

Former Sen. Bowring to See Summerfield

Stock Cows Valued at \$80 by Assessor

Household List Is Simplified

The valuations of grain and livestock to be used in assessing personal property this year have been announced by County Assessor William F. Wetso. The prices quoted are full value and will be cut in half for figuring the taxes. Among the major items are: Corn, \$1.20 per bushel; wheat, \$2; oats, 70c; barley, 90c; rye, 90c; sorghum, \$1.10, and popcorn, \$1.20 per bushel; broom grass, 10c per pound; alfalfa seed, \$12 per bushel; sweet clover seed, \$6; red clover seed, \$16; and hybrid seed corn, \$5 per bushel.

To be assessed at "local market value" are sudan grass, edible beans and potatoes.

The annual assessing period begins today (Thursday) — March 10.

On a per ton rate will be prairie hay, \$10; alfalfa hay, \$16; red clover hay, \$14; ensilage and fodder, \$5.

Purebred cattle valuations have been set as follows: Cows under 6-months, \$30; 6- to 12-months, \$60; 12- to 18-months, \$90; heifers, 18- to 30-months, \$80; steers over 30-months, \$100; milk cows, \$120; stock cows, \$100, and bulls, \$400 and up.

Grade cattle: Calves under 6-months, \$20; 6- to 12-months, \$30; 12- to 18-months, \$50; steers, 18- to 30-months, \$110; heifers, 18- to 30-months, \$80; steers over 30-months, \$140; stock cows, \$80; milk cows, \$140; bulls, \$140 and up. Cattle on feed 80 days will be assessed at \$18 to \$22 per hundred pounds.

Horses will range from \$60 for saddle horses to \$200 and up for race horses.

Butcher hogs will be valued at \$14 per hundred weight and sows at \$12 per hundred weight.

Sheep will range from \$8 per head for ewes and rams to \$18 per hundred pounds for feeder lambs and sheep on feet.

Turkeys will be assessed at \$50 per dozen with chickens, ducks and geese at \$10 per dozen.

Dogs will be assessed at \$10 and up; minks at \$8; chinchillas at \$10 and rabbits at 50 cents. Bees will be assessed at \$6 per stand.

The itemized list of household goods has been simplified in this year's assessment schedule. Individual items to be listed are air conditioners, deep freezers, dishwashers, pianos and musical instruments, refrigerators, radios and record players, sewing machines, stoves, television sets, washers, dryers and ironers.

There will be another line for "value of all other household goods." All household items except the above listed items will be grouped in this category and taxpayers are urged to have approximate figures ready when going to the assessor's starting March 10.

All military service will also be recorded along with this year's assessment work. Under interrogatory 5 the following will be asked: "Have you or has any member of your household served or are you or any member of your family now serving in the armed services of the United States?" If the answer is "yes," you must state such person's name, address, branch of service date of enlistment or commencement of such service and date of discharge.

Mr. Wetso also checks that this information is checked prior to appearing before the assessor so the information will be correct.

(A list of the assistant assessors and their office addresses may be found in an advertisement on page 2.)

Improvements for Camp Are Planned

2 Cleveland Youth Sessions Scheduled

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Life-long Resident of Community

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She was the last remaining member of the Cornelius J. and Hanna Kelly family, and leaves no immediate survivors.

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Broiler Meal Served to Clubbers

The Elkhorn extension club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ray Lawrence. Following the business session, leader B. Mrs. Helie King, gave the second half of the lesson on broiler meals. The food used in the demonstration was later served as luncheon.

The club will meet next at the Neil Clark home.

Little Girl, 6, Treats Classmates

Dawnrae Robinson on Thursday, March 3, treated all her little classmates and her teacher to ice cream and cake—the event being her sixth birthday anniversary.

After returning home from school, another party awaited her at her home.

Cubs Take Hike, Buy Treats

The cub scouts of den 2 met Wednesday after school. We gave the law of pack and scout promise. We discussed the theme, "Knights of Yore". We are to make shields and swords. We took a short hike and bought treats at the Outlaw store.

