



The Coppocs . . . farmed near Chambers 30 years.—Seward Independent Photo.

Not-Raising-Hogs Is Good Business!

Here's satire on the federal government's ag program in the form of a letter to a congressman.

"My friend in (blank) county received a \$1,000 check from the government this year for not raising hogs. So I am going into the not-raising-hogs business next year.

"What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on, and the best kind of hogs not to raise?"

"The hardest work in this business is going to be in keeping an inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised. I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs, which means I will have \$80,000. Now these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. So will you pay me for not raising 100,000 bushels of corn not to feed hogs I am not raising?"

Former Chambers Pair Wed 50 Years

Coppocs Are Honored at Seward

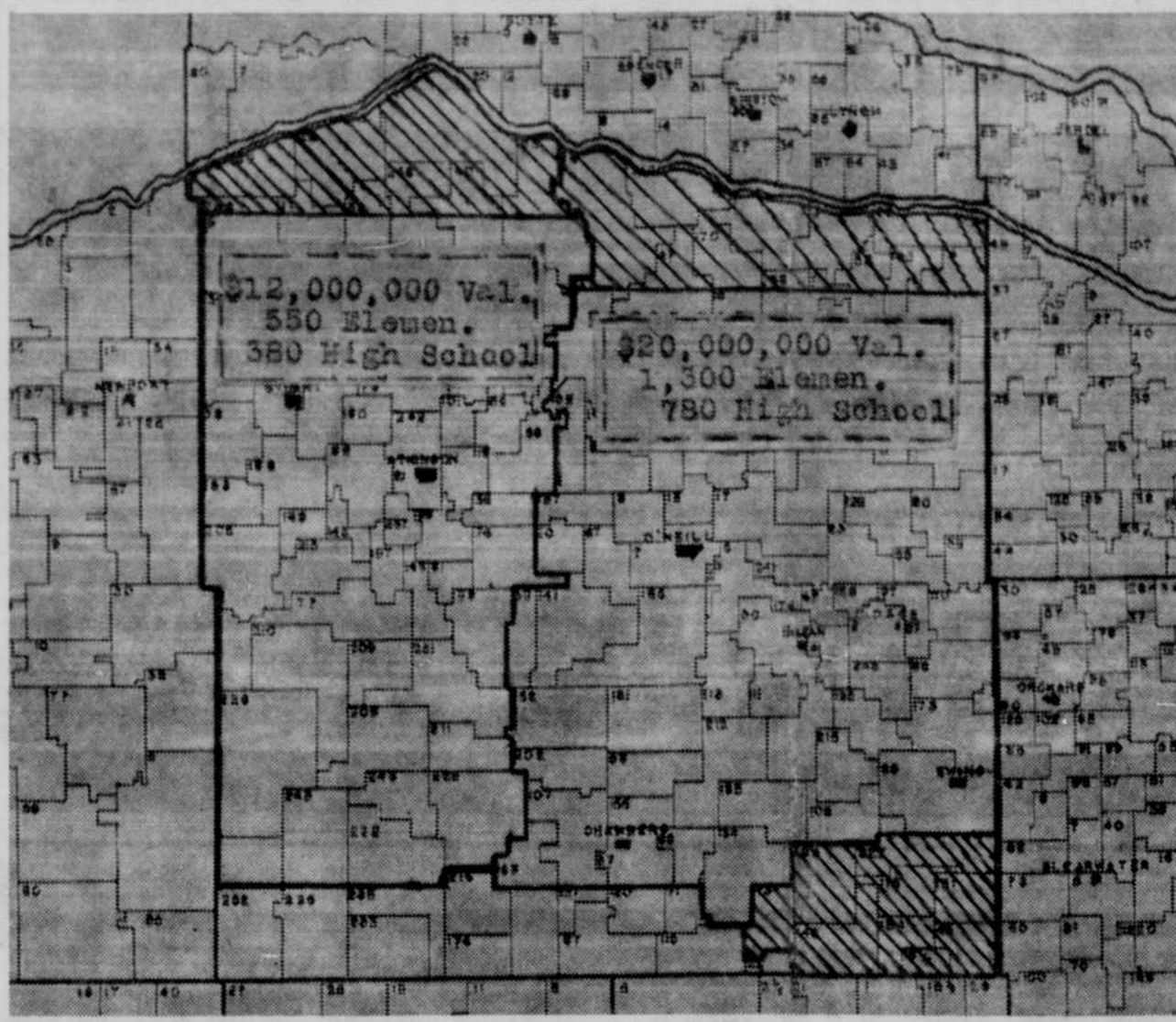
CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coppoc, who farmed near Chambers for 30 years, last week observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home at 832 Seward st., Seward.

