

Atkinson Council Reconsiders Action

Reverses Stand on Power Issues and Workmen Resume

ATKINSON — Consumers Public Power district workmen are making hay in Atkinson since the city council reconsidered its earlier action on a transmission line issue. And the high tension line along the Chicago & North Western railroad right-of-way will be completed "in just a few hours."

The building of the line from the east (O'Neill) became complicated several weeks ago when a group of residents sought a restraining order in district court to prevent the 23-thousand-volt line running through the residential district.

L. C. Walling, manager of the O'Neill District of Consumers Public Power, declared the residential route already was a compromise over earlier plans.

Finally Consumers decided to run the line, which is intended to vastly improve Atkinson's power service, along the North Western rail right-of-way in the industrial district (instead of residential) to a new substation in the heart of town.

Construction crews were at work a fortnight ago when the Atkinson city council voted 3-2 to order abandonment of the route.

Consumers immediately withdrew men and material. Editor Ralph J. Kelly, of the Atkinson Graphic, rallied the citizenry to become interested in the affair, printed unofficial ballots and maintained an unofficial voting booth in order to gain a consensus of opinion.

At a meeting of the council Monday night, June 5, the ballot box was opened. Three hundred thirty-one votes had been cast—323 "for" the Consumers' plan to complete the line along the rail right-of-way, 8 "against."

A vote of the council was called with the result of a 3-3 tie. Voting against the transmission line were Earl Coxhill, R. O. Jarvis and C. C. Rayermer; voting for the line were Hugh O'Connor, L. P. Haynes and Roy Dickerson.

Mayor Francis D. Lee was obliged to break the deadlock, casting his lot "for."

Result is a reversal of the original vote at a meeting in which not all council members were present.

Unofficial ballot read: "Shall Consumers Public Power District be permitted to construct electric transmission line along proposed route on north edge of the Chicago & North Western railroad right-of-way through Atkinson to connect with proposed new substation at Carberry street for purpose of serving city of Atkinson with improved electric service?"

In the May 26 issue of the Graphic Mr. Kelly published a lengthy discussion of the situation under his own by line.

Mr. Rayermer told The Frontier that the principle objection to the line along the tracks or through any section of town was on a "safety basis" and "such a line would create radio interference."

He said those who were opposed to the line construction in the heart of the city had consulted an engineering firm, Fulton and Kramer, of Lincoln, and had talked with interested persons in a number of cities and towns where problems were comparable.

Fulton and Kramer proposed running the line around the city with a spur feeding the Atkinson substation where power is "stepped - down" for domestic use.

G. R. Nicholas, OHS Instructor, Resigns

At the regular monthly meeting of the O'Neill public school board of education Monday, members accepted the resignation of an instructor and authorized repair of the old school building.

G. R. Nicholas, English and dramatic instructor for the past 1 1/2 years, submitted his resignation. Nicholas will enter business in Wilber. He had been reelected for the 1950-'51 school year.

Board members authorized repair of cracks in outside walls of the "old" school building. According to Ira Moss, secretary, moisture has been seeping through causing plaster to fall.

A Lincoln auditing firm will audit the O'Neill board of education books as well as the high school activities books, Moss said.

O'Neill Queen Places 3d

Miss Bernadette Hynes, 16, O'Neill Lions club queen and entry in the statewide Lions beauty contest, placed third in the competition at Scottsbluff.

Present at the Lions convention and contest were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen, Miss Hynes, Miss Nancy Beha and Mrs. Leona Hynes, Bernadette's mother.

11 HOLT PEOPLE RECEIVE DEGREES

Osenbaugh, Schaffer, Toy Among Nebraska 'U' Graduates

The University of Nebraska conferred degrees and certificates at commencement exercises held on the campus Monday morning, June 5.

Among those honored were 11 Holt countians.

The following persons from the O'Neill region were recipients:

Charles O. Shane, of Atkinson; Frank O. Skokan, of Niobrara; Merwyn G. French, jr., of Page; Ernest J. Gotschell, of Atkinson; William S. Mattern, of Creighton, associates in applied science, college of agriculture.

