

Restrain City on Parking Meters

Machines Arrive, but Group Seeks an Injunction

The parking meter controversy now is in the hands of the court.

A hearing is set for 10 a. m., Friday, February 16, in Holt county district court in which a group of unhappy citizens, objecting to the installation of the meters, will seek a temporary injunction against the city of O'Neill.

The group is headed by Sumner Downey, O'Neill photographer.

Meanwhile, the controversial meters have arrived and are reposing in storage at the city fire station.

Here are the developments during the past five weeks:

On January 9 the city council ordered the mayor and city clerk to enter into an agreement with the Duncan Parking Meter corporation for installation of "150 more or less" meters for Douglas street. The council acted with one dissenting vote.

A wave of criticism arose. On February 7 an informal hearing was conducted by the council at which only "two or three persons" registered protest against the meters.

On Saturday, February 10, Sumner Downey et al filed their petition in district court seeking an injunction against the city. Same day District Judge D. R. Mounts issued a restraining order and the city officials were duly advised that the meters were not to be erected and the officials were summoned into court.

The plaintiffs allege that the contract between the council and the meter manufacturer is illegal, that there was no advertisement for bids, and that there is no ordinance for policing meters if they were installed.

Whether a hearing will actually be held on Friday was not definite Wednesday, because the matter may be continued.

City Attorney William W. Griffin said he did not know whether or not the parking meter firm would get into the legal battle here. He indicated that such a turn of events often occurs in such matters.

More than two hundred freeholders signed the informal petition that was originally presented to the council opposing meters.

Among the signers of the court petition which brought about the restraining order were Sumner Downey, William Artus, A. Marcellus, R. H. Shriner, George C. Robertson, W. F. Finley, Ben Gilligan, P. C. Donohoe, Fred Saunton, Francis Montgomery, R. G. Shelhamer, Robert Schulz, R. V. Lucas, Val Darling, A. V. Virgin, H. E. Coyne, M. J. Golden, et al.

Norman Gonderinger is counsel for the plaintiffs. About 35 citizens and firms chipped in money to finance the legal jamming of the machines.

5,112 Auto Licenses Issued in January

The Holt county treasurer's office issued 5,112 motor vehicle license plates during January—far in excess of volume handled in previous corresponding months.

Total tax collections for January were \$174,777.47; total motor vehicle collections, \$40,043.25; miscellaneous collections, \$52,405.84, totaling \$267,226.56.

Total balance in all funds January 31, 1951, was \$723,085.16.

7 Schools Entered in O'Neill 'B' Meet

Seven class "B" schools will be entered in the district tournament at O'Neill on March 7-8-9. Supt. Ira George, of O'Neill, is director and pairings will be drawn Saturday.

Entered are Ainsworth, Valentine, O'Neill, Burwell, Ord, Neligh and Plainview.

Legion Plans Stag Party

A stag party for members and their guests will be held on Thursday evening, February 22, at the American Legion club.

"Imported entertainment, including a master-of-ceremonies, has been arranged," according to Simonson Post Commander Virgil Laursen.

A mountain oyster lunch will be served.

FIREMEN CALLED

O'Neill volunteer firemen were summoned to a fire about 10:30 a. m. Wednesday. Blaze was in a small building north of the O'Neill elevator. Gas was being unloaded for a nearby rail car.

Fred Halva, of Omaha, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva.

VET BOTH WARS DIES IN HOSPITAL

Burial in Atkinson Today for Clarence Mohr, Native O'Neillite

ATKINSON—Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) at the Methodist church for Clarence Mohr, 50, a veteran of both World War I and II, who died Sunday, February 11, in the Veterans hospital at Grand Island.

Burial will be in Wood Lawn cemetery with military rites. Farley-Tushla post, of the American Legion, will furnish a firing squad and pallbearers.

The late Mr. Mohr was born on March 6, 1900, at O'Neill, a son of Alvin J. and Katherine Streeter Mohr. He was reared in Holt county and never married.

Mr. Mohr enjoyed the reputation of being a well-known baseball player in the Atkinson, O'Neill and Emmet communities.

Following World War II he was employed at the Veterans hospital at Hot Springs, S. D. About two months ago he returned to Atkinson to reside with his brother, John. Early Sunday he was taken to the Grand Island hospital where he died several hours later.

Survivors are several brothers and sisters, including John, of Atkinson; Frank, of Norfolk; Hyde and William, both of O'Neill; and one sister, of South Dakota.

JURY TO HEAR 3 CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Holt to Summon Jurors First Time in 2 1/2 Years

A jury will be summoned for duty in Holt county district court, which will convene on March 5. It will be the first jury call in 2 1/2 years.

Ira H. Moss, clerk of district court, said Wednesday that three criminal and one civil action will be heard by the jury.