A family dinner was held Sunday, January 19, at their home and open-house was observed Wednesday, January 22, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Earl Coppoc of Chambers and Pearl Peninger of Garland were married January 22, 1908, at Garland.

In 1937 they moved to Seward from Chambers. He was engaged in farm work, and also worked nine years for Anstine dairy.

Their children are Oliver W., of Montrose, Mich.; Mrs. Nick



One state-fostered plan for redistricting Holt county's schools into K-12. (Shaded area at north would be attached to a Boyd K-12 and shaded area in southeast would be part of an Antelope kindergarten-through-12th grade district.)

Committee Proposes Two K-12 Districts

Plans to redistrict Holt county and provide two K-12 (kindergarten through 12th grade) districts and reduce the four-grade high schools at Chambers, Stuart, Inman, Page and Ewing to junior high schools were posed Tuesday to the seven-member YHolt county school redistricting committee.

The plan, which is expected to bump head on to wholesale opposition, was presented by the four-member state redistricting committee composed of professional educators at the University of Nebraska. The state committee includes Dr. Leslie W. Chisholm, professor of school administration; Dr. Rosalie W. Farley, coordinator of teachers' college in-service program; Dr. Merle A. Stoneman, professor of school administration, and Dr. Norman F. Thorpe, principal of University high school at Lincoln.

The university committee proposes to separate and apart from the state department of education, headed by Commissioner Freeman B. Decker. But both groups have been pounding the drums with taxpayer's money for the K-12 theory.

Briefly the university experts envision K-12 schools at O'Neill and Atkinson. Existing schools in other towns would become elementary centers for kindergarten through junior high pupils. Some of the best rural schools would be elementary attendance centers.

Higher Valuations

Under one plan the western-Holt (Atkinson) district would show a valuation of 12-million-dollars and include 550 elementary pupils and 380 high school pupils. The eastern-Holt (O'Neill) district would represent a valuation of \$14,700,000. 690 elementary pupils and 480 high school pupils.

The boundary would extend from the Niobrara river (division of districts 54 and 14) southward through Emmet and mid-way between Chambers and Amelia. The extreme southeast corner, including part of Antelope, would make another K-12 district with an \$8,800,000 valuation, 800 elementary students, 375 high school students. Ewing, Page, Orchard and Inman would be encompassed.

Another plan provides for a lesser part of southeastern Holt as the Antelope setup. The western-Holt (Atkinson) district would be approximately the same in valuation and enrollment. The eastern-Holt (O'Neill) district would have a 20-million-dollar valuation, 1,300 elementary pupils and 780 high school pupils. Five districts in the southeast—73, 196, 227, 118, 131, 184, 46 and 18½) would be administered by an Antelope K-12 district.

The state committee's presentation was made in a 22-page booklet plus maps. Road factors were not considered. Valuation appeared to be the main objective plus the teachers' college concept of what is good for the pupils.

Kill-Crazy Youth Taken in Wyoming

Wednesday afternoon's capture of Charles Starkweather, 19, a crazed Lincoln youth, lifted a shroud of terror in the Lincoln area.

Starkweather, with a 14-year-old girl companion, Carl Ann Fugate, was taken by officers near Douglas, Wyo., after Starkweather had gone through a roadblock at 110-mph in a stolen 1956 Packard car.



The Coppocs . . . on their wedding day in 1908.

The kill-crazy youth will be charged in Nebraska with the slaying of Carl's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Marion S. Bartlett, and two-year-old Betty Jean Bartlett, all of Lincoln; Robert Jensen, 17, and his 16-year-old girl friend, Carol King, and August Meyer, 70, all of Bennett; Mrs. Clara C. Lower Ward and their housekeeper, Lillian Fensel, about 60, all of Lincoln.