FIRM SOLD
CLEARWATER—Raymond Filminger has purchased the implement business of Emmett and Reed Mummert. He took possession this week.

BAND IS HEARD
The St. Mary's band performed before an appreciative audience Tuesday evening.

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Municipal Balloting to Be Keen

6 Petitions Already on File While Others Being Circulated

Petition couriers have been busy this week gathering signatures in order to insure candidates' berths on the Tuesday, April 5, municipal election ballot.

City Clerk O. D. French said at 3 p. m., Wednesday the following petitions already had been filed:

For mayor—L. C. Walling, two-year term.

For city council, First ward—M. J. Golden; Second ward—H. E. Coyne; Third ward—Dale Fetrow. (All two-year terms.)

Of these, only Golden is an incumbent.

Meanwhile, two petitions for the city schools' board of education already have been filed with the city clerk. They are: H. L. Lindberg and Mrs. Loretta Hynes. (Both are incumbents rounding out their first three-year terms.)

Other petitions have been in circulation this week—though not as yet filed.

These include:

For mayor—A. Marcellus and Paul Beha.

For city council, First ward—Earl Rodman and Earl R. Hunt; Second ward—Marvin Johnson (incumbent); Third ward—Fred Heermann.

Sidewalk gossipers say several other candidates might yet get into the field via the petition route. No caucus will be held. Deadline for filing petitions is March 15. The competition already points to one of the liveliest elections in recent years.

Some observers say the Walling-Golden-Coyne-Fetrow group constitutes a ticket sponsored by the O'Neill Taxpayers' league, which has gone on record opposed to the 60-thousand-dollar street-widening issue.

Members of the council whose terms expire are: First ward—M. J. Golden, who has been opposed to street-widening from the outset; Second ward—Marvin Johnson, who has voted "for" street-widening agreements; Third ward—Norbert Uhl, who has voted both "for" and "against."

Uhl has been a member of the council 18 years.

Sens. Roman Hruska and Carl T. Curtis and Rep. A. L. Miller already have shown active interest in the move to restore considerable mail haul to the C&NW.

Also, today Mrs. Bowring will be conferring with the South Dakota congressional delegation, because Black Hills area mail and express mail are in the overall plans to "firm up" the C&NW's last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains.

Last October the C&NW indicated it was considering taking the necessary steps to discontinue these two trains because of mounting operational losses.

RECREATION IS TOPIC
STUART—Parent-Teacher association members Monday night discussed recreation facilities and landscaping of the school grounds. A movie, "Some One Pays the Piper," was shown.

MOVE TO KANSAS

EWING—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kirschmer and family have moved to Wichita, Kans., where Mr. Kirschmer has employment. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bergstrom have rented the property vacated by the Kirschmers.

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Clarence Focken, spiritual director, led the group in prayer before discussion began.

The board voted unanimously to unite through the pastors all of the young people of the surrounding Niobrara-Elkhorn area to the Cleveland Bible camp for the summer sessions.

There will be two sessions, the first for high school age young people will be open June 28-July 1, inclusive; the second for the intermediate young people, will be July 5-July 10, inclusive.

The annual camp picnic and consecration service for the public will be Sunday July 10.

Several material improvements for the camp were discussed.

The board voted to elect Reverend Payas and Reverend Su to be in charge of the camp.

St. Mary's Students Learn About Careers

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Youth, 19, Suffers Spinal Disease

Duane ("Sonny") Boyle, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Boyle of O'Neill, is in "poor" condition at St. Anthony's hospital, suffering from an incurable spinal disease. He is in a semi-conscious condition and relatives say no hope is held for his recovery.

The young man entered the hospital Friday after having been bedfast at home for about a month.

He was hurt last year on a construction project in Omaha and has submitted to surgery at University hospital, Omaha.

The young man is partially paralyzed as a result of the spinal disease and the paralysis is of the progressive type, relatives told The Frontier.

