

### Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hoerle and two sons of Seattle, Wash., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoerle; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beed, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beed and son of Lincoln spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beed, and family.

Melvine Medcalf of O'Neill visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Medcalf, a few days last week.

Mrs. Elwyn Rubeck and

daughter, Kathryn, of O'Neill spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Honeywell. Mrs. Rubeck is recovering from a siege of mumps.

Mrs. John Mitchell of Belden spent from July 27 to August 2 with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, and family and other relatives.

Mrs. Richard Harley and son spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phipps and family of Lincoln came last Thursday. They brought her mother, Mrs. Ida Howard, home

from St. Anthony's hospital and visited in the Wintermote home until Sunday.

Cpl. Wayne Hoffman, who is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kans., is spending a 12-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, and Carol.

The following relatives gathered at the C. V. Robertson home last Thursday evening for a picnic supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Haussler and family of Holbrook. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Robertson.

The American Legion auxiliary met Friday evening, August 6, with Mrs. Rubeck and family. Thirteen members were present. A report from the firing line was read from the firing line was Mrs. T. E. Alderson. One new member, Mrs. C. F. Gillette, was admitted by transfer from the Stuart unit. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Peltzer and Mrs. Kieth Sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grubb and family of McGill, Nev., came Wednesday, August 4, to visit her mother, Mae Hubbard, his sisters, Mrs. W. D. Reninger and Mrs. Clarence Wyant, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Haussler and family of Arapahoe were dinner guests on Thursday, August 5, in the H. C. Walter home.

Sunday, August 8, dinner guests in the Herman Cook home were Mrs. Ida Howard of California, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Phipps and family of Lincoln, Mrs. John Wintermote and Mr. and Mrs. Gaus Wintermote and Carolyn.

### State Capitol News

## Valuation Decreases Ordered

LINCOLN—With the primary election campaign out of the way this week, the state settled back to other activities.

Highway officials were studying the Iowa highway commission's positive report on the feasibility of a toll road across that state and figuring out what it might mean for Nebraska.

Heads of departments at the statehouse were beginning to figure out their budgets for the next fiscal year.

But the most interest was likely to center on reaction by the counties to the state board of equalization's action in adjusting tax assessments in 59 of the 93 counties.

The final action amounted to a general decrease in real estate assessments across the state but not on a blanket basis. It followed a period of backing and filling and hedging such as only officials facing election in a few days could go through.

#### No Worry for Peterson—

Of the five member board only State Tax Commissioner George Peterson could be half-way objective and not appointive official, he didn't have to worry about this week's election.

First, the board called in 42 counties. Some were asked to show cause why either their town lot or their farmland valuations shouldn't be lowered. Others were asked why their valuations shouldn't be increased.

The choice of those to be called in was based mostly on whether their abstracts of assessment showed a marked change from last year.

But even though Douglas county had showed a 20 percent loss in town lot valuations and an 18 percent overall loss in valuation—\$196 million—it was not called in. Douglas county contains Omaha, Nebraska's wealthiest and most populous city.

The reason given was that the Douglas county board of equalization has recently placed on the books figures obtained in a scientific reappraisal by the Douglas county tax appraisal board (TAB). The TAB, set up by the 1947 legislature, has made a scientific reappraisal of Omaha property.

But in giving this reason, the state board placed itself in a peculiar position. For if it accepted Douglas county scientific reappraisal, why shouldn't it accept those of other counties?

At least two of the counties called in had had such reappraisals. Richardson and Buffalo counties were quick to point out this inconsistency on the part of the state board. And Otoe county, which had a reappraisal several years ago, demanded that something be done about Douglas county.

Pressure Continues— This pressure continued all week as county officials pointed to Douglas county to cover up changes they had made in their assessments. Some counties could point to genuine reasons for assessment cuts such as drought, decline in the economy, or a large number of dying small towns.

Midway through the first week of hearings, Douglas county officials—incensed at the criticism offered to appear voluntarily. So did Lancaster county (Lincoln).

Then the state board took another direction. It decided to call in all the counties for hearings. It began to appear that a statewide blanket cut was in prospect. Probabilities were that Douglas county would be the yardstick with a blanket cut of around 15 percent so other counties could show the same loss in valuation from last year.

But board members got a surprise when the second batch of counties called in to have their assessments left alone. This brought a revamping of plans and the board went back to the old idea of treating each county by itself.