Merle Collusion, 37, of Great Falls, Mont., was shot twice in the head—his body found in a car.

The King girl was the daughter of a second cousin of William Claussen of O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Lewis of Atkinson, both of whom went to Bennett Wednesday to attend funeral services.

(Norma Vermaas of Lincoln; Lorain of Ottumwa, Ia.; Mrs. Michael (Geraldine) Vance of Chicago.

One daughter, Gwendolyn, died at the time of giving birth to a daughter, Beryl, now Mrs. Robert Beed of Chambers, who was reared by her maternal grandparents.

Present for the family dinner were Lorain and his wife and two sons; Norma and her husband; a sister, Mrs. Mae Merritt of Lincoln; Mrs. Clara C. Lower Ward; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beed of Seward; a cousin of Mrs. Coppoc by marriage.

Anspach to Graduate; Will Work for GMC

Keith Anspach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Anspach, was interviewed over WJAB (Norfolk) as part of "The University Speaks" program Sunday morning. He and a coach were interviewed on what they thought of examinations and tests.

Some of the pertinent questions asked included: Who they thought profited by examinations, the teacher or the students? If exams accomplished their purpose or whether they had to burn midnight oil to get ready for tests?

Mr. Anspach, who married the former Mavis Forsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Forsch of Butte, will be graduating Saturday from the University of Nebraska. He is an accounting major and has been an honor student.

His parents will leave Friday to attend the graduation. Mr. Anspach and his wife and children will leave Sunday for Indiana where he has accepted a position in guide lamps with General Motors.

Mothers to March Against Polio

The mothers' march for polio will take place tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 8 o'clock.

The fire siren will be sounded to start the house-to-house campaign. Contributors are asked to turn on their porch lights or tie a piece of material to their doorknobs to facilitate the collectors.

Mrs. J. B. Grady is chairman of the march.

Today the O'Neill polio fund stands at \$762.69. Mrs. Loren Lorenz of O'Neill, publicity chairman, reports that the fund is "lagging". It is hoped that the mothers march will bring up the total. Cards brought by the children to the schools amounted to \$136.37. The sale of peanuts at the tournament amounted to \$27.40.

Todd Duncan of 'Porgy and Bess'

Famed Negro Baritone Coming

The fourth concert season for O'Neill Community Concert association opens Monday evening with the personal appearance of Todd Duncan, Negro baritone of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" fame. Concert begins at 8:15 in the O'Neill public school auditorium.

Mr. Duncan was Mr. Gershwin's personal choice for the role of Porgy. For his penetration and exciting portrayal, Duncan's name is almost synonymous with the title of "Porgy and Bess".

Members of the O'Neill association last year by popular demand decided to cast the noted baritone as the standout feature of the 1957-58 concert series.

Duncan scored Broadway triumphs in the memorable musical, "Cabin in the Sky". In 1949 he made another triumph in "Lost in the Stars". In this production he played Stephen Kumalo, the "unfortunate" or "pastor". For this portrayal that year he received the Critics award and the Donaldson award for being "best of the season".



Duncan . . . appearing here.

Duncan was born in Lanville, Ky., was reared in Indianapolis, Ind., and was awarded a bachelor's degree at Butler university. He received his master's degree in music at Columbia university and recently was conferred the doctor of humane letters by Valparaiso university of Indiana. He regards Washington, D. C., as his present home and his son, a graduate of Dartmouth university and Harvard law school, is a prominent lawyer in the nation's capital.

F. E. Parkins, president of the O'Neill association, said the membership here could look forward to Mr. Duncan's concert with "unbounded enthusiasm. . . Monday's concert will be that good!"

Other concerts in the 1957-58 series are: Pat and Bill Medley, Wednesday, March 19, and the Theater Men, Sunday, April 20.

TWO ENLIST

Two recent enlistments announced by the army recruiting office here: James E. Chiders of Elgin, for aviation maintenance school; Jerry A. Homan of Crookston, for engineer corps. The met went to Ft. Carson, Colo.

