

Council Okays Parking Meters

Machines to Appear on Fourth Street in 60 Days

The O'Neill city council in session Tuesday night voted 5-1 to have a go at the use of parking meters on a "trial basis."

About "150 meters, more-or-less", will be installed on Douglas street, the main east-west thoroughfare, between Third street and Fifth street. In terms of landmarks, the meters will extend from the Knights of Columbus corner east two blocks to the Tom-Tom corner on both north and south sides of the street.

Norbert Uhl, Third ward councilman, was opposed to the resolution which was passed, insinuating Mayor J. E. Davis and Clerk O. D. French to enter into an agreement with the Duncan Parking Meter corporation of Illinois.

Five councilmen approved the "trial."

Cost of the meters, including installation, is \$69.50 each. Installation will be made on a lease-rental basis. Fifty percent of the receipts from the meters will go toward cost of the meter and installation, while 50 percent will go to the city for general expenses.

After the Duncan firm has been reimbursed for the cost, delivery and installation, all receipts will go to the city.

Meters will be of the popular design. A motorist can park 10 minutes for one cent or 120 minutes (two hours) for 10 cents.

H. Zelen represented the Duncan corporation in the negotiations. He told the board installation would be completed in "60 to 90 days."

"The trial provision calls for meters only on Douglas street. Thus, the north-south Fourth street will be without meters for the present, according to the council's planning."

The city will be obliged to leave the meters in for at least 12 months under the agreement or pay for the delivery and installation expenses.

In order to utilize the meters, an ordinance will have to be enacted pertaining to use of the meters.

The council also ordered the city superintendent, L. C. Anderson, to purchase post-type traffic signals for the main intersection—Fourth and Douglas streets.

An effort will be made to rebuild the used signal, which went out of commission during a November windstorm, into a blinker to slow down Douglas street traffic. If it can be readily rebuilt, another blinker will be purchased and erected at the opposite side of town.

News of the purchase of meters spread like wildfire. There are two schools of thought:

Those in favor of meters predict parking will be made easier for those hunting parking space; people who have the habit of prolonged parking will go to non-metered less-congested districts; revenue derived from meters will aid the taxpayers, provide funds for street maintenance, street lighting and police protection.

Those against the plan object to it as a so-called "nuisance" and doubt if use of the meters can be satisfactorily enforced by the police department. They further point out that while many cities are installing meters (mostly cities larger than O'Neill), others are having them uprooted. In the latter case the "experiment" has proved rather expensive.

Lt. Baker Gets Air Recognition

Lt. John L. Baker, of O'Neill, has been recently awarded the air medal for having completed 10 combat missions against the enemy over Korea as a pilot of an F-80 type aircraft, it was recently announced by headquarters, 5th air force in Japan.

His citation read: "Lieutenant Baker did distinguish himself during the period 25 September 1950 through 5 October 1950 by successfully completing 10 combat missions against the enemy over Korea. Flying at a very low altitude, Lieutenant Baker staved and rocketed enemy tanks, trucks, troops and artillery in the face of concentrated enemy ground fire, contributing immeasurably to the efforts of the United Nations forces. By this display of skill and heroism, Lieutenant Baker has brought great credit upon himself and the United States air force."

Lieutenant Baker more recently served as ground control officer for UN aircraft providing close support for troops withdrawing from North Korea.

Lieutenant Baker is the son of Mrs. H. J. Lohaus.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alvin Albertus Ott, 20, and Mary Marjorie Bauld, 18, both of O'Neill, on January 8.

PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

STUART—Mrs. Nick Simons is a patient in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Norfolk.

CARRIER IS ILL

DELOIT—Charles Rotherham, Deloit mailcarrier, has been ill and unable to make the route recently.

Gordon Sholes, who is employed in Gordon, spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends at Inman.

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HERBERT O. RUSS RITES HELD HERE

Holt Resident Since 1910 Dies Early Saturday; Burial at Chambers

Herbert O. Russ, 63, a Holt county resident since 1910, died at 2:24 a. m. Saturday, January 6, at his home here. He had been ill about six months.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 8, at 2 p. m. in the O'Neill Methodist church with Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin Bros.

Burialbearers chosen were Omar McClellan, C. V. Robertson, Charles Grimes, Thomas Newhouse, Lloyd Gleed and Claire Grimes, all of Chambers.

