

Highway Fate Awaits Visit by State Engineer

David E. Bellar Dies in Hospital

Rites for Retired Farmer on Friday

The fate of the federal highways now passing through O'Neill—highways 20, 275 and 281—has not yet been finally determined.

The city council received a recommendation from an informal assembly of citizens' group last Thursday to proceed with widening of portions of Douglas and Fourth streets, inauguration of parallel parking and banning of wide trucks from parking along those streets.

But the council has not yet taken any official action and during a special meeting Monday afternoon, State Highway Engineer L. N. Riss was contacted by telephone. Riss was asked to come to O'Neill and go over the present and proposed highway 20 bypass route with city officials.

The city officials want to know just exactly how much street widening would be necessary to keep the highways along their present routes. Riss said he would be in O'Neill between March 2 and 10.

The urgency which pervaded highway talk during the past fortnight seems to have disappeared. When a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored delegation called on Gov. Robert Crosby and Riss at the statehouse last week, hurry-up commitments were asked relative to the street-widening and traffic reforms if the highway department was to drop its bypass plans for the coast-to-coast highway 20.

It was on that basis last Thursday's mass meeting was called by Chamber President G. C. DeBacker. One hundred fifty-six persons attended.

One standing vote was taken, 78-4, in favor of complying with the department's rules for keeping highways along present routes. Around 70 persons did not vote. Fifteen out of 34 real estate owners present, whose property abutted the proposed street-widening route, were willing to pay the property assessment necessary to widen the streets.

A delegation called on Riss to urge retention of the highways through the center of the city. Riss said on the phone he had received numerous letters from O'Neill conflicting with the delegation's wishes.

One spokesman for the council said there was a possibility Riss might agree to abandoning the street-widening idea on East Douglas street, and still agree to keep highway 20 on that street.

The federal government will pay one-half the street-widening costs whether the other half is provided by a general city obligation (which would require a popular vote) or by assessing abutting property owners (which could be done by creating an improvement district).

Leading the fight to keep the highways along their present routes are mostly business interests who feel they are directly and indirectly dependent upon the highways. Opposition at Thursday's meeting was voiced against street-widening because of the expense attached and against the parallel parking plan, which, it was pointed out, would aggravate congested parking conditions.

The state department has surveyed a bypass route for highway 20, which would skirt the city on the north and northeast. A plan to have highway 281 intersect with the bypass due north of the center of the city has met opposition because the international north-south highway would pass between the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy campuses. At present the two highways intersect at the corner of Fourth and Douglas.

DeBacker presided at Thursday's meeting. Mayor J. E. Davis and City Attorney William W. Griffin made explanatory remarks.

Numerous voices were heard pro and con on the issues.

J. C. Parker, Wife Plans Golden Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker will observe their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, February 28.

Open house will be held at their farm home northwest of O'Neill from 2 o'clock until 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening.

Mrs. Parker is known as Mrs. Luella Parker and Mr. Parker as Jim. All their friends and relatives are invited to call.

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Holcomb, Young Win at Atkinson