Reid R. Harsch, of Niobrara, bachelor of arts, college of arts and sciences.

Harold E. Dickerson, of Atkinson; Lawrence E. Honke, of Butte; Edwin Juracke, of Niobrara; Harold D. Shane, of Atkinson; Marvin F. Sobotka, of Inman; Raymond Van Norman, of Bassett; bachelor of science, college of business administration.

Robert W. Turner, of Chambers, bachelor of arts, college of engineering and architecture.

Earl G. Eastman, of Bassett, bachelor of science in architectural engineering, college of engineering and architecture.

Silas R. Barton, of Creighton, bachelor of science in civil engineering, college of engineering and architecture.

Clayton D. Sumpter, of Bassett, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, college of engineering and architecture.

John D. Osenbaugh, of O'Neill, bachelor of science in pharmacy, college of pharmacy.

Agnes R. Troxell, of Burwell, teachers' college.

Shirley M. Schaffer, of O'Neill, bachelor of science in education, teachers' college.

John S. Shaw, of Atkinson, doctor of dental surgery, dental college.

Donald L. Shanefelt, of Long Pine; Anton Toy, jr., of O'Neill, bachelor of laws, college of law.

Charles F. Walker, of Page, master of arts, graduate college.

James M. Tische, of Wood Lake, degree from college of arts and sciences, certificate in journalism.

Holt Republicans Elect W. W. Griffin

William W. Griffin, Holt county attorney, Saturday was elected chairman of the Holt Republican committee in a meeting held here.

Griffin, who was secretary-treasurer of the group, succeeds Ira H. Moss. Moss had been chairman for the past 8 years.

Thirty Republicans from all sections of the county attended the meeting.

Moss, Julius D. Cronin, both of O'Neill; Guy Cole, of Emmet; F. J. Brady and Edward F. Matousek, both of Atkinson, were chosen delegates to the pre-primary convention scheduled to be held at Omaha June 13.

Convention alternate delegates include: Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet; H. D. Grady and Chairman Griffin, both of O'Neill, and Arthur Runnels, of Stuart.

A new secretary-treasurer will be chosen following the pre-primary convention.

Holt county Democratic organization met Saturday afternoon, June 3, and reelected John Sullivan, of O'Neill, chairman for the coming year.

Other officers chosen were: John R. Gallagher, O'Neill attorney, secretary, and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan, also of O'Neill, head of the women's Democratic group.

Sullivan, Gallagher, Louis Kopecky, of Inman, Francis D. Lee and Neal McKee, jr., of Atkinson, were selected as delegates to the pre-primary convention slated to be held in Omaha June 13.

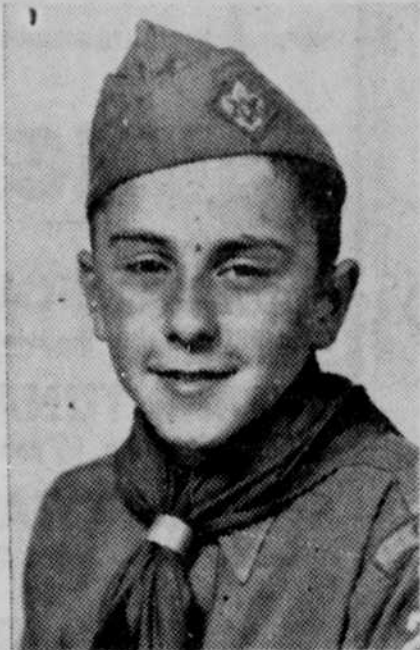
Alternate delegates included: Fred Mack and Hugh O'Connor, both of Atkinson; Thomas Sullivan, M. H. Horkis, and John Grutsch, all of O'Neill.

About 20 Democrats attended the meeting in the Knights of Columbus building here.

