

Meat Packing Firm Chooses O'Neill

Officers of the Kauror Co. Inc., independent Chicago, Ill., meat packing firm, Saturday voted to locate a branch plant at O'Neill in an expansion program which is getting underway.

Exact site of the new plant to be constructed here has not yet been determined. A fortnight ago, G. A. Kauror and one of his partners visited O'Neill and toured a half-dozen possible plant locations.

They told members of the Chamber of Commerce new industries committee, headed by James W. Rooney, they were "favorably impressed with O'Neill."

Word of the decision to locate at O'Neill was forwarded to the committee by William J. Froelich, Chicago attorney who maintains his home here. Mr. Froelich had held several conferences with Mr. Kauror during the negotiations.

"Barring a hitch in working out details, involving acquiring of real estate and lease - rental agreements with an investment house, we expect the plans to move right ahead," Mr. Rooney said.

The company will start O'Neill operations on a small scale but will plan their installation here to make it easy to expand. Initially around 300 head of cattle will be slaughtered per week. Later, if economic conditions permit, they may handle as many as 1,000 to 1,500 head per week. About 12 to 15 men will be employed at the beginning.

The Kauror firm plans to slaughter only beef at the outset. No estimates have been given on the approximate cost of the plant, yards and equipment.

City Engineer James Thorburn of Norfolk was busy this week surveying several possible sites. Sewage, water supply and truckage are factors which will help determine the plant location. Kauror's architects and engineers will take over after surveyed plans have been submitted to the Chicago firm.

Coffee Price Okay—While It Lasts

The Council Oak store advertisement on page 3 of this issue quotes Chase & Sanborn drip or regular grind coffee at 89-cents per pound; instant coffee, 87-cents for a four-ounce jar. Darrel Slaymaker, store manager, early Wednesday received a telegram declaring an expected shipment of this coffee would not be received this week.

Unfortunately, the page on which the Council Oak appears had already been printed when the notification was received and it was impossible to remove coffee from the ad.

Says Mr. Slaymaker: "We have on hand a limited supply of this coffee and it will be sold, while the supply lasts, at the 89- and 87-cent figures, as advertised."

William Anderson's Honored on 51st Anniversary

The five daughters and their families of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, staged a surprise dinner for them at their home Sunday honoring their 51st wedding anniversary.

These present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peters of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hitchcock of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson and family of Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Timm and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville McKim and family and Mrs. Billie Marcellus, all of O'Neill.

Parley Set for Board, Road Group

10-Day Stay Granted; Closed Session Set for Friday, Feb. 5

A 10-day stay in the mandamus action brought against the Holt county board of supervisors went on file Tuesday.

The Holt County Rural Road Improvement association, headed by Frank J. Brady of Atkinson, a fortnight ago filed an action in Holt county district court requiring the county board to show cause why the supervisor districts should not be redistricted. The plaintiffs demanded an answer by February 1.

The new answer date is February 10. However, a closed door conference has been scheduled for Friday, February 5, to be held at the courthouse. Officials of the road group and their attorney, Elven Butterfield of Neligh, and the supervisors with their attorney, William W. Griffin, will wrestle with the problem.

The mandamus action is based on an ancient Nebraska law which provides for redistricting of the counties following each census. The revamped districts, the law says, are to be determined by votes cast in the last preceding general election.

The law was born during the era of settlement of the state and was designed to balance representation on the county boards according to population changes. However, during the 1930's and early '40's population in the county decreased.

Based on latest vote figures, O'Neill and Grattan township together can boast almost two supervisors, while the northern townships in the county all put together could account for little more than one supervisor.

How the problem will be resolved at the closed session is now a matter of popular speculation.

Damaged Car Is Abandoned by Soldier

A car registered to Cpl. L. Dillon of Kentucky was abandoned about 5:30 a.m., Tuesday after the westbound machine had left the highway, overturned and ended up on the south side of the road. State Highway Patrolman Robert Gude of O'Neill was summoned by a motorist, but Gude said he found no trace of the occupant or occupants.

A check of ambulance firms and hospitals in the area failed to locate Corporal Dillon. Persons living near the scene of the accident, 1 1/2 miles east of the state widening at the junction of U.S. highways 20 and 275, told Gude they knew nothing about the accident.

Visit Verdigre

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartos and Karen visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartos and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartos, Jr., in Verdigre Sunday.

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Helen Steinberg, 87, Expires at Orchard

PAGE—Mrs. Helen Steinberg, 87, died about 6 p.m., Saturday, January 23, at her home southeast of Page, in the Orchard locality, after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the United Brethren church at Orchard.

The late Mrs. Steinberg came to the Orchard vicinity in 1909 from Dodge. Since 1919, she has resided on a place four miles west and two miles north of Orchard.

Mr. Steinberg died several years ago and Mrs. Steinberg continued to keep house for her son, John, until about a year ago when her daughter, Mrs. Marie Clemans, came to help with the work.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Clyde Sponhower of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Henry Wegner of Scribner, and Mrs. Marie Clemans of Creighton; sons—Herbert of Ewing, Floyd of Orchard, and John at home.