Criminal actions pending are: State of Nebraska vs. Marvin R. Karr, operating truck with overload.

State of Nebraska vs. Dallas Stonebraker, appeal on conviction for drunken driving.

State of Nebraska vs. Fern Ritts, complaint for forcible robbery.

The only civil suit for the jury involves Clearidge Aviation, Inc., vs. Gayle Williams, suit for damages involving wrecked airplane.

Last Holt county jury convened in November, 1948.

Jurors' names will be drawn and summons issued at least 10 days prior to March 5.

In addition, there are about 50 equity cases on the docket, including several divorce actions.

George McNally Dies Suddenly

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 12, at Schuyler for John E. McNally, brother of Mrs. M. B. Higgins, of O'Neill. Mr. McNally died Thursday, February 6, at Los Angeles, Calif., following a heart attack.

Two weeks ago, Mr. McNally, his wife, M. B. Higgins and Mrs. Higgins left for California on a vacation.

The late Mr. McNally had been president of the State Farmers Insurance company, of Omaha, for the last four years. He was well-known in the O'Neill area, returning here for visits periodically.

Survivors include: Widow; sister—Mrs. M. B. Higgins, of O'Neill; brothers—George and William, of Schuyler, and Fred, of North Platte.

Martindale Held on Check Charge

Douglas Martindale, 27, of Scottsbluff, is being held in Holt county jail awaiting charges in connection with an insufficient fund check.

In December he issued a check to Wesley Cobb, of Stuart, in the amount of \$150 in payment for some hay.

Authorities at Scottsbluff arrested Martindale and held him until Holt County Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack picked him up on Tuesday.

Remains Here—Joan Gilbertson is staying with the Frank Greniers while finishing the school term here.

Attends Parley—C. E. Jones attended a convention in Omaha Tuesday and Wednesday.

O'NEILL DRIVE EXCEEDS QUOTA

Polio Push Here a 'Big Success' but Holt Campaign Lags

Holt county's 1951 campaign for funds to combat infantile paralysis is virtually over. But the drive probably will fall short of the \$5,000 quota.

"Biggest shortage compared to last year's campaign is the direct mail response from rural people," explained Mrs. Robert Martens, of Atkinson, Holt chairman.

"These cards continue to trickle in," Mrs. Martens continued, "but we need more than a hundred dollars to exceed the quota."

All organized polio benefit activities in the county ended Friday night, February 9, with the amateur contest finals in O'Neill. The drive opened January 15.

"Persons who still wish to send in contributions may continue to do so and the belated gifts might enable us to hit our quota," the chairman said.

O'Neill was the first community to windup its polio affairs with a bang. Under the direction of Mrs. Merle Hickey, assisted by Mrs. Larry Johnson, the drive for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis grossed \$1,706. O'Neill's quota was \$1,500.

Mrs. Hickey and Mrs. Johnson were elated over what they described as "grand cooperation."

Mrs. Martens said that some of the other towns had done "a little better" than last year, others "not quite as good." But the principal shortage lies among the rural folks who have to be solicited by direct mail.

There was standing room only Friday night as the amateurs competed in two divisions—grade school and combination high school-adult.

Winners follow:

GRADE SCHOOL DIVISION
First—Stuart dance skit (coached by Mrs. J. G. Brewster). Members of the tap specialty were Doreen Shattuck, Dennis Brewster and Alan Brewster.

Second—Victory 4-H club, of Inman, duet.

Third—Roland Johnson, of O'Neill, "Loaded Pistol, Loaded Dice."

HIGH SCHOOL-ADULT DIV.

First—Phyllis Seger, of O'Neill, piano solo, "Malaguena."

Second—"Weggis Song," by Lois Harder, Donna Crabb, John Bowen and Dwayne Booth, of O'Neill.

Third—Marvia Gibson, of Ewing, cornet solo.

Entries numbered more than 40 and the program lasted for 2 1/2 hours.

Judges were: Mrs. Wayne Smith, of Chambers; Mrs. Faye Taylor, of Page; Mrs. Mayme Housch, of Neligh; Mrs. H. R. Tompkins, of Inman; Mrs. Dean Beckwith, of Emmet; Mrs. Iva Goehy, of Stuart; Mrs. J. J. Bergan, of O'Neill.

The Stuart dance group received the overall grand prize of \$3 based on ovation. First, second and third place winners received \$2, \$1 and \$1, respectively.

Proceeds from the amateur contest go to the county fund—not to O'Neill's credit.

Meanwhile, the march of dimes receipts through Holt county schools has increased during the past week by \$13.30, making a new total of \$379.20.

