

Holt Bank Deposits Down from Year Ago

YEAR END STATEMENTS
HOLT COUNTY BANKS

	Deposits	Loans	Assets
O'Neill National Bank	\$ 3,811,090.59	\$ 371,153.77	\$ 4,113,912.06
First National Bank	3,268,198.62	467,987.73	3,549,542.84
Atkinson	3,259,085.60	334,874.14	3,581,145.13
O'Neill	1,164,174.70	368,209.94	1,271,116.24
Tri-County Bank, Stuart	1,098,208.52	267,707.37	1,198,978.30
Farmers State Bank	867,734.86	284,806.10	931,480.74
Ewing			
Chambers State Bank			
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Total	\$13,468,492.89	\$2,094,739.05	\$14,646,175.31

A year ago, the Holt county bank deposits totaled \$13,774,770, making a decrease of \$306,218 compared to this time last year. The assets a year ago totaled \$14,919,659—a difference of \$273,481 lower now. Loans at the end of 1955 were \$2,054,489 lower than the 1954 year end, when the footings showed \$2,260,228.

Once again the O'Neill National Bank heads the list in deposits and assets.

County Brucellosis Organization Formed

Educational Meetings Scheduled

A five-year plan to make Holt county brucellosis free was launched Wednesday afternoon in O'Neill when two delegates from each township in the county met with state and federal veterinarians in the courthouse annex.

A series of educational meetings has been scheduled to acquaint people with the brucellosis eradication program. Committee members will contact all cattle owners in the county. The goal is to enlist 75 percent of the owners and 95 percent of the cattle to qualify Holt as a brucellosis free county in the state-federal program.

Officers elected are: Ernest Gotschall of Atkinson, chairman; Lawrence Pacha of Atkinson, vice-chairman; John J. Dvornak of Atkinson, secretary. There is no membership fee.

At the forthcoming meetings the public will be told of how the committee will call on stock owners to encourage signing up of the breeding stock, giving the number of head. Commercial heifer calves, 4-12-months-old are to be vaccinated; purebred and dairy heifers, 4-8-months-old. Licensed veterinarians will do the vaccinating. The federal government will furnish the vaccine and there will be no cost to the farmer or rancher cooperator.

Here for Wednesday's meeting were Dr. Milo Johnson, federal veterinarian, and Doctor Christie, state veterinarian.

There will be seven community meetings:

- Stuart, fire hall, Monday, January 30, 2 p.m.
- Atkinson, Legion hall, Monday, January 30, 8 p.m.
- Chambers, meeting place to be announced, Tuesday, January 31, 2 p.m.
- Page, meeting place to be announced, Wednesday, February 1, 2 p.m.
- Ewing, meeting place to be announced, Wednesday, February 1, 8 p.m.
- Northeast of O'Neill, Scott township hall, Thursday, February 2, 2 p.m.
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Sommer, Chace Speakers Here

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Social Session

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SCHOOL HEAD TO QUIT

BUTTE—Supt. Maurice E. Wolff, who is for the ninth year, announced that he will retire at the end of the school year. He says he may stay in the teaching profession, but not as a superintendent.

TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. John Clauson are leaving today (Thursday) for Lawndale, Calif., where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Clauson recently held a farm sale and disposed of their personal property and livestock.

Sewer Use Billing Starts This Month

Effective January 1 the new municipal sewer usage tax went into effect.

Don Douglass, head of the city water department, announced this week sewer use fee collections will begin with the billing which goes into the mail on January 31 for patrons on the west side of the city. Only one month of sewer use will appear on the statement, Douglass said. However, subsequent billing will cover a two-month period and will amount to \$1 for each two-month period for each account.

Billing and collections will be handled in the same manner as water accounts. Unpaid accounts are subject to assessment to the property as a lien at the end of the year.

Sewer charges will appear on the same statement as the water bill and will be payable at the water department desk in the police station-lounge.

Lopp, Lambert to Address Groups

Three groups will hold annual meetings simultaneously next week.

The Holt county conservation service, Holt county extension service and Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association have scheduled sessions at the American Legion auditorium on Wednesday, January 25.

Registration for the farm loan group will get underway by 9:30 a.m. at the American Legion hall in O'Neill and a business meeting will be held promptly at 11 a.m., with Frank C. Kruntorad, chairman of the board of directors, presiding.

