over the city, then returned to the flock. Sportsmen say electric lights from above appear as sheets of water and cause wild fowl to encircle the illuminated patches time and again. Ducks were also beating their way north Wednesday night.

Word has been received by Mrs. R. M. Souers of the death of Seaside hospital at Long Beach, California, on March 30, of her aunt, Mrs. Helen A. McGowan. Mrs. McGowan will be remembered here and in the southern part of the county as the wife of J. C. McGowan, who lived at Chambers for several years and was for many years the president of the Chambers bank. Mrs. McGowan's death was the result of an accident. Her clothing caught fire from a gas stove in her home and she was badly burned before the flames were extinguished. She passed away the next day in a hospital. She was 87 years of age.

C. E. Downey left last week for his home near Independence, Mo., after an extended visit here with his sons, Sumner and Lee Downey, and friends and relatives in this vicinity. Mr. Downey was one of the pioneer residents of this county, his parents having operated a store at the present Star postoffice in the eighties, and Charley was in this city in the spring of 1880. He says that he still likes Holt county, but that he likes Missouri better.

Mrs. Ada M. Burch, who has been ill a few days of flu, has recovered.

Twelve Holt Countians Leave For C.C.C. Camps

Tuesday night another quota of Holt county men were called to duty in the timber holdings of Uncle Samuel and the following assembled at the Northwestern depot and left O'Neill on train No. 15, westbound. The destination was old Fort Robinson, near Crawford, but the men are to be moved from that place to an unknown destination. Those who were in the quota:

Mike Madura, Glen Auten, of O'Neill; Lawrence Spence, Elton Hicekok, John McCaffrey, Loyal Eveland and Clement Cleary, of Atkinson; Jarvin Canfield, Ewing; Karl Krug, Opportunity; Luyn Skuok, Chambers; Leo King, Herman Kaup, of Stuart.

DEADLINE IS SET FOR ACCEPTING CORN-HOG CONTRACT SIGNERS

Rooney Informed By State Administrator, That Saturday, April 7, Will Be Last Day.

The deadline for accepting corn-hog reduction contracts has been officially set for Saturday, April 7, Agricultural Agent James W. Rooney, of Holt county, was informed this week by W. H. Brokaw, state administrator.

In making the announcement about the final date for accepting contracts, Brokaw declared that farmers who have been holding back on signing should get their contracts in at once.

After the deadline he is advising county committee members to accept no more contracts.

Since figures in the corn-hog plan of the individual purchasers records must be published in the local papers soon, it is all the more important that those who plan on signing should do so at once, Brokaw indicated in his message to Rooney. Publication must be made before the allotment committee makes any necessary final changes on the contracts.

Assessors Meeting Held

County Assessor C. D. Keyes held his annual "party" for the precinct assessors of Holt county last Saturday afternoon in the district court room at the court house here. All but three of the sub-assessors were present. Those who attended: Frank P. Snyder, Page; W. S. Morgan, Atkinson; W. B. Cooper, Chambers; C. E. McClurg, Dustin; Jesse Briles, Phoenix, and H. J. Lienhart, Chambers.

Frank Schmisser, Ewing; J. C. Willoughby, Dustin; J. F. O'Donnell, Emmet; A. B. Sanders, Ewing; Wm. Storts, Emmet; E. A. White, Inez; W. L. Butler, Ewing; Tom Mackey, O'Neill; Fred Tama, Stuart; F. J. Dobrovolsky, Atkinson and J. P. Harte, Inman.

W. F. Harris, Inman; Edward Welton, Josie; J. H. Hertel, Martha; Ben McDonald, Agee; Frank Pettinger, Atkinson; Al Moler, O'Neill; Fred Mulford, Stuart; Roy Nilson, Phoenix; Joseph Schlemmeyer, Dorsey; J. S. Hoffman, O'Neill; Theodore Grof, Atkinson; Ralph Rosenkrans, Dorsey; W. C. Whitehead, Stuart; W. R. Shaw, Atkinson; George Tomlinson, O'Neill; George Withers, Inez, and L. G. Gillespie, O'Neill.

The three not present: T. F. Donohoe, R. P. Wagers and Wallace McKim, of O'Neill, Page and O'Neill respectively.