Mrs. Jess Veich, 56, Dies in Hospital

Funeral to Be Held Today at Butte

SPENCER—Mrs. Jess (Ora May) Veich, 56, of Spencer, died in Sacred Heart hospital Monday, January 27, after having been a patient there 20 days.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Full Gospel church in Butte. Rev. Chester Anderson of Butte will officiate. The body will lie in state at the Jones funeral home until the funeral hour. Burial will be in the Bristow cemetery.

The late Ora Mays Veich was born September 21, 1901, at Lynch. She was the daughter of the late George and Edith Miller Crooks.

On March 24, 1923 at Burke, S. D., she was united in marriage to Jess Veich. They became the parents of five children.

Survivors include: Widower—Jess; son—Curtis, of Spencer; daughters—Mrs. Jerry (Maxine) Kirwin of Lincoln; Mrs. Ray (Nelda) Smith of Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Frank (Jean) Kenaston of Chamberlain, S.D., and Mrs. James (Naomi) Looch of Clearfield, Ut.; 29 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four brothers and two sisters.

Hijinks Pilot Cracks Barrier

The pilot of a military aircraft crashed through the sound barrier about 4 p.m., last Thursday, creating an explosion-like sound that rocked cupboards, sent dogs a-kin and created the impression something had blown sky high.

Pin-pointing the area in which the pilot pulled the hijinks was difficult, although reports from northeast of O'Neill indicated the antic occurred in that area.

Party phone lines immediately were filled with talk concerning an explosion, rumblings on roofs, blowups over the hill.

Russell (Bud) Moler, who lives northeast, said he saw the aircraft before the "explosion", which was caused by creation of a vacuum.

Longtime Atkinson Mayor Dies

Doctor Douglas, 80, Served Community for Half-Century

ATKINSON—Dr. William J. Douglas, 80, who practiced medicine in Atkinson more than 50 years, died late Thursday, January 23, in St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha. He had been a patient at the hospital about three years.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

The doctor's only immediate survivor, a daughter, Mrs. David (Catherine) Adler of Winnetka, Ill., is in Europe on a world tour.

William James Douglas was born at Pekin, Md., August 6, 1878, a son of William Douglas and Catherine Reed Douglas. He was educated in Omaha where he graduated from high school in 1894. He was graduated from the University of Nebraska college of medicine in 1900.

On January 17, 1904, he married Rebecca May Campbell at Atkinson. They became the parents of one daughter, Catherine Delores.

In 1900-01 he practiced medicine at Tilden, moving then to Atkinson where he established a general practice as a physician and surgeon.

On July 10, 1917, he enlisted in the army and served as a captain in the army's medical corps, leaving the service February 28, 1919.

He served two years as district commander, announced Miss Judy Tinsley as mayor of Atkinson 26 years; was a member of the Holt-Northwest, Nebraska and American Medical associations.

A member of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, he was active in church and Knights of Columbus affairs until his health deteriorated. He was a republican.

"Doctor Douglas' day" was observed in Atkinson in 1952. Toastmaster Charles E. Chace said: "For 51 years Doctor Douglas has been working and fighting for all that is good for this community."

The remains are at the John A. Gentlemen mortuary in Omaha.

Therlow E. Lord Dies Unexpectedly

Therlow E. Lord, a former resident of Page, died suddenly Saturday, January 25, in Del Mar, Calif.

He is a sister of Mrs. Bert Fink of Ewing. He was well-known in the Riverside community and was born and raised around Page.

Other survivors include his wife and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fink had been visiting at the Lord home and left there about 10 days before his death.

James H. Neal Burial at O'Neill

James H. Neal, 76, of O'Neill, a retired laborer, died at his home in northeast O'Neill Friday, January 24, about 8 p.m. He had been ill since April.

Services were held Monday, January 27, at 2 p.m., at the Wesleyan Methodist church with Rev. D. V. Olmstead, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Bigh's.

Palldressers were Pete Weber, Lester Porter, Floyd Spence, Albert Gerhart, Virgil Ferris and Bob Ferris.

The late Mr. Neal was born September 5, 1881, at Villisca, Ia., the son of the late Henry and Lucinda Moore Neal. He came to Holt county from Neligh in 1933.

Survivors include: Neices—Mabel Green and June Neal, both of O'Neill; nephews—Claude Neal and Orville Neal, both of O'Neill, and Clyde Neal of Atkinson.