Carl E. Mitchell Expires in Hospital

CHAMBERS—Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 12, at 11 a. m., for Carl E. Mitchell, 65, resident of the Chambers community since 1934. Mr. Mitchell died at 5 a. m., Wednesday, March 9, in St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill after an illness dating back to Thanksgiving, 1954.

The rites will be held in Memorial Baptist church and burial will be in the Chambers cemetery near the grave of his wife, Edna, who died 11 years ago.

Palbearers will be Eric Dankert, William Ritterbush, Clarence Young, Ernest Young, Wilbur Osborn and Warren Gribble.

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The Carolers in Season's Finale

Since the formation of The Carolers in the summer of 1950, this singing group of five solo voices has made three successful tours of the country and is embarking on a fourth.

They will be heard here on Friday evening, March 11, at the O'Neill high school auditorium, in one of their unique and versatile programs, which have delighted concert audiences all over the country, on radio and television, with symphony orchestra and on MGM records.

Their O'Neill appearance will mark the fourth—and final—concert in the O'Neill Community Concert series. Doors will open at 7:30 p. m.

The combination of five solo voices (soprano, two tenors, baritone and bass-baritone) gives the group unusual flexibility and the program format benefits accordingly. It features quintets for the entire group, duets for various combinations of voices, trios, selections for the male quartet, and several solos.

The music ranges from a medley of the great Scottish songs, to little-known Schubert ensembles originally composed for four or five voices; from operatic excerpts to a group of spirituals; from contemporary music of Gershwin and Menotti to the best songs from today's musical plays.

Last season, The Carolers made their orchestral debut when they sang a special concert with the San Antonio symphony orchestra. In the winter of 1953, they charmed two of the nation's most metropolitan and musically erudite audiences with their special programs of Christmas music in New York's Town Hall and Washington, D.C.'s National Gallery.

The New York Times hailed their "pleasant and unusual program," and called it an "uncommonly agreeable evening's musical fare."

Soprano Penny Perry comes from Minneapolis, Minn., where she started out as a staff radio singer at the age of 16. For two



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Grays Wed 59 Years

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR., Frontier Feature Writer

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Mrs. Fred Newton Dies in Colorado

Mrs. Fred Newton, about 85, died Monday, March 7, in a Denver, Colo., hospital. She had been ill more than a year and hospitalized much of that time.

Funeral services tentatively planned today (Thursday) in Greeley, Colo., and burial will be made there.

One of her brothers, Jack Waldron of O'Neill, was unable to attend the funeral because of health reasons. A letter written by his aged sister was received by Mr. Waldron at the same time he received a telegram advising of her death.

The late Mrs. Newton, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Waldron, was born in Pittston, Pa., the second child of the late Thomas and Bridget Waldron.

Miss Green Pleases Concert-Goers

(See photo on page 7)

The third in a series of Community Concerts was presented here Friday evening by the famous soprano, Miss Theresa Green.

Miss Green warmed her way into the hearts of the O'Neill (Continued on page 10)



The Carolers, four male voices and a soprano . . . to windup O'Neill's 1954-55 Community Concert series.

Street-Issue Back in Court

State to Accept Bids April 1—

The state highway department April 1 will open bids for widening eight blocks of streets which carry U.S. highways 20 and 281 through O'Neill.

Deputy State Engineer Henry Schlitt said Saturday two blocks of Fourth street and six blocks of Douglas street are to be made 68 feet wide—four 12-foot driving lanes and two 10-foot parallel parking lanes.

Highway department officials once again are building a by-pass around O'Neill. City officials agreed to the street-widening and parallel parking, Mr. Schlitt said.

Petition Omits Res, Challenges Council's Assessment Policy

The squabble over O'Neill's street-widening issue is back in court again.

At 2:30 p. m., Monday, C. J. Gatz and Jack Arbuthnot, as plaintiffs, filed a new petition in Holt county district court asking for a temporary injunction to be issued against Acting Mayor Emmett Crabb and members of the city council. Gatz and Arbuthnot are asking the court to restrain the council from proceeding with street improvement projects which would result in widening of Douglas street "to approximately 79 feet."