In general these were the results:

1. Although there was a somewhat general decrease, the drought areas of southwest Nebraska, the range and cattle country of the sandhills, and the

corn country of southeast Nebraska got the best breaks. The first two areas got it because of economics. Southeastern Nebraska counties were decreased because their county boards have traditionally held land valuations high to get enough money to run governments and rebuild bridges after the frequent floods of the area.

2. Valuations in the bigger towns and cities got lopped slightly—all except Douglas county which was left alone. No one on the board would admit it, but this was tacit evidence the board now feels it may have overvalued the bigger towns in last year's statewide equalization.

3. Gov. Robert Crosby, chairman of the board, insisted that Douglas county was not used as a yardstick.

4. Counties where scientific reappraisals were made were generally left alone. An exception was Lancaster county (Lincoln) which got a 10 percent cut on town lot valuations.

#### Toll Highway Study—

A report was released on an extensive feasibility study by the Iowa highway department on possibilities for a toll road across the state.

The department said there would be enough traffic to justify such a road across Iowa and

that it could be built by 1959. This would hook up with a planned Illinois turnpike west from Chicago.

Raymond McGrath of Omaha, chairman of the Nebraska Turnpike authority, said this paved the way for such a study here.

A syndicate of investment bankers had offered to make a feasibility study in Nebraska if the Iowa report were satisfactory. They would have refused to do so if the Iowa report had been negative.

There was one surprise in the Iowa report as far as State Engineer L. N. Bess was concerned. He had expected the Iowa road to head toward north Omaha and the Mormon Memorial bridge. Instead the Iowa report recommended a route toward Council Bluffs and south Omaha. Bess shook his head at this, predicting some expensive construction to route the turnpike through the South Omaha area.

Still up in the air will be what route across Nebraska and whether a toll road clear across the state is feasible.

If the investment bankers foot the bill for the feasibility study, it may mean the legislature will not have to appropriate money for it. McGrath expressed the hope that something may still be done in time for presenting of a plan to the 1955 legislature.

### When You and I Were Young... Proves Alfalfa Adapted to Area Golden Brings in 2d Cutting

50 Years Ago Miss Gillespie, who has been in Omaha for the past 14 months, is home and expects to remain here for a few months. . . . The deputy postmistress at O'Neill, Miss O'Malley, has received the welcome intelligence from the postal department, stating the allowance for the deputy's services had been advanced \$100 a year. . . . The first load of alfalfa to come to O'Neill was brought in from one of T. V. Golden's farms. The load was from the second cutting. Mr. Golden says he has tried for five years to demonstrate that alfalfa can be grown here and now he has the evidence. . . . Marshal Martins reports that he has received more notices of thefts from towns in this section this summer than ever before.

#### 20 Years Ago

John Steckmeyers, sexton at Calvary cemetery, must have been born under a lucky star. He was in the pump house at the cemetery when the 950-gallon water tank exploded, blowing the east end of the building out and the tank itself through the west side of the building. He was not hurt. . . . Harrison Bridge of Orchard is the new proprietor of the filling station on the corner of Fourth and Douglas. . . . The doctors of the county have filed suit in district court against the county to recover \$1,824.07 in claims against the county. . . . A. E. Bower returned last Saturday from a trip to Chicago, Ill., where he combined a stock buying trip with a visit to the exposition and a lake trip to Milwaukee, Mich.

#### 10 Years Ago

Bud E. Anderson's Jungle Oddities and three-ring circus will put on two performances in O'Neill. . . . Michael McDermott died in Idaho. Funeral services were held in O'Neill from St. Patrick's Catholic church. He was a World War I veteran and one of the first seven men to leave Holt county in the draft. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whaley entertained at a dancing party held in their home. An old-time fiddle kept the party whirling. . . . Robert Ryan was commissioned a second lieutenant in the air force and awarded silver bombardier wings at Deming army air field, N.M.

#### One Year Ago

William Grothe fractured his neck in a fall down the basement steps at his home northwest of Emmet. . . . Natural gas will be formally ushered into O'Neill at a flare-lighting ceremony to take place in front of the courthouse. Emmet Crabb will light the flare. . . . LaVern Morgan and Lodema Welfo were crowned king and queen at the hay days celebration in Atkinson. The Atkinson Style shop won the grand prize in the parade with their float entry—"Prairie Women of Nebraska." . . . Another air force

model H-18 helicopter reached the air force wind test site in O'Neill. It was brought here from Memphis, Tenn. The new skipper is Capt. James T. Butcher, veteran fighter pilot.