The temperature dropped to 16 below zero last Thursday.

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D. N. Murphy, Retired Farmer, Resident of Nebraska Since '80

Dennis Nicholas Murphy, 97-year-old retired farmer residing north of Emmet, died at 5:30 a.m., Saturday morning, January 23, at the family home which is 14 miles northwest of O'Neill.

The late Mr. Murphy was born August 20, 1856, at Ottawa, Ill. His parents were the late James and Ellen Regan Murphy, who were natives of Ireland.

He came to Nebraska in 1880, residing for three years in the Kearney vicinity, in 1883 he came to Holt county and homesteaded here, proving up in 1888.

On April 11, 1893, at O'Neill, he married the former Ellen Dixon, who died in 1923.

They became the parents of 11 children. Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. G. E. Miles of O'Neill, Mrs. Al Fritton of O'Neill, Mrs. Marie McDonald of O'Neill, Mrs. Mike Troshynski of O'Neill and Mrs. Ernest Wedge of Emmet; sons—James Murphy of O'Neill, William Murphy of Opportunity, John of O'Neill, Francis of O'Neill and Clarence of north of Emmet. There are 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Helen, died in 1937.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Monday, January 25, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Biglin's in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons—Robert Miles, Arlen Miles, Jack McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Gerald Murphy, Calvin Murphy, Billie Murphy and Donald Murphy.

Durre Burns Hand in Stove Explosion

CHAMBERS—Lloyd Durre, who resides 22 miles south of O'Neill and four miles east, suffered burns on his left forearm and hand about 10:30 p.m., Monday when an explosion occurred in the well house at the place owned by Durre's father, Ernest Durre.

The young farmer had gone to the newly-built well house to fill a kerosene stove. A small kerosene lamp was burning a few feet from the well house. The explosion caused the well house to burn down. Durre was summoned and neighbors gathered. They were successful in containing the blaze and preventing the house 50 feet away and other nearby buildings catching afire.

Durre received medical treatment in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snell of Page visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller, and family, Mr. Snell returned home that evening and Mrs. Snell remained until Monday.

Well-Known Holt-Boyd Man Dies

Pinkerman Funeral at Lynch Friday

LYNCH—John Pinkerman, 50, well-known Holt-Boyd county resident, died Tuesday evening at his home in Lynch. He had suffered a long illness.

The late Mr. Pinkerman was born at O'Neill. At an early age he moved to the Scottville community where he resided until 1949, when he and his wife, Nora, moved into Lynch.

Survivors include: Widow; son Virgil of Redbird; daughters—Mrs. Edwin (Doris) Tuch of Niobrara and Mrs. Claude (Zel) Pinkering, three brothers and four sisters. Members of the immediate family were near him when he died.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

The body is at the Coulthard funeral home at Lynch. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 29, at 1 o'clock at the home in Lynch, and at 2 o'clock at the Dorsey Presbyterian church. Rev. Joseph Walstead, church pastor will officiate. Burial will be in the Scottville cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Emmett Slight, Ray Wilson, Leon Melior, George Calkins, Albert Carlson, Thomas Hiscocks.

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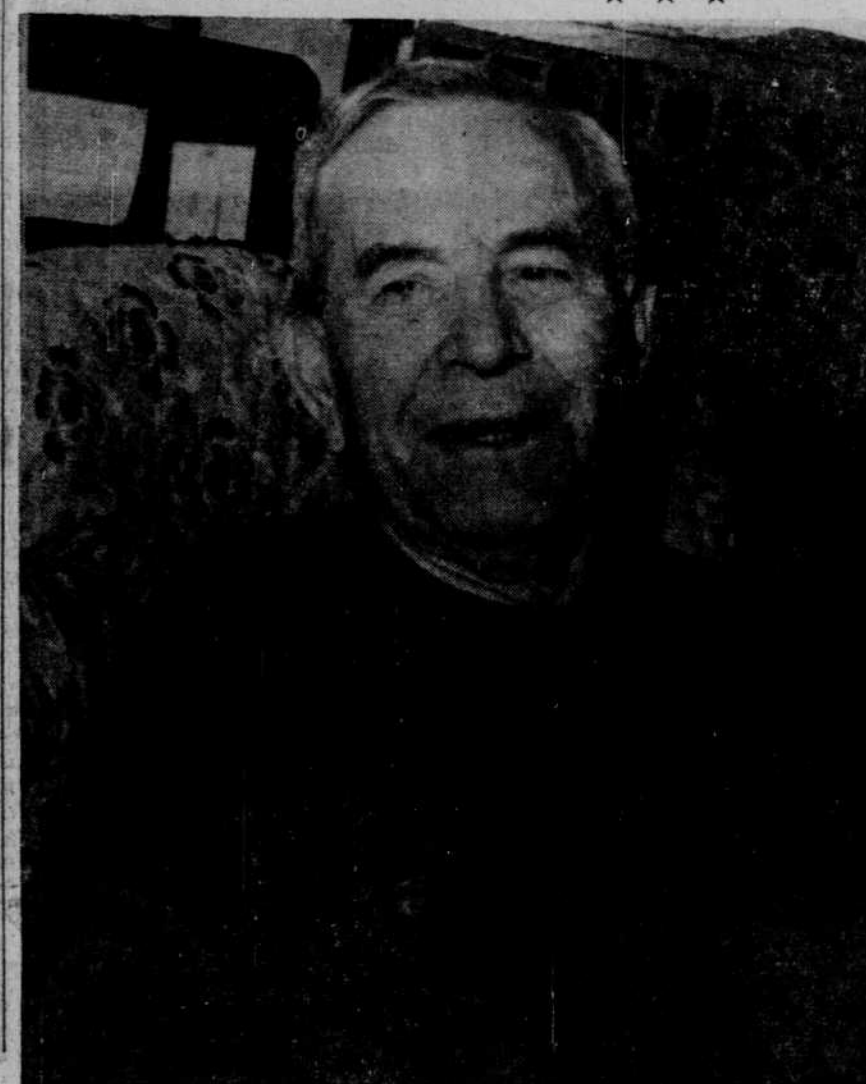
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John Golsie, stellar St. Joe guard, receives the Holt county prep basketball trophy from D. E. Nelson of O'Neill, tournament director. The Atkinson parochial team defeated St. Joe, O'Neill high and Page in that order to become 1954 Holt cage champions.—The Frontier Photo.