Herbert Oliver Russ was one of 10 children born to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Russ near Sloan, Onawa county, Ia. He was born on April 10, 1887.

"Herb," as he was affectionately known, moved with his parents to Randolph, where he resided for a time on a Wayne county farm. He later moved to Chambers and spent the next 40 years in Holt county. For a time he was postmaster at Amelia.

Mr. Russ was baptized and confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran church at Albaton, Ia. He married Mrs. Zada Schreiber at Herrick, S. D., on August 21, 1924, and to this union one daughter was born.

The late Mr. Russ's favorite hobby was fishing and he spent considerable time in that type of recreation. Survivors include: Widow—Zada; daughter—Mrs. Thomas (Herberta) Hutton, of Chambers; stepdaughter—Mrs. John (Henrietta) Luben, of Crawford; three grandchildren; brothers—Sam, of Norfolk, and William, of Fernsdale, Wash.; sisters—Mrs. Emil (Christine) Luth, of Butte; Mrs. Ray (Dorthea) Medcalf, of Alliance; Mrs. Paul (Bessie) Miller, of Douglas, Wyo.

Among relatives and friends from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Luth, of Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Luth, of Butte; Sam and Peggy Russ, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Medcalf, of Alliance; Mrs. Paul Miller, of Douglas, Wyo.; C. C. McElvain, of Fairmont; Mrs. Manford Catter, of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker, Mr. and Mrs. James Platt, Mrs. Lillie Herzog and Mrs. R. K. Platt, all of Chambers.

Sageser New Fair President

CHAMBERS—President Verne Sageser, of Amelia, and Secretary Edwin Wink, of Chambers, will go to Lincoln next week to attend the annual meeting of Nebraska county fair officials. They are officers of the Holt County Agricultural society, sponsors of the annual Holt fair, which is held at Chambers.

Other officers, elected last month at the annual meeting, are: Steve Shavlik, of Chambers, vice-president, and Lloyd Gleed, of Chambers, treasurer.

The society has closed its books on another successful year.

Mrs. Gertrude Minahan left Monday for Omaha where she boarded a plane for Temple, Tex., to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Keeney, and sons.

Betty Jean Knoell Wins Derby

Stork Procrastinates; Friedel Infant Close Second

The temperamental, unpredictable stork turned Holt county's 1951 baby derby into a free-for-all and had almost everybody in a dither, including prospective parents, doctors, nurses and The Frontier's first baby contest editor.

Not even the wise doctors, who are usually "in the know" on the stork's activities, could have guessed who would be the winner of The Frontier's fifth annual first baby contest.

But it's official now.

Betty Jean Knoell said "hello, world" at 9:10 a. m. on Sunday, January 7, in O'Neill hospital and thus broke a seven-day period in which the long-legged, long-nosed bird had been conspicuous only by his absence.

Thus little Miss Knoell, who has dark hair, blue eyes and a chubby chin, is the one to be showered with a variety of gifts by O'Neill merchants in cooperation with The Frontier.

Mr. and Mrs. Knoell live on a farm 13 miles northeast of O'Neill. Betty Jean will have plenty of company. She has a brother, Ronnie, 6, and a brother, Johnnie, 3.

Betty Jean weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces at birth and Dr. O. W. French was her doctor. Both mother and baby are "doing fine," hospital attendants report.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friedel, of Stuart, at 5:50 p. m. Monday, January 8, in the Stuart Community hospital was Betty Jean's closest competitor. The second child in the Friedel family, he weighed 7 pounds at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Druke, of O'Neill, became parents of a son born at 10:45 a. m. on Tuesday, January 2, but the little fellow was not eligible for honors because he was born in a Boyd county hospital.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Jansen, of Atkinson, barely missed the laurels. He arrived Sunday, December 31.

Here's the shower lineup provided by O'Neill merchants: Coyne's Hardware will give a baby bottle sterilizer complete with rack.

McIntosh Jewelry offers a 10-karat gold baby ring.



First one in '51 . . . Betty Jean Knoell, born at 9:10 a. m. on Sunday, January 7, takes healthy yawn in arms of her mother, Mrs. T. J. Knoell. O'Neill farmwife.—The Frontier Photo.