Exchange Student to Speak Here

The Rural Youth meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m. at the courthouse annex, Miss Joyce Carlson of Broken Bow, who spent several months in India as an international farm youth exchange student, will be the featured speaker. Guests are welcome.

Miss Carlson will also speak to students of the local schools on her experiences in India.

Cans of Candy—

The students of St. Mary's band will sell candy to add to the uniform fund. Selling will begin next week.

The candy will come in can containers at one dollar a can.

Boards to Meet—

The Holt Rural School Boards association will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 1, at the American Legion auditorium here. It was announced by President Closson. Mr. Dierks will make comments on Tuesday's meeting with the university's committee.

Attend Funeral—

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Ft. Calhoun for Mrs. Lena Steyer, 82, sister of Mrs. Frank (Lena) Nelson of O'Neill. She died Saturday at Blair. Survivors include two daughters and two sisters. Senator Nelson and his wife attended the funeral.



Safeway Has Grand Opening

Safeway Manager Tom Cronin (left) greets Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth and Charles Carr as they enter the new store for Monday evening's public viewing. Lower panel shows a glistening aisle of foods and related products. Grand opening took place Tuesday and store officials were "deeply gratified" by the response.—The Frontier Photo.



Rosalie Kay Wabs Receives Habit—

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wabs and daughters, Carole, Patricia and Susan returned Sunday night after attending the veiling ceremonies at Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchinson, Kans., on Saturday.

Their daughter and sister Rosalie Kay, received her habit that day in the Benedictine order. She will be known in the future as Sister Anastasia.

TV Fund for Donna Fuhrer—

Both O'Neill banks have been designated to receive contributions for a television set to be purchased for Miss Donna Fuhrer, 25, O'Neill invalid. The project has Lions club sponsorship. Nineteen dollars already has been collected.

Any coverage will be applied toward a TV set for another invalid, a Lions spokesman said.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sidak and boys visited at the Paul Newton home last Thursday evening.

Capacity Crowds Witness Program

EWING—A capacity crowd attended the home talent polo benefit show held Sunday afternoon at the Ewing's school auditorium. Miss Sandra Strader, an Ewing high school senior, was mistress-of-ceremonies.

A film on the use of the march of dimes funds for polio victims was shown. Mrs. Richard Edwards, chairman, announced Miss Judy Tinsley as winner of the contest for polo queen. She is a freshman at Ewing high. Little Miss Mary Sanders, who represented Hill's store, was a winner.

Ronnie Tuttle won free passes to the Elkhorn theatre for the month of February as the winner of the bean guessing contest.

The amount collected from the sale of coffee and cup cakes, which were served by the ladies of the United Presbyterian and Ewing Methodist churches, was \$16.95. Donations at the door amounted to \$67.26.

Members of the American Legion auxiliary sponsored a mother's march for the polio fund. A total of \$47.26 was collected.

Benefit Boxing Attracts Crowd

EWING—The boxing exhibition, a polio benefit, was held Saturday evening at the gymnasium of the Ewing public school and attracted a large crowd.

Don Parsons of Ewing was master of ceremonies, Walt Fick was referee, and Clifford Hahlbeck was timekeeper.

Participating in the bouts of three rounds each were: Senior division—Bernard Gribble of Chambers and Jim Murphy of Atkinson; Butch Pofahl and Larry Wanser, both of Ewing; Roger Pofahl of Ewing and Moss of Chambers.

In the junior division were: Jack Kropp and Dick Wanser; Jim Kropp and "Duke" Hobbs; Jimmie Tams and Tom Wanser; Lonnie Eacker and Terry Wright.

Proceeds, including sale of pop and peanuts totaled \$52.51.

TO BE CAPPED

To be capped at St. Catherine's school of nursing at Omaha Sunday will be the Misses Eleanore Hoelne, Helen Hynes, Carolyn Muff, Charlene Mahony and Lu Ann Fritton.

NEWS, PICTURES OMITTED

Some late-arriving news from special correspondents and contributors has been omitted because of a heavy volume of advertising. The omitted material will appear next issue.

FIREMEN CALLED

O'Neill firemen were summoned at 8:30 a.m., Monday to the Elgin Ray residence where an electric motor on the furnace had burned out, creating smoke.