Besides Crabb, other members of the council named defendants were Joseph Stutz, Marvin Johnson, Norbert Uhl, Max Golden and L. M. Merriman.

The council entered into agreement with the state highway department on the premise of street-widening would keep U.S. highways 20 and 281 on present location through the business district.

Gatz and Arbuthnot, through their attorneys, Harold Connors of Greeley and John R. Gallagher of O'Neill, filed the petition in a similar action. Notices were served on the city officials and Res, but summonses were never served.

In the initial action, Gatz and Arbuthnot alleged the city's agreement with the state was "null and void" because of a series of technicalities.

At 8 a. m., Monday, February 14, the council convened and "ratified and reaffirmed" its action taken during 1954. At the hearing before District Judge D. R. Mounts, two hours later, the city's attorneys claimed the court had no jurisdiction in the matter because summonses had not been served. Whereupon the attorneys for the plaintiffs asked the court to dismiss the original petition "without prejudice."

The court granted the request and Connors and Gallagher promised a new petition in behalf of their clients after "sufficient time to study the proceedings of the extraordinary 8 a. m., council meeting."

In the new petition filed Monday, Gatz, Arbuthnot, and "other similarly situated" still insist the council's agreement with the state is "null and void." They allege the state, in the contract, has given "no assurance in any respect that the state will not bypass said city."

The new petition assails the state highway department's requirements as "unreasonable" in requiring the city of O'Neill to widen to 79 feet when "towns of greater size and with heavier traffic are not required to widen that much."

Gatz and Arbuthnot, in their suit, refer to the November 8, 1954, special session of the city council at which a resolution was passed. The resolution stated that the city had no written notice of the meeting and further alleged Emmett Crabb, president of the council, did not have lawful authority to enter into such an agreement with the state. (Crabb has issued a public statement insisting he did have the authority.)

The City of O'Neill alleges the city's agreement with the state is also null and void because "the (Continued on page 10)

Hospital Visitors Disregard Rules

Flagrant disregard for the established visiting hours at St. Anthony's hospital has created considerable concern to the doctors, nurses and Sisters of St. Francis.

"Sometimes as many as 12 visitors are crowded into a single room for the purpose of 'cheering' a patient. This practice is contrary to all accepted hospital and sick room standards," a hospital spokesman said.

All visitors are asked to observe the following regulations:

1. Visitors' hours: 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon; 7 to 8:30 in the evening. There are no morning visiting hours. Sunday morning is no exception to the rule.
2. Limit your visit to 15 minutes.
3. Only two visitors at one time for each patient. Wait your turn in the lobby.
4. Visitors are requested to withdraw from the room when a doctor makes his visit to the patient.
5. Children under 12-years-old are not permitted to visit patients in the hospital at any time.
6. Patients in adjoining rooms may be greatly disturbed by loud conversation. Please visit quietly.
7. When the loud speaker bids goodbye to all visitors, will you please leave?

"We shall appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to hasten the patients' recovery, and to make visiting hours pleasant and not disturbing," the spokesman concluded.

Visiting Couple Arrested on Arrival

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fry of Sweet Home, Ore., were arrested Sunday by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack. They had reached Chambers the day before to visit relatives.

An Oregon peace officer came Monday to return the couple toregon to face charges. Tomjack said the Frys were wanted in four states on check charges.

BECOMES CAPTAIN

BRUNHORST—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunhorst have received word that their daughter, Audrey, has been promoted to the rank of captain. She is with the army nurse corps and is stationed in England.

LEAVING FOR EUROPE

REDBIRD—Pvt. Garry Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Redbird, called Monday from Ft. Bliss, Tex., to advise his parents he will leave for Europe this week for Europe.

Try Frontier want ads!

AUTO INTO GARDEN

An auto driven by Leo Matthews, accompanied by two companions, left state highway 108 about 10:30 p. m., Sunday, ending up in the A. E. Robinson garden.