To Represent District in Statewide Speech Meeting at Lincoln

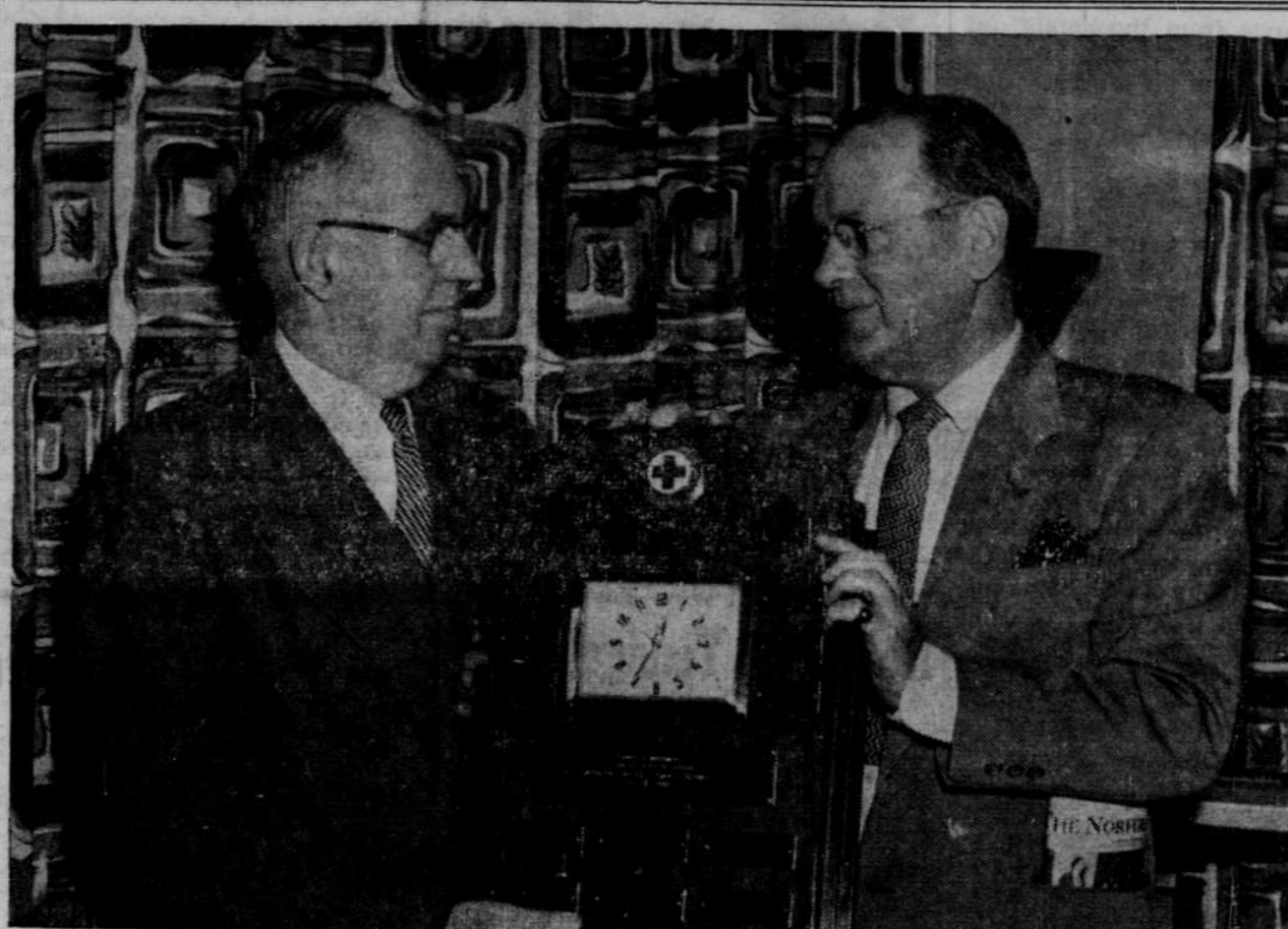
(Photo below)
ATKINSON — Alice Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young of O'Neill, and Gary Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb of Chambers, captured top honors in the district 4-H timely topics speech contest held Wednesday at Atkinson.

They were purple ribbon winners in the senior girls' and boys' divisions, respectively, in Holt county 4-H competition February 6. There were 11 contestants at Atkinson representing nine north-central Nebraska counties.

Runnersup were Lois Hargers of Long Pine, a St. Mary's academy student at O'Neill, and Loy Mercer of Bedford.

Young and Holcomb will represent the district in the statewide 4-H timely topics competition at Lincoln the last week in May.

Eighty-five persons heard Wednesday's competition.



Schacht to Johnson... safety award to 146 employees.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

219,043 Hours Without Mishap

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Lifelong Nebraskan; Dies at G.I.

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Holt Hereford Sale Wednesday

48 Bulls, 7 Females Being Offered

The annual spring show and sale sponsored by the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at the O'Neill Livestock Market. The show starts at 10 a.m.; sale at 1:30 p.m.

Forty-eight bulls and seven females are entered. These include 46 strong-age bulls, two bull calves, two bred cows, and seven open heifers.

James W. Roney is sale manager and has catalogs, printed by The Frontier's commercial printing department, available. Wilbur Broad, one of Nebraska's best-known Hereford breeders, will be the judge.

Consignors to the sale are Clarence Ernst, Edward Krugman & Son, and S. R. Robertson, all of O'Neill; Leonard Lorenz of Inman; H. A. Melcher, H. A. and Robert E. Van Horn and Marvin Snyder, all of Page; C. V. and Elwyn Robertson, George Rowse & Sons, and Whitaker & Whitaker, all of Chambers; M. L. Sageser & Sons of Amelia; Harold Van Vleet & Sons of Clearwater, and Henry Wood of Ewing.

George Rowse of Chambers is president of the Holt county association, and Roger Bowen of Page is vice-president.

Other registered Hereford sales in the Frontier's calendar include: North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, Bassett, 48 bulls, Saturday, February 27; C. Bar M Hereford ranch, O'Neill, spring sale, Monday, March 3.

Elmer L. Krueger, who lives near Ewing, has scheduled a quarter-section land and personal property sale on Friday, February 19; Coles. George Colman of Inman and Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneers.