These include:

Dist.	Teacher	Amt.
22	Viola Stahlecker	\$ 1.50
118	Bonnie Christiansen	3.50
101	Norman Christiansen	3.30
496	Marciene Schroeder	2.50
205	Miss Christine Krysl	2.60
246	Mrs. Ruth Worth	.50
Total		\$13.30
Grand Total		\$379.20

Mrs. Rinnie Gans and pupils of district 210 gave \$3.50 instead of \$2.60 as reported.

Amateurs Compete At O'Neill—Contributions at the home talent entertainment held on Saturday evening, February 3, in the auditorium of the Ewing public school totaled \$266.47. All proceeds will go to the polio benefit fund.

The following selections were judged most popular with the large audience present: Clarinet solo, by Marcia Gibson; reading, Patricia Rotherham; a popular song, "You're in Love," by Sally Christon; yodeling, Sandra Dierks, Marcia Gibson, Marion Harris, Judy Jefferies, Jackie Mosel, Patricia Rotherham, all students in the Ewing high school.



AMATEUR CONTESTANTS... Mrs. George Robey, of Ewing, (above) presented a humorous reading, "Chickens," at the polio benefit Holt county amateur contest here Friday night. Vivian Harley and Rose Mary Gibson, of Chambers, sang a duet, "Smilin' Through." Proceeds went to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.—The Frontier Photos by John H. McCarville.



SIMON W. SCHAAF DIES IN ATKINSON

Benton Mellor, of Atkinson, Holt county 4-H timely topics speech champion for 1951, Wednesday grabbed district laurels in competition at Bassett. He will represent the district in state competition during 4-H club week.

Mellor's topic, "Our Constitution—Worth Having and Worth Defending."

Joellyn Backhaus, of O'Neill, Holt winner in the girls' division, earned a red ribbon in district competition. Her topic, "Values of 4-H."

Girls' winner at Bassett was Shirley Hargens, of Spencer.

Counties in the district are Holt, Rock, Brown, Garfield, Boyd, Loup and Keya Paha.

Members of the Atkinson volunteer fire department served as honorary pallbearers and the active pallbearers were A. G. Miller, Jack Carroll, Ed Humpal, Charles Dvorak, John Tushla and Fred R. Mack.

The late Mr. Schaaf was born August 5, 1892, in Boyd county, a son of Michael and Mary Schaaf.

Survivors include: Widow—the former Julia Bouska; daughter—Mrs. Harold (Viola) Hayes, of Atkinson.

Visit Texas—Mr. and Mrs. Tony Asimus, who have been visiting in Houston, Tex., and other points in the South, are expected home this weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Asimus departed Sunday, February 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Krause and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Yenne on the Beaver Sunday afternoon.

Gildersleeve New O'Neill Scoutmaster

Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve is the new scoutmaster in O'Neill. He succeeds Albert Sipes.

This announcement was made Wednesday by Melvin Ruzicka, chairman of the Boy Scout committee.

All Scouts are urged to register at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, February 19, at the American Legion auditorium. The applications will become a part of the application for a renewal of the Scout charter in O'Neill. The application is due March 1. Scouts pay a 50-cent registration fee.

The new scoutmaster is a native of Wayne. He has had considerable scouting experience in Los Angeles, Calif., and served as a navy officer during World War II. Doctor Gildersleeve came to O'Neill in August, 1949.

JUNIOR 'OFFICERS' TO CONVERGE HERE

'Elections' Being Held in Schools for Student Government

All is in readiness for a swarm of junior class students from the various Holt county high schools to take over the county government for a day.

"Elections" are being held this week among the juniors and Monday, February 19, the "officers" will move in alongside the regularly constituted officers.

The student government program, sponsored by the Nebraska department of the American Legion, is designed to give the young citizens a practical lesson in civics at the county level. Later, a boys' state and girls' state affair is held.

O'Neill high school juniors will go to the polls today (Thursday) to choose their set of officers for "county positions."

St. Mary's academy has chosen its slate: Joan Smith, clerk; Donald Vinton, register of deeds; Don Donohoe, sheriff; Mary E. Steele, supervisor; Shirley Leahy, clerk of district court; Dorothy Donohoe, clerk; Mary Frances Vitt, treasurer; Carolyn Lee, attorney; James DeBacker, judge; James Kelly, service officer; Maureen Mahoney, superintendent of public instruction.

In the St. Mary's balloting, the national and federal parties "elected" four candidates each.

Atkinson high school: Richard White, judge; Vivian Lemmer, superintendent; Colleen Kennerly, clerk; George Kahler, register of deeds; Gary Lech, sheriff; Sandra Gillman, treasurer; Mary Storjohann, clerk of district court; Blanche Bartos, assessor; Bill Richardson, attorney; Clayton Goeke, supervisor.

Inman high school: Joan Coventry, treasurer; Ila June Coon, clerk of district court; Harlan Nielsen, sheriff; Imogene Davis, clerk; Richard Bohn, supervisor; Harold Nielsen, assessor; Larry Sawyer, judge; Mildred Stamp, superintendent.