Midwest Furniture & Appliances will provide the honor infant with a child's training chair.

The J. M. McDonald company says "Nothin's too good for first baby" and will present a Slumber-Gro safety sleeping bag.

The Neigh Creamery has earmarked one case of vitamin D homogenized milk.

Spelts - Ray Lumber company knows that baby must keep warm—hence 500 pounds of coal. The New Outlaw Grocery will herald the first one's arrival with a case of Gerber's baby food.

O'Neill Photo company offers photographs valued at \$15, including one 8"x10" tinted enlargement and 12 3"x5" mounted prints.

Snelamer Foods will make available with their compliments one case of Heinz baby food.

Gambles have set aside a plastic covered crib bumperpad for the lucky one.

Montgomery's Hardware, like last year, will give a porcelain baby bath, 30-quart size.

R. H. Shriner Insurance agency wants baby to start the thrift habit early, will provide a savings bank and money in it. Mr. Shriner will start the bank with 25 - cents for each pound baby weighs.

Gilligan & Stout drug store wants Holt's honor infant to have a good hot water bottle, so a special gift package has been wrapped and is waiting for the derby winner.

McCarville's have a pair of Red Goose shoes for "his majesty" or "her highness."

And just for good measure, The Frontier will issue a year's subscription.

The Knoells have until January 31 to claim the gifts for Betty Jean.

County Government Date February 19

Monday, February 19, has been designated by the Holt county Cornhusker government committee as the date for the high school juniors to move in at the courthouse and serve as "officers" for a day.

This was announced Tuesday by District Judge D. R. Mounts, who is assisting with arrangements.

A meeting will be held at the district courtroom on Monday, January 15, at 8 p. m. to perfect the county government plans. Superintendents of each high school, commanders of each American Legion post and the members of the county government committee will attend the meeting.

Juniors are elected to the county "offices" from their own schools.

Guest at Lowry Home—

Mrs. Mamie O'Neill, of north of O'Neill, was a weekend guest at the Roy Lowry home.

THOMAS GRADY DIES IN DENVER

Former O'Neill Man III 2 Months; Rites Scheduled Today

Thomas F. Grady, 64, of Denver, Colo., a native of O'Neill, died late Monday, January 8, in Denver where he had been ill for two months.

Funeral services are scheduled for today (Thursday) in Denver where burial will be made.

Mr. Grady was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Grady, born on a homestead near O'Neill (where the Municipal airport is now located).

After being reared here, Mr. Grady went to Norfolk where he served for several years with the police department. In the early 1930's he moved to Denver where he continued to make his home. His occupation was owner of an apartment house and he worked in a sporting goods store.

Survivors include: Widow—Margaret (formerly Margaret Smith, of Atkinson); daughters—Mrs. Madeline Perry and Miss Maureen Grady, both of Denver; brothers—John Grady, of Everett, Wash., and H. D. Grady, of O'Neill; sisters—Mrs. H. J. Hammond, of O'Neill; Miss Mayme Grady and Miss Katharin Grady, both of Denver.

One son, Owen, died in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady, who went to Denver during the holidays, will attend the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond left O'Neill early Tuesday to be present for the rites.

OLD STYLE DISTRIBUTOR

John G. Stufbergen, manager of the O'Neill Beverage Co., Wednesday announced that Heileman's Old Style Lager, a product of the G. Heileman Brewing Co., has been added to the list of products distributed by his firm.

O'Neill Beverage's other lines include Country Club, Blatz and Hamm beers.

New Plymouth to Be Shown in New Showrooms—

The 1951 Plymouth cars will be shown in O'Neill Saturday in the new Lloyd Collins showrooms. To be shown are the four door Cranbrook—the deluxe Plymouth sedan.

Mr. Collins' Plymouth and DeSoto agency and John Deere implement store are now located in the former O'Neill Rollerdom building.

The building has been completely remodeled and redecorated, features a large showroom, several private offices, an elaborate parts department, and a large shop.

Holt County implements have taken over the former home of John Deere. This firm will handle Oliver and New Holland implements and machinery.

Ex - Communist Makes 2 Addresses

Kenneth Goff, of Denver, Colo., a former communist agent in the U. S., spoke to two O'Neill audiences this week. His topic was "From Communism to the Church."