Charles Crowley has booked a personal property sale of Mr. and Mrs. G. DeBacker of O'Neill, Father DeBacker is now at St. Paul's seminary, St. Paul, Minn. His ordination will take place at St. Cecilia's cathedral, Omaha, at 10 a.m., June 5. Archbishop G. T. Berrigan will officiate at the services. Father DeBacker's first solemn high mass will be celebrated in O'Neill at St. Patrick's church Sunday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Basil Price, S.J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Price, is now at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's, Kans. His ordination will be at St. Mary's college, S. day, June 13, and his first solemn high mass will be at St. Patrick's church in O'Neill at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 20.

Arrangements for the first mass festivities of both Reverend DeBacker and Reverend Price are now being made by the parish.

Marine Sgt. Ryan Gets Bronze Star

Marine Sgt. Joseph Ryan of South Sioux City, formerly of O'Neill, has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious conduct in action with the Fifth marine regiment in Korea. Sergeant Ryan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ryan of South Sioux City, who moved from O'Neill 10 years ago. He is a brother of Mrs. George Hammond of O'Neill.

Sergeant Ryan had gone to an evacuation center in Korea on the eve of the truce. The center was subjected to enemy shelling. Ryan manned the communications center under fire and when it was knocked out he pulled wounded men to safety, also under enemy fire.

Prominent O'Neillite Dies at 65

R. H. Shriner Victim of Heart Attack; Burial at Omaha

R. H. ("Ray") Shriner, 65, well-known O'Neill businessman, died about 4:30 a.m., Saturday, February 13, at his home here. He succumbed within a half-hour following a heart attack.

His wife, Etta, was near him at the time of his death. Mrs. Shriner, who has not been in good health, was immediately taken to St. Anthony's hospital where she was confined for two days.

Funeral services for the late Mr. Shriner were conducted at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 16, from First Presbyterian church here. The body was taken to the church an hour ahead of the funeral time and lay in state there.

Rev. Samuel Lee, church pastor, officiated. Palbearers were Leo Tomjack, Fred Heermann, H. G. Kruse, J. E. Davis, Bennett Gilligan, Alvin Yonck, William W. McIntosh and H. L. Lindberg. Biglin's were in charge.

Redistricting May Have Election Bearing

Both the Holt County Rural Road Improvement association and the Holt county board of supervisors have drawn tentative redistricting plans of their own as a result of the association's mandamus action against the board. Each group's concept of how the county should be redistricted is so indefinite the plans do not justify publishing in The Frontier.

The two efforts, completely unofficial, are not alike unless the two groups reach an agreement the best guess is the matter will finally be settled in court. The law on which the redistricting action is based clearly defines exactly how districts are to be drawn after each federal census, based on votes cast in the preceding general election.

Meanwhile, the Holt County Rural Road Improvement group has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, February 25, at the American Legion auditorium. It is open to the public. There will be an election of officers, discussion of federal aid available for secondary roads, and discussion of the Schroeder road law.

The redistricting is bound to have a bearing on the composition of the next board of supervisors because offices in the odd-numbered districts are at stake in this year's elections. A wholesale redistricting might produce a situation in which two present supervisors are residing in the same new district.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker returned on Wednesday from Omaha where they had spent the weekend with their son, Robert, and family. Mrs. Robert Shoemaker and children returned with them for a visit.

Lincoln Firm Low Bidder on Paving

The city council in session Wednesday night awarded street improvement contracts to Dobson Brothers of Lincoln, low bidder, in a field of five construction firms. Dobson's bid on 20 linear blocks of curbs, gutters and paving in street improvement districts 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 totaled \$137,879.61—approximately \$1,500 below the lowest bid.

Dobson's put in eight linear blocks of paving last fall and some of their equipment was stored here for the winter. The Lincoln contractors expect to commence work on the five new projects when spring weather permits.

The new paving districts are defined like this:

District 9.—Extends from corner of Third and Everett streets (Dr. P. Brown corner) west three blocks to Madison street and one block north to Douglas (Nu Way corner).

District 10.—Starts at corner of Fourth and Fremont streets (city hall corner) and extends west three blocks to Madison (Gertrude Howard corner); also from corner of Second and Fremont (Hickey rooming house corner) north two blocks to Douglas (Texas corner).

District 11.—From corner of First and Douglas (Charles Fox corner) south two blocks to Fremont (G. C. DeBacker corner).

District 14.—From corner of Fourth and Benton (St. Patrick's church-O'Neill public school corner) north one block to auditorium corner, then east three blocks on Adams street to Eighth.

District 15.—Starts at corner of Eighth and Everett (John Murray corner) and extends northward three blocks to Benton (the J. P. Protivinsky corner); three blocks on Clay street between Fifth (Mrs. John Melvin corner) and Eighth (Stanley Holly corner).