Flower Show Dates

ATKINSON — Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13 and 14, are the dates set for the annual iris show in Atkinson. The exhibit, which is sponsored each year by the Atkinson Iris society, will be staged in Memorial hall. Doors will be open to the public at 2:30 o'clock each day, and will remain open Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Harty and daughters, Miss Helen and Mrs. Kevin Kocina, of Creighton, attended the graduation of their son and brother, Jack, from Rockhurst college, Kansas City, Mo.



REV. BIRMINGHAM TO NEW LOCATION

Atkinson - Emmet Pastor To New Location; Rev. Bell Stays

Appointments and reappointments of Methodist pastors for the coming year were announced Sunday night, June 4, in the closing session of the annual Nebraska Methodist conference at St. Paul's Methodist church in Lincoln.

Assignments of interest to Holt countians include: Rev. W. C. Birmingham, pastor at Atkinson and Emmet for 8 years, to Wisner and Beemer; to be succeeded at Atkinson and Emmet by Rev. E. G. Hughes, of Tekamah. Reverend Birmingham requested the transfer.

Rev. V. R. Bell, pastor at O'Neill, reappointed for another year—his third.

Rev. Roy M. Wingate, pastor at Inman and Ewing for 2 years, to Kilgore, Merriman and Cody; to be succeeded at Inman and Ewing by Rev. C. C. Chappell, who has just completed his theological training.

Rev. T. O. Brownfield, pastor at Page, has already moved to Cozad; to be succeeded by Rev. C. E. Wilcox.

Rev. Duane Hutchinson, who has been pastor at Chambers and Amelia for the past year, to Pauline and Ayr; to be succeeded by Rev. L. R. Hansberry.

Rev. L. R. Mullis, who preceded Reverend Bell at O'Neill and has been stationed in New England for the past 2 years, returns to Nebraska to become pastor at Clarks and Pierce chapel near Grand Island.

Rev. Adolph Majorin, who has come to the United States from Latvia under the displaced persons act, will serve at Clearwater.

Rev. Carl B. Rayburn, formerly of Page, goes to Greeley. H. R. Tompkins of Inman, was appointed associate lay leader in the Norfolk district.

Reverend Bell was made a member of the board of Methodist hospitals and homes.

During Reverend Birmingham's stay records show 184 members were received into the Atkinson church, 10 at Emmet; 60 were received by transfer at Atkinson, 11 at Emmet. There were 117 baptisms of children under 12 and 94 baptisms over 12 at Atkinson; 5 under and 5 over at Emmet.

Reverend Hughes's family includes his wife and a son, 3, and a daughter, 2.

Reverend Mullis, who with his family spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in O'Neill, requested the transfer from New Hampshire to Nebraska.

O'Neill Sisters Are Both Majors

Two O'Neill sisters who are members of the army nurses' corps are now majors. They are Catherine Ullom and Madeline Ullom.

Madeline's promotion from captain to major was announced a week ago. Catherine has been a major for about a year.

Madeline, who is now stationed at Burke hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, near San Antonio, Tex., was a prisoner of war on Corregidor for 3 years.

Catherine is stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

Ex-Resident Makes Plea for Youths

Phoenix Insurance Man Adds \$10 to Youth Center Fund

The fund-raising drive for the proposed O'Neill youth center was boosted \$135 during the past week as money continues to come in.

Latest donors are: John Berigan, jr., \$50; Alfred T. Drayton, \$50; Ira H. Moss, \$25; Mike O'Sullivan (Phoenix, Ariz.), \$10.

L. D. Putnam and District Judge D. R. Mounds, who have helped direct the fund-raising movement, said still more money has to be collected. Total is now over the \$2,700 mark.

The committee is strongly entertaining the idea of building a structure in Ford's park.