Guy Parsons Hurt in Auto Accident

STUART—Guy Parsons was hurt about 9:30 o'clock Monday evening when the eastbound car he was driving struck an Elkhorn river bridge on U. S. highway 20 about four miles west of Stuart. Sgt. R. R. Shorney of the Nebraska safety patrol said Mr. Parsons was driving alone.

The car left the highway, crashed into the bridge railing and stopped as it struck the bridge abutment.

At the Atkinson Memorial hospital, attendants said Mr. Parsons was suffering from a broken neckbone, cuts, bruises, shock and loss of blood. He was not hurt as badly as originally believed.

Parsons is believed to have fallen through the floorboards of the car, then down the steep embankment to the frozen river bed. He lay unconscious until a passing motorist from Newport reached the scene.

Stuart firemen at a meeting at the time rushed to the scene.

Mrs. Robert Riley Dies at Atkinson

Rites to Be Held Friday

ATKINSON—Mrs. Robert Riley, 64, died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 26, at her home in Atkinson. She had been hospitalized recently and had been released from the hospital two days before her death.

Her brother, Earl D. Hallock, was near her at the home of her death, having arrived in Atkinson Saturday to visit his sister.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Melvin of Columbus and Charles of Scottsbluff; daughters—Mrs. Harvey (Olin) Wahl of Atkinson and Mrs. Rena Smith of Atkinson; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brothers—Earl Dewey Hallock of Lander, Wyo., H. H. Hallock and Orange O. Hallock, both of Deadwood, S.D.

Mrs. Riley was born June 2, 1885, at Stuart, a daughter of the late George and Emma Lou Hallock. She was married at Butte July 5, 1907.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday at the Methodist church in Atkinson.

The Royal Neighbors of America lodge will conduct brief services at the cemetery. Mrs. Riley was chapter recorder for 17 years.

Rev. E. G. Hughes will officiate and burial will be in Wood Lawn cemetery.

Angus Show, Sale Next on Calendar

Next sale on The Frontier's auction calendar is the eighth annual event sponsored by the Holt County Aberdeen - Angus Breeders' association to be held at the O'Neill Livestock Market next Tuesday, February 2.

There will be a banquet in the American Legion auditorium on the eve of the show and sale. Joe Watson, Cuming county agricultural agent, will be featured, lecturing on his recent tour of Europe. A live beef cutting demonstration will be presented.

Chet Randolph, radio station WJAG farm director, will be master-of-ceremonies.

The show will start at 10 a.m., with 1 J. C. 10-day cruise in the Europe. The sale of 33 bulls and 17 females will get underway at 1 p.m. Charles Corlke will be auctioneer.

Angus consignors are Arthur and Audrey Benash, Blaine Garwood, Arthur J. Hibbs, For L. Knight, Freeman L. Knight, Glen Lorenz, E. L. Miner, Roland Miller, Harry Ressel, E. J. Revell, Siders & Hibbs, Siders & Benash, Siders & Bartos, Clyde Van Evry and Arthur Walter.

Harry E. Ressel is sale manager; E. L. Miner, secretary-treasurer. A group of 4-H and FFA youths will be honor guests at the February 1 banquet.

Meanwhile, three registered Hereford sales have been booked several weeks later. Ralph and Harlan Moore will offer their 160-acre Elkhorn valley bottomland farm and personal property at public auction on Tuesday, February 9. The sale will be held on the premises located two miles south and one mile west of Inman. The Thornbrower Auction Service of O'Neill is in charge. (See advertisement on page 9.)

to Cruise in Caribbean

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz plan to leave from Omaha on February 8 for a 10-day cruise in the Caribbean. They will fly from Omaha to Puerto Rico in one day via Chicago, Ill., and Miami, Fla.