In his initial appearance here Monday night, he addressed an overflow crowd at the Assembly of God church. A loudspeaker system was installed in the church basement to accommodate his listeners who were unable to get into the auditorium.

On Tuesday morning he addressed a joint convocation of O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy high school students in the O'Neill public school auditorium.

Mr. Goff told how communists have threatened his life on several occasions in efforts to "silence" him. He is appealing to Americans to awaken to the dangers of communism.

As a one - time agent of the Reds, Goff said that the infiltration of communists into key places in government and industry places the nation in "great peril."

Goff said there were communist cells in several Nebraska cities.

FRANK CRONK NEW CHAIRMAN

Succeeds Sterns As Head of Holt Supervisors; Committees Named

Frank Cronk, of Page, Republican supervisor from the Fourth district, Tuesday became chairman of the board of supervisors. He succeeds Albert Sterns, Democrat, of O'Neill.

Mr. Cronk is serving his second term on the board. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cronk, who were prominent Holt county pioneers. The new board chairman is a lifelong resident of the county.

Other members of the board besides Cronk and Sterns, are: Andy Clark, Axel Borg, Alex Fricke, H. W. Hubbard and Alphonse Batenhorst.

The Frontier was designated with the Ewing Advocate to publish proceedings of the board during 1951. The Holt County independent was made the official paper for the year.

Committees appointed by Chairman Cronk at the reorganization session included:

Courthouse: Clark, Borg and Fricke.

Finance: Hubbard, Sterns and Batenhorst.

Planning: Fricke, Clark and Hubbard.

Tax: Clark, Hubbard and Sterns.

Bonds: Hubbard, Sterns and Borg.

Bridge: Batenhorst, Clark and Fricke.

Road: Borg, Hubbard and Sterns.

County officers: Clark and entire board.

Claims: Batenhorst and entire board.

Meanwhile, the courthouse has been the scene of the traditional beginning-of-the-year rush on new automobile licenses and tax payments.

County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock stated Wednesday that to date 2,050 sets of plates have been issued. His office expects to sell 7,200 sets this year. Fees collected so far amount to \$15,086.

Other receipts at the treasurer's office since the advent of the new year Wednesday reached \$69,476.12.

Hancock explained that the processing of tax payments that have been mailed in may require up to "one or two weeks" in some instances before the payer has received a receipt.

Last week there were long lines of people at the windows, but the "land office rush" has tapered off this week.

The novelty of the license plates with the "new look" is beginning to wear off. The new plate, with fewer digits and more alphabet, is being received with varied reactions. Most persons shrug their shoulders and agree the new plates are okay.

Mrs. Martens Heads 1951 Polio Drive

Mrs. Robert Martens, of Atkinson, has been appointed director of the 1951 march of dimes drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The drive will get underway Monday, January 15, and extend through January 1.

The following community chairmen have been appointed to work with Mrs. Martens and officers of the Holt county chapter during the 1951 campaign: O'Neill—Mrs. Frank Clements, chairman; Mrs. Merle Hickey, vice-chairman; Atkinson—Mrs. Ivan Dickerson; Inman—Mrs. John Mattson; Chambers—Mrs. J. W. Walters; Amelia—Mrs. Blake Ott; Stuart—Mrs. Don Krotter; Page—Mrs. Anton Nissen; Ewing—Miss Jane Rotherham; Emmet—Miss Helen Martens.

Stuart Man Burned When Fuel Ignites

STUART—Ernest Dodd was the victim of a fuel oil fire early Monday.

He spilled some tractor fuel on his clothing while refueling Mr. Snyder's tractor at the Dodd service station.

The men went inside the station where Mr. Dodd lighted a match for a smoke. The flame ignited the saturated clothing and Mr. Dodd received burns on his hand and leg.

Mr. Snyder smothered the flames before they gained much headway.



5 LATEST DRAFTEES . . . Five more Holt county selective service registrants are in the army now. They are: Rear (left to right): Frank Burival, jr., of O'Neill; Andrew Ramold, of Atkinson, and Harold Krugman, of O'Neill; front row: Eugene Lewis Sobotka, of Inman, and Robert Scott, of Chambers. Nine more Holt county men will be inducted before the end of January.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.