Mr. O'Sullivan, now a Phoenix, Ariz., insurance executive, wrote an eloquent little note to which his \$10 check was attached:

O'Neill's Prelim Census Figure Now at 3,050

CENSUS AT A GLANCE

Vernon O. Taylor, assistant supervisor of the bureau of the census at Kearney, has released "unofficial preliminary" figures for the following cities and towns with the understanding that this release does not include the "missing persons" check now being carried on, nor does it include new arrivals within the city during the census operations. Therefore, these "unofficial preliminary" figures will increase somewhat in varied communities.

PERSONS	1950		1940		In. or De.	1950	1940	I or D
	1950	1940	1950	1940				
HOLT COUNTY—								
O'Neill	1,950	3,050	1,449	404	45	1950	1940	I or D
Atkinson	1,350	1,350	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chambers	393	388	5	154	135	19	—	—
Emmet	62	89	27	20	24	4	—	—
Ewing	702	681	79	225	187	38	—	—
Inman	238	206	32	79	66	13	—	—
Stuart	779	760	19	253	221	32	—	—
Page	272	335	63	106	111	5	—	—
BOYD COUNTY—								
Naper	189	195	6	63	57	6	—	—
Bristow	146	188	42	58	55	3	—	—
Monowi	66	99	33	21	28	7	—	—
Anoka	60	117	57	21	36	15	—	—
Butte	614	623	9	198	174	24	—	—
Lynch	432	487	55	149	151	2	—	—
Gross	29	23	6	10	7	3	—	—
Spencer	509	635	126	168	191	23	—	—
WHEELER COUNTY—								
Bartlett	145	176	31	51	56	5	—	—
Erierson	186	279	93	67	87	20	—	—
ROCK COUNTY—								
Bassett	1,065	931	134	374	282	92	—	—
Newport	206	275	69	74	87	13	—	—

Official Declares City Gains 518 Persons During Decade

(Special to The Frontier) O'Neill's "unofficial preliminary" census count for 1950 was fixed at 3,050 persons late Wednesday by Vernon O. Taylor, of Kearney, assistant census supervisor in this district.

This represents a gain of 518 persons over the 1940 count of 2,532.

Last week O'Neill's incomplete count revealed 3,038 persons, but this figure was revised upward by 12 persons.

When "missing persons" have been accounted for and the national average is computed, O'Neill is expected to gain an additional 1 or 2 percent.

Atkinson's Count Same as 10 Years Ago

ATKINSON — The population count at Atkinson is the same for 1950 as it was in 1940, according to figures released Thursday, June 1, by the census supervisor.

Some interesting facts concerning the city of Atkinson are shown here from 1920 on.

In 1920, Atkinson had a tabulated count of 1,300, which decreased 156 to bring the total count in 1930 to 1,144. However, a gain was made in the next 10 years. In 1940, the figure was 1,350 or a gain of 206 people.

The count from 1940 to 1950 remained the same, with the latest unofficial count 1,350 people.

Bassett Gains 2d Decade in Row

BASSETT — The figures just released by the bureau of the census, show Bassett's population count just 134 more people in 1950 than there were in 1940, bringing the population to 1,056 people instead of 931 people.

In 1920, the city of Bassett had a tabulated count of 664, which decreased 29, bringing the total count in 1930 to 635. However, an increase was made during the next 10 years. In 1940 the figure was 931 or a gain of 296 people.

The count from 1940 to 1950 was increased by 134 people, bringing the present unofficial count for 1950 to 1,065.

Hospital Contracts To Be Let Today

A contract for the building of St. Anthony's 40-bed hospital here will be let today (Thursday) subject to the approval of government hospital financing agencies.

James M. Corkle, chairman of St. Anthony's hospital building fund committee, said the opening of bids will begin at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at St. Mary's academy.

Corkle said 5 or 6 general building bids have been received along with 7 or 8 bids each on the contracts for wiring, plumbing and heating.

Frank M. McNett, of Grand Island, architect for the \$400,000 health center; Vern Pangborn, of Lincoln, and other federal representatives from Kansas City, Mo., will attend the meeting.

Rev. Yaquib Khan Atkinson Visitor

ATKINSON—Yaquib, Khan, of Pakistan Province, was a guest of Miss Laura MacLachlan and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacLachlan Friday, June 2.