Preparing New Directory

Manager Jordan, of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, is busy these days preparing copy for the new telephone directory, which will go to press about April 15. Those desirous of installing telephones should get in touch with Mr. Jordan at once so that they can have their names listed in the next issue of the directory. April 15 is the final date for listing, to secure insertion.

The air was alive with prairie horned larks Thursday night last week during the second big snow of the spring, and bird students are trying to figure out where these cheerful tufts of snow-laden skies come from as soon as a snow storm gets under way. Few of the birds are seen at other times. They are the bird we know as "snowbirds," gray, about the size of the English sparrow and their call is very cheerful. The true snow bunting is almost pure white and has not been reported here for a long time.

The snow mentioned last week as about ready to materialize did so in grand style and by Friday morning six inches lay on the level. North Nebraska and South Dakota were covered with the same amount.

OLD GUARD LOSES OUT IN THE RACE FOR CITY OFFICES

Kersensbrock Replaces Stout As Mayor, With Chauncey Porter Being Elected City Clerk.

There were several surprises in the city election last Tuesday. Prior to election everything was very quiet and it seemed as if there was not much interest being taken in the election. But it was different election day and a very heavy vote was polled, 982 in the three wards and with 50 mail votes to count, making a total vote cast of over 1,000.

Prior to election it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the vote on mayor would be close, but the result of the election proved that there are not very many good election prognosticators in this city any more and that the people of this city are standing behind the "new deal." John Kersensbrock carried every ward in the city and won the election with a majority of 272.

For city clerk Chauncey Porter carried the First and Third wards, Campbell carrying the Second with a majority of 7 Porter being elected with a majority of 154.

The only other contests was for councilmen in the First and Third wards. In the First ward Francis Bazelman was opposed to W. H. Hart present incumbent and Hart was re-elected with a majority of 75, the vote standing Hart 217; Bazelman 142. In the Third Ward the dean of the council, Mike Johnson, was opposed by Levi Yantzi and went down to defeat with a majority of 168 against him. The vote stood, Yantzi, 271; Johnson, 103.

There were no contests on any of the other officers, nor on any of the members of the school board.

Following is the vote by Wards of the offices on which there were contests, except the mail vote:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
For Mayor—	166	103	86	355
Stout	199	135	293	627
Kersensbrock	161	124	131	416
For City Clerk—	204	117	249	570
Porter				

Levi Goodfellow

The following account of the death of a former resident of this community is taken from the Saco, Mont., newspaper:

"The people of this community were saddened Friday when the death of Levi Goodfellow, prominent Saco farmer was announced.

"He had been sick since December and died from an abscess on the brain, at the Malta hospital.

"Levi Clark Goodfellow was born June 23, 1881, at O'Neill, Nebraska where he lived until he moved with his family to Saco in 1916.

He was married to Altha Lamb December 17, 1902, and to this union two children were born, a daughter, Mrs. Victor Newton of Wagner and a son, Emerson, of Saco.

"The Goodfellow family settled on a homestead north of Milk river and have always made that place their home since coming to Montana.

"Levi was a man who loved his family, his home and his neighbors, a friendly man, who won the respect and confidence of all who came his way.

"Besides a wife, son and daughter he leaves to mourn his loss, a mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson and half brother, George Nelson, both of O'Neill, Neb., one brother, Wesley, of Butte, Neb., and two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Hull, of Spencer, Neb. and Mrs. Henry Lamb, of Saco.

"The funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Sunday at two o'clock, Rev. Weeks officiating. The body was laid at rest in the Saco cemetery."

John Roberts, of the Roberts Construction Company, of Lincoln, who have the contract for the paving in this city, arrived here the first of the week and his men have started work. They have fifteen culverts to put in before the work of actual paving start and they started work on them yesterday. Bids for the construction of the balance of the paving, that will be paid for by the city, will be opened at a meeting of the city council this evening.

Elmer Hagensiek cut a new door in the west side of his building on the corner of Fourth and Douglas streets, making a nice room of the back part of the old banking room. This will be occupied by H. W. Washeenk, of Kimball, South Dakota, who will operate a cream station therein for the Borden creamery, Hanford division.