Rock Falls Hearing Set Next Wednesday

The Holt county board of supervisors will conduct a hearing at 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, relative to a recent resolution adopted by the board. The resolution provides for dividing Rock Falls precinct into two townships of equal size, 36 square miles each. The townships would become east half and west half. The board will hear support of the partition arrangement as well as objections. A spokesman for the board said the move was made to equally distribute road equipment and funds, in compliance with requests coming from several Rock Falls taxpayers.

Posthumous Promotion Mrs. Henry F. Schlueter

Mrs. Henry F. Schlueter received word this week from Marine Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., commandant, United States marine corps, stating that her husband, the late 1st/Lt. Henry F. Schlueter, had been promoted posthumously to the grade of captain. This was made effective as of March 11, 1953. Captain Schlueter was killed at Bunker Hill in Korea March 24, 1953. Mrs. Schlueter, the former Mary Jewell Walker, and her son, Henry F. Schlueter, jr., ("Ricky"), reside in O'Neill. Mrs. Schlueter is society editor of The Frontier.

Frontier for printing! Prompt deliveries!

Burial at Phoenix for Bursell Infant

Diane Delphine Bursell, 17-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Bursell of the Phoenix community, died at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, February 16, in St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill. She was born August 23, 1952. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Donna Lee of Spencer; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bursell and Harry Kestenholtz.

Mrs. Bursell is the former Eliza D. Kestenholtz of Inman.

Rev. Kenneth Carl will conduct services at Biglin's chapel today (Thursday), at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Phoenix cemetery.

Palbearers will be Oliver Ross, Nate Conard, George Melior and Martin Langan.

Governor Crosby Coming March 2

Nebraska Gov. Robert B. Crosby will make a talk on "Operation Honesty" in O'Neill on Tuesday, March 2. The meeting will be held at the American Legion auditorium at 2:30 p.m. This will be an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

Governor Crosby was invited to O'Neill by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber officials express the hope that a large group will hear Governor Crosby.

Mrs. Ray to Head '54 ARC Campaign

Mrs. Elgin Ray was selected Wednesday night to head the American Red Cross fund-raising drive in Holt county for 1954, scheduled to get underway about March 10.

The Holt county ARC convened at the Town House with President Harry Petersen as chairman. Twenty-eight persons were present and heard an outline of ARC planning from Mr. Frenzel, field director.

NELSON FILES

State Sen. Frank Nelson filed on Wednesday, February 10, for reelection to the unicameral legislature. He is completing his third term. Senator Nelson is an O'Neill farmer.

Highway Department Advertises for Bids

The state highway department is asking for bids on three federal aid highway projects in the O'Neill region, and action on bids will be taken March 4 in Lincoln. These projects include:

U.S. highway 20 between O'Neill and Atkinson, 4.2 miles of grading, culverts, two bridges and bituminous sand surface.

On state highway 11, south of Atkinson, 6.1 miles of grading, culvert, two bridges and bituminous sand surface.

There is a combined federal aid and secondary project which will provide grading, culverts, two bridges and bituminous sand surface of 9.9 miles of U.S. highway 281, south of O'Neill, and on state highway 95, east of Chambers.

The state highway department is advertising for bids in connection with this work in the current issues of The Frontier.

Conoco Grand Opening Saturday

Top products, top equipment, top servicemen.

This sums up what's being made available to motorists with the grand opening of Eby's Conoco service station, corner of Second and Douglas streets. A grand opening has been scheduled Saturday, February 20, according to Ray Eby, lessee.

Mr. Eby, in cooperation with the Continental Oil Co., will give free orchids to the ladies, free screwdrivers to the men, and free lollipops and balloons to the kids on grand opening day.

In addition, a free lubrication job can be gotten with a seven-gallon purchase of gasoline.

Conoco recently completed the handsome new station, which is spacious and features the very latest service station equipment and facilities.

Russ Bongas of Ainsworth is Conoco district manager.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murray entertained with a dinner honoring A/2c Thomas E. Murray. The latter recently returned after spending 18 months in Korea.



Eby... gifts for visitors.

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These Are the Bids on Next Round of Paving

	Dist. 9	Dist. 10	Dist. 11	Dist. 14	Dist. 15	Total
Dobson Brothers, Lincoln	26,064.32	39,251.64	8,614.50	31,087.15	32,862.00	137,879.61
Diamond Const. Gr. Island	26,440.95	40,086.35	8,717.50	31,433.50	33,136.75	139,815.05
Gerhold Co., Columbus						139,887.00
M. Volney Const., Omaha	26,767.48	38,033.09	8,870.96	32,053.90	33,821.01	139,516.44
Faulsen Bldg. & Sup., Cozad	26,351.50	39,609.70	8,730.60	31,530.90	33,191.50	139,411.40



Alice Young (left) and Gary Holcomb... Holt county's 4-H speech champions capture nine-county district laurels and will compete for state honors at Lincoln.—The Frontier Photo.