Reverend Khan has been in the U. S. for the past year attending seminary at Pittsburgh, Pa. He and Miss MacLachlan have worked together for 11 years in their missionary work as a child in the village attending school there, going through the seminary, finally coming to this country to finish his education. He now holds degrees equal to any other degree in theology and also has a master's degree.

He will return soon to become president of the only seminary in his native country. All protestant ministers who go to Pakistan are trained here. He and Miss MacLachlan are both associated with the United Presbyterian mission work. She is at home now on leave.

Claude Hamilton, 54, O'Neill Man, Dies

Claude Hamilton, 54, well-known O'Neill businessman, died at his home at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. He had been in ill health for a number of months.

During recent months the late Mr. Hamilton sought medical attention at Rochester, Minn., as well as other points. But his health declined steadily.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan will officiate and burial will be in Calvary cemetery here.

The late Mr. Hamilton had lived most of his life in Holt county.

He was born March 27, 1896, at Lynch, the son of the late Frank and Ruth Hamilton.

Prior to his coming to O'Neill in 1930 he had worked on the construction of the Spencer dam, north of O'Neill.

At that time the dam was owned by Northern States Power company. Later he worked for a time for Armour & Co.

He owned and operated a tavern here.

Survivors include: widow; son—Claude, jr., of O'Neill; and Joseph, of Monmouth, Ill.; daughters — Mrs. Margaret Wildes, of O'Neill; Mrs. Hazel Lawrence, of Valentine; Mrs. Dorothy Saindon, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Don Helmers, of Rogers, and Leona, of O'Neill; 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

Pallbearers will be: Larry Bourne, Paul Bourne, Dean Reed, Joe Jareske, Francis Murphy and Luther Schulz, all of O'Neill.

CITY EMPLOYEES GET PAY BOOST

Police, Street and Water Workers Will Draw \$200 a Month

The O'Neill city council held a 5-hour session Tuesday night. Business on the agenda was varied indeed.

City employees, including 3 policemen and 3 street department employees, and water department employees, were issued pay increases, amounting to a flat \$50 per month boost. Employees were drawing \$150 per month, will draw \$200.

Leo Anderson, new general superintendent, reported to the council and was formally granted authority to run the city's affairs and hire-and-fire city employees, except police, who are responsible to the mayor.

Twenty-five persons were on hand to present various problems to the council. These consisted mostly of persons interested in sewer and water extensions and building permits. The council room was so congested that several persons sat on the floor.

In addition, 2 paving engineers were on hand to talk paving possibilities with the council and a parking meter salesman presented a proposal. However, no action was taken on either item.

Possibility of an extensive citywide cleanup campaign was discussed and tentatively planned within the next few weeks. It was also decided to spray the city at the same time if necessary arrangements can be made.

The council learned that the new sewer outfall and lift system would be in operation in a "week or 10 days."

Improvements for Hiway 281 Slated

Gov. Val Peterson Wednesday announced through a letter to The Frontier his proposed improvements for 1950 for highway 281 north of O'Neill.

Governor Peterson said: "At the present time the (Nebraska) state highway department contemplates sending out notices for bids on July 5 for the grading, culverts and graveling—preparatory to blacktopping—on the 5 miles north of O'Neill."

"The 5 miles are, of course, subject to approval of the U. S. bureau of public roads."

Peterson also said: "We plan to take bids for the grading, graveling and structure for that section of highway 281 starting approximately at the junction of highway 281 and 12 (the Spencer-Lynch junction) running south about 7 1/2 miles."

"This improvement would include a new bridge over the Niobrara river."

"Upon completion of this work it will leave a 5-mile section of 281 south of Eagle creek without hard surface."

Elected Vice-President of State Auction Group

ATKINSON — Ernie Weller, well-known Holt auctioneer, Sunday was chosen first vice-president of the Nebraska Live-stock Auction association. The convention was held at Norfolk.