#### Presented Gift at Memorial Tea—

FAGE—The annual memorial tea of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the church parlors Thursday afternoon, July 29. The girls' chorus sang two selections.

Mrs. N. D. Ickes presented an quilt membership pin to Mrs. William Howell, who is moving to Plainview. The pin was given in recognition of Mrs. Howell's service in the quilting department of the organization. She was also given another gift. Mrs. Herbert Steinberg presented readings. Mrs. Merwyn French, jr., sang two selections. Mrs. Merwyn French, sr., gave a reading.

### O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller and family left Sunday for a two week vacation trip through the Black Hills and to Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer spent Sunday in Butte visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fuhrer. Ramona returned to her home with them. She has been visiting at the Sam Fuhrer's since Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus returned Saturday from Minocqua, Wis., where they had visited for a week at Awassa Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Binco of Chadron and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Binco of Willmar, Minn., were last Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie. The Binco's are former O'Neillites.

Mrs. J. J. Byrne of Bridgeport, Conn., and Thomas Golden of Chesire, Conn., left Monday after visiting for a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clear Golden. Mrs. Golden accompanied them to Omaha where she will visit her mother for a week.

Mrs. Joseph Bruder and Mrs. Walter Ries and children all of Atkinson, visited Tuesday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Herman Janzing and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier and Carroll and Harlan Sawyer of Ainsworth spent Sunday in Lyons visiting Joe and Oza Grenier and their families.

Robert Eby of Omaha visited Saturday at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. J. Eby.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Langan, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hynes, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kersenbrock, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Benson, Mrs. Kenneth Ellston and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer were among those in Columbus Friday attending the horse races.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter entertained at a family gathering at their home honoring her niece, Mrs. Elsie Grubb and family of Ely. New guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard and Mrs. Mae Hubbard, all of Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porte and family.

Sister M. Calixta of Omaha

and Sister Marie Brenden of Omaha will arrive Sunday to visit for several days with Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin and Miss Genevieve Biglin. Miss Biglin will go to Omaha to drive them to O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn and Mrs. F. N. Cronin, were Saturday guests of Mrs. Carrie Borg.



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### Inman News

Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan drove to Tekamah last Thursday where they attend the centennial parade and celebration, returning home Friday evening. Enroute home they stopped in West Point and called on Miss Lily B. Munroe, Miss Lily Bruner and Mrs. Amy Almy.

Melvin and Elmer Michaelis and Mrs. Lloyd Smith drove to Omaha Wednesday, August 4, returning that night, bringing Mrs. Elmer Michaelis to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ticknor and Mr. and Mrs. George Laney returned on Saturday from Flandreau, S. D. where they spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laney. Joe is a son of the Laney's and a brother of Mrs. Ticknor.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan drove to the Ft. Randall dam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fowler and son, Mark, of Olive, Calif., arrived Sunday and are spending a few days visiting Che's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler.

Miss Marilyn Siders celebrated her birthday anniversary on Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Juracek Sandra and Gaylene of Orchard helped her celebrate and were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Evar Burns, Mrs. E. E. Burns and Elmer Grafis of Laurel were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. McMahan on Monday. They were enroute to Palo Alto, Calif., to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Synder and family of O'Neill were Monday guests in the home of Mrs. Synder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders and Marilyn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Keyes and daughter, Miss Murl, of Valentine spent the weekend her visiting in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and family.

To Columbus— Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French spent Sunday in Columbus visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Townsend.

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## MARKET REPORT

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### ATKINSON LIVESTOCK MARKET

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Tuesday, August 10th, Auction

Cattle receipts 803 head. Although there were many out-state cattle buyers in attendance, it was apparent that most of them are yet unwilling to follow any further advance on stockers and feeders at this time. Although prices held fully steady with a week ago, competition was not as aggressive, resulting in a somewhat slower market. Medium to good steers of all weights brought from \$17.00 to \$18.50, plainer kinds \$12.50 to \$16.00, feeding heifers \$15.00 to \$16.50, with stocker kinds at \$14.00 to \$15.50, steer calves sold in a range of \$17.00 to \$19.00 with comparable heifers at \$14.00 to \$16.50 a hundred. Cows from \$7.50 to \$11.50 a hundred. Bulls \$10.50 to \$12.00 a hundred.

Next Auction: Tuesday, August 17th — Current good prices for replacement cattle are bound to attract larger receipts from now on—so we again urge you to list your consignments early, so as to receive full benefit of all advertising.

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