Following the business session, members of the farm loan association will join with the county extension service and soil conservation.

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Massed Band Concert Feature of Clinic

Members of the bands in the North Central Nebraska conference will participate in a band clinic Monday, January 23, at O'Neill. The clinic will be under the direction of Donald A. Lentz of the University of Nebraska and Ward Rounds of Alliance.

NCNC schools participating will be Ainsworth, Atkinson, Stuart, Valentine, Springview, O'Neill and Bassett. O'Neill will be represented by the combined bands of O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy.

In the evening at 8 o'clock, a concert will be presented by the band at the O'Neill high school auditorium.

Half Hour Show!
"Voice of The Frontier"

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9:30-10 A.M. — 780 k.c.

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Ewing Man Now Minus Both Legs

Gunter Goes Under Surgery in Omaha; Limbs Once Frozen

EWING—Dewitt Gunter, a retired farmer from the Frenchtown locality near here, now is minus both legs.

Several years ago in Sioux City he submitted to the amputation of one leg. On Friday, at the University hospital in Omaha, off came the other leg. Both amputations are above the knee.

His wife, who is near him at Omaha, reports Mr. Gunter is suffering from the shock of the surgery, but is making satisfactory progress and is expected to be home on Sunday.

Mr. Gunter is in his seventies. Relatives say the circulatory trouble set in a number of years ago after his feet and legs were frozen. Amputations were necessary to prevent the spread of gangrene.

The Gunter's only son, Melvin of Orchard, and one of their two daughters, Mrs. Max Graver of New Windsor, O., accompanied Mr. Gunter to the hospital and also were near him at the time of surgery.

The so-called "good leg" had been giving the Ewing man considerable trouble recently. He is in University hospital, Ward C, Omaha.

For several years Mr. Gunter has been scooting about the streets of Ewing in a homemade go-cart (above), a powered vehicle that appeared to be a cross between a bicycle-tricycle-motor car.

Recently the unorthodox machine was replaced by an electric car similar to the one used in O'Neill by Miss Florence Ponton.

Charles Mulford Is Worshipful Master

STUART—Charles Mulford was installed worshipful master of Siloam lodge 147, AF&M, at the lodge hall at Stuart Friday evening. Other newly-installed officers include: Donley Moss, senior warden; Robert Brayton, junior warden; Harry Cowles, secretary; Don Krotter, treasurer; Wilbur Moon, senior deacon; Ora Yarges, junior deacon; John Strode, senior steward; Arthur Kropp, junior steward; Mahlon Shearer, tyler; Mark Nelson, chaplain.

Leonard Roberts, past worshipful master, installed the officers. Wilbur Moon is the retiring worshipful master.

Raise Music Funds

Mother Agnesine on Monday gave a talk at the January meeting of the Friends of St. Mary's. The topic was "The Franciscan Sisters' International Order." Plans were discussed for raising money for the music fund. Entertainment was furnished by the second grade class of St. Mary's academy.

Mr. Tenborg was born in Saunders county near Wahoo, January 12, 1874, the son of Frank and Sophia Tenborg. He came to Holt county in the spring of 1883.

His father had come here earlier to build a homestead shack 2½ miles north and one mile west of Emmet (on the place now occupied by George Pongratz).

The family included the parents, three boys, Fred (the oldest), Bill and Clarence, and one daughter, Sophia.

The elder Tenborgs had originated in Erie, Pa., and were beckoned West by glowing tales from friends and relatives. They sojournd a short time in Wyoming where Bill's father was a foreman for a year or two on a Union Pacific railroad construction crew.

Three daughters and one son died before the family reached Holt and the little girl, Sophia, died at the age of 7 after arriving here.

During the moves the family lost all of their personal effects in the Missouri river at Omaha. A rope that anchored their wagon to the ferryboat broke and the heavily-laden wagon descended to the bottom of the river.

Bill Tenborg won't soon forget the historic blizzard on January 12, 1888.

On that date he was celebrating his 14th birthday anniversary by helping a neighbor, Frank Herley, feed four head of horses in a sod barn at the nearby place occupied by Frank and his father, David.

It was after 9 a.m. The morning air was still and ominously quiet.