At Chambers the juniors will do their "balloting" early today (Thursday).

Registration begins at 9 a. m. Morning will be devoted to orientation and during the afternoon the student "officers" will settle down to the business of running their respective offices.

A critique will close the day and dismissal will be at 5 p. m.

Lawrence Hamik, of Stuart, is chairman of the countywide program. Students will come from the following schools: O'Neill, St. Mary's academy, Atkinson, St. Joseph's hall, Stuart, Amelia, Chambers, Page, Ewing and Inman.

Judge Allen New Bar President

Rock County Judge Charles Allen, of Bassett, was elected president of the Fifteen judicial district bar association at the annual meeting held in O'Neill on Monday, February 12. He succeeds Charles E. Chace, Atkinson attorney.

New vice-president is William W. Griffin and Norman Gonderinger was reelected secretary. Both Griffin and Gonderinger are O'Neill attorneys.

Highlight of the Monday afternoon and evening session was a discussion of "Federal Estate Taxation," by Jack Miller, of Sioux City.

To Spend Weekend Here

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hile, of Columbus, are expected to spend the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek and family.

COLLINS, CATTLE AUCTIONS TOP LIST

O'Neill Scene of Another Machinery, Registered Hereford Sale

O'Neill will be the setting for two big auctions 48 hours apart. On Saturday, February 17, Lloyd Collins implements will stage another gigantic farm machinery auction at the east edge of the city. To be sold are 34 new and used tractors, many listers, discs, tillers, cornpickers, combines, mowers, rakes, hammermills, grinders and miscellaneous other articles.

On Monday, February 19, at the O'Neill Livestock Market, the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association will hold its annual spring sale of registered Hereford cattle, comprising 62 head.

Both sales have a good chance of establishing new records for their sponsors. The success of the machinery auction, particularly, will hinge on the weather.

Collins has conducted a series of implement auctions—all of which have attracted buyers from many miles.

(For details consult full page advertisement on page 11.)

Cols. Ed Thorin, of Chambers; Clifford Nelson, of Oakland, and Harry Cooper, of Winner, S. D., will be auctioneers, and the O'Neill National bank will clerk.

Concerning the Hereford sale, Secretary James W. Rooney said:

"The members of the association are constantly striving to improve the quality of their cattle, and each year they buy top herd bulls of popular blood lines and good foundation females. Cattle raised by Holt Hereford breeders have been consistent winners and top selling individuals at Nebraska sales during the past four years."

Consignors include: Francis L. Anderl, of Inman; D. E. Bowen & Son, of Page; Albert Carson, of Redbird; C Bar M Ranch, of O'Neill; Forrest Farrand, of O'Neill; Waldo & Grace Frost, of Stuart; Ed Krugman & Son, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Larson, of Ewing; C. V. Robertson, of Chambers; Elwyn Robertson, of Chambers; S. R. Robertson, of O'Neill; George Rowse & Sons, of Chambers; M. L. Sageser & Sons, of Amelia; C. F. Small & Sons, of Amelia; Marvin Snyder, of Page; H. A. & R. E. Van Horn, of Page; Harold Van Vleck & Sons, of Clearwater; Whitaker & Whitaker, of Chambers; Henry Wood, of Ewing; and Benton Mellor, of Atkinson.

Emil Resac, of Tabor, S. D., will act as judge during the show in the morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. Charles Corlke, of Norfolk, will be auctioneer and selling begins at 1:30 p. m.

Two farm sales are on The Frontier's calendar: W. L. Pinkerman, living 14 miles south of Lynch, will sell his personal property on Friday, February 16. Leo Gokie, living 4 miles north and 2 miles west of Danceland, has selected Monday, February 26, for his sale date. Col. Wallace O'Connell will handle the Gokie sale.

Two other registered Hereford sales also are on The Frontier's calendar and The Frontier has printed catalogs and other advertising.

The North-Central Nebraska Hereford association will hold its annual spring sale at Bassett on Saturday, February 24. Tug Phillips, of Bassett, is sale manager and will provide catalogs on request.

The Niobrara Valley Hereford Breeders' association will hold a spring sale at Butte on Tuesday, March 13. Walter G. Sire, of Butte, is sale manager and will fill requests for catalogs.

Woody Grim will offer two O'Neill homes at auction on Monday, February 26. Kieth Abart is auctioneer-broker.

7 Applicants for Superintendency

Seven applications have been received for the post of superintendent of O'Neill city schools.

But the board of education has taken no action toward finding a successor for Ira George, who has resigned, effective August 1, 1951. George had been here 13 years.

George received \$4,500 from the school district and \$500 per year from the city for bond work, totaling \$5,000.