Young Bill was pulling out hay, looked up and saw a dense fog.



Amputee Dewitt Gunter . . . loses second leg, gets new conveyance.—The Frontier Photo.

Ewing Postoffice Now Second Class

1955 Receipts Exceed \$8,000

EWING—The postoffice at Ewing has been advanced from a third-class to a second-class rating, the 1955 receipts being in excess of \$8,000.

Office personnel includes Miss Frances Rotherham, postmaster; Willis Rocky and Wilma Daniels, assistants; Charles Rotherham has the route east and south of town with Waldo Davis, assistant; Elmer Bergstrom has a star route going out south and west of town (tri-weekly until 1953 when it became a daily route).

The probable reason for the advancement is the loyal support of its patrons. Among them are: Farmers State Bank, M. B. Huffman, president, Richard Edwards and Mrs. Dorothy Sojka; Ewing public schools, Lewis Carter, superintendent; the several churches; Ewing Livestock Market, Max Wanser, owner and operator; Ewing Creamery, Julian Sojka, manager; Eldorado theater, operated by Dick Shane; Rocky Implement and Conoco Service, operated by R. G. and Willis Rocky; Ruroco Feed store; West Lumber Co.; Zimmerman Insurance Agency; Loughrey locker plant; Spittler Hardware; Pollock Sand and Gravel Co.; Public Telephone Co.; Evelyn Hamilton, manager; Walt's Texaco; Stoney Service; Shaw Oil Co.; Frank Noftke blacksmith shop; Norwood Repair Shop, services by Ernie Norwood; Chicago & North Western railroad, William Spence, agent; J. L. Pruden, order buyer

of hogs; L. A. and William Hobbs, truckers and cattle buyers; Red and White; K.B. Market; Gamble store; restaurants; produce markets; general stores; beauty shop; barber shop and service stations.

The following outlying communities contribute to the volume of business and have had their part in the advancement of the office: Knievel's store, Bethany, Riverside, Deloit and St. John's communities.

While not fortunate in having medical or dental service, Ewing does have Mrs. Bertha Urgan, whose therapy has benefited many local and outstate patients.

Concert starts at 8:15 p.m.

Frank and his father had made their home with the Tenborgs following the death of Mrs. David Herley in 1887.

"Father had built a big house during the summer and we had plenty of room", Bill remembers. They followed the mowed section lines until they reached a storm victim safely to the Tenborg house.

"It was the grand daddy storm of them all," Mr. Tenborg insists. "It got cold, very cold, awfully quick and anybody caught out without protection died, that's all."

"Dad had bought some cattle in the summer and we had raised some. Had about 30 head in all. A few days later we found the dead critters strewn out all the way to O'Neill."

Luckily none of the neighbors perished but the storm took a number of lives and hundreds of cattle.

"A lady down the road took up a homestead and taught a few of us boys two or three months out of the year. That's all the schooling we had."

Bill married Myrtle Neher in March, 1895. They became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Geary Embody of Emmet, Mrs. Kathleen Swick of Clinton, Mrs. Dorothy Kennedy of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Beryl Nickert of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Anne Cadman of Oak Lawn, Ill., Lawrence Tenborg of O'Neill and William Tenborg of Anaortes, Wash.

Mr. Tenborg resides in Emmet with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Geary Embody. He had been active until last summer when he suffered a heat stroke. He is in good health.

"The kids made me get rid of my cattle last year after that heat attack."

"I guess I'm not of much account anymore."

Irish Festival Singers Next on Concert Schedule

Most of the concert-goers in the O'Neill region may never kiss the Blarney stone, sail up Galway bay, go down the water to Limerick or over the water of the Aran Isles, or follow the trail of Yeats, Synge and other Irish bards.

But on Friday evening, January 27, the illustrious Irish Festival Singers, on tour of the United States, will present the second in the 1955-56 series of O'Neill Community Concerts.

The Singers include 12 voices and feature Veronica Dunne, soprano; Dermot Troy, tenor, and Austin Gaffney, baritone. Kitty O'Callaghan is director and accompanist; Sheila Larchet, harpist, and Terry O'Connor, violinist.

They will spread before their concert listeners in song the whole essence of the Irish nation: its sentiment, devotion, charm and earthy humor.

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Weather summary:

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
January 12	41	13	
January 13	37	21	
January 14	35	17	.14
January 15	19	-5	
January 16	0	-9	
January 17	7	-5	.14
January 18	15	-12	

Five-Pupil Amelia High School to Go

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Lynch Farmer in Boyd County Race

BUTTE—Anton E. Kalkowski, a Lynch farmer, has filed for Boyd county supervisor on the democratic ticket. This is for the Second district office. Two other districts are up for contests this year. No other filings have been made.

Clifford Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dick of O'Neill, has volunteered through the Holt county selective service office and reported for military duty on Tuesday, January 10.

Technicalities Cause Fire Meeting Delay

CHAMBERS—Because of administrative technicalities, the organizational meeting for a south-Holt county fire protection district has been postponed indefinitely.

The state fire marshal's office in Lincoln advised promoters of the district the officers could not be elected until certain administrative procedures had been followed.

"It was a question of getting the cart before the horse," said Lloyd Wintermute, one of the spokesmen. All but six of 30 eligible signers have signified their desire to have a district established. The 900-square-mile district, if and when it is finalized, will embrace all of Swan, Josie, Wyoming, Conley, Chambers, Lake and McClure townships, and half of Shamrock.

Date for a hearing to be filed by the county board and date for organizational meeting will be announced later.

4-H Leaders at Training Sessions

'Greater Contribution' to Be Result

A delegation of Holt county 4-H leaders who attended the annual 4-H leaders' conference held last week at Norfolk included:

Linden Mulford of Stuart, tractor; Mrs. William Alm of Dorsey, home living; Assistant Leader Warren Peden of O'Neill, animal husbandry; Mrs. Heler Crumly of O'Neill, clothing, and County Home Extension Agent Kathryn Indra, foods.

This leaders' meeting was made possible through the sponsorship of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, Standard Oil Foundation, Inc. of Chicago, Ill., and Local Rural Power Suppliers of Columbus.

The first day—Tuesday, January 10 featured interested speakers on "Understanding the 4-H Club Program," "Safety," "Junior Leadership Techniques," "Promoting Parent Participation," and group sessions.

"Party Fun for Everyone" ended the day and evening meetings.

On Wednesday, January 11, the leaders attended project meetings. The day was brought to a close with a 4-H leaders' banquet at the Hotel Madison ballroom. A leader from Holt county was chosen to give the response to the sponsors of the conference.

Thursday morning was spent attending project meetings. A special noon luncheon was given at the hotel. The conference adjourned at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Hammerlun, spokesman for the group from Holt, said: "We feel by virtue of the experience we can make a greater contribution to club work in our own communities."

Ashburn Crew in Benefit Here

Ritchie Ashburn and his Tilden All-Stars basketball team will appear in a benefit game here Wednesday, January 25, and proceeds will go to the march of dimes.

The national guard cagers will provide the opposition.

COLONEL DRATH HERE

Col. Francis Drath, assistant director of Nebraska selective service, spent last Thursday here in conference with the Holt draft board.

George Janousek, proprietor, said the changes will enable the firm to increase its stock of merchandise and, at the same time, provide more space for shoppers. The meat department has been enlarged and new tile flooring laid.

Mr. Janousek opened the store four years ago and the volume has been growing steadily.

O'Neill Saddle Club Plans Benefit Dance

Smitty and his Jumpin' Jax orchestra of Yankton, S.D., have been booked for a benefit dance to be held Thursday, January 26, at the American Legion ballroom. The affair will be sponsored by the O'Neill Saddle Club.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of new lights for the club's new arena in Carney park. The arena was set up last fall in the park which is being restored.

4-H Leaders to Meet, Elect

All 4-H leaders in Holt county are asked to attend a meeting Saturday, January 21, at 10 a.m., in the assembly room of the courthouse. This includes all leaders and leaders of newly-organized clubs.

The meeting will consist of election of officers and planning of the program for the coming year.

Worden, 67, Rites Held At Burwell

Amelia Rancher Dies Sunday in Hospital; to County in 1901

AMELIA—Roy Worden, 67, a resident of southwestern Holt county since 1901, died Sunday evening, January 15, in the Community hospital at Burwell where he had been a patient for nine days.