

Traffic Snarled by New Storm

Weatherman Fails to Deter St. Pat Revelers

Old Man Winter let go with another blast during the weekend, tying up communications and creating considerable inconvenience. Weather-beaten observers, veterans of king-sized storms of other years, were confident it was the Old Man's last try of the season.

Friday night rain turned to snow about 9 o'clock. Large flakes drifted lazily downward while radios and newspapers spread the word that high winds—possibly 75-miles-per-hour—accompanied by cold and snow would be on Saturday's menu. The snow and cold came but winds never reached the hurricane proportions. Snow continued to fall until 4 p.m. Saturday, when the temperature dropped.

Motorists were warned to stay off both highways 20 and 275 Saturday but traffic was getting through until 20 choked up east of Orchard on Sunday.

Fresh wind early Monday, beginning about 7 o'clock, was the clincher for closing highway 20 the rest of the day.

A bulletin on road conditions Monday, issued by John D. Osenbaugh, O'Neill resident engineer for the state highway department, follows:

U.S. highway 20, wide open from O'Neill west; closed from O'Neill east.

U.S. highway 275, wide open east of O'Neill with bad spots near Clearwater and beyond Nellig.

U.S. highway 281, open north from O'Neill; open south as far as Chambers corner with plows working south beyond that point. State highway 12, closed near Verdell and Verdigré.

The Verdigré locality reported 18 inches of snow during the weekend compared to 12 inches at O'Neill. Precipitation here amounted to three-fourths of an inch.

An ice jam on Verdigré creek, near the town of Verdigré, had caused considerable apprehension. By late Sunday the jam had shifted and water spilled over into the lowlands. Three families were evacuated Saturday by boat.

The big trouble, said Verdigré's Mayor Walt Dobrichovsky, was that there apparently wasn't enough water back of the ice gorges to move them out so there was little point in attempting to dynamite them.

Water still flowed over highway 14 south of Verdigré making traffic virtually impossible. Snow clearing operators were virtually at a standstill in the area as high winds kept whipping the snow into the roads as fast as plows could dig it out.

The mayor said the county crews stopped work after early attempts to dig out the snow seemed futile.

One plow got stuck while crossing the low spot in the highway where the water was overflowing it.

"Things don't look very good," said Dobrichovsky. "There is not (Continued on page 4)

Consumers Offices Are Moved Upstairs

Offices for the Consumers Public Power district are now located on the second floor of the Consumers building.

The two-story building, originally owned by Charles and Jerry Scott and later by Sumner and Esther Downey, was purchased two years ago by Consumers.

Extensive remodeling and renovating was begun last fall and is now being completed.

The district offices which administer CPPD affairs in a 13-county area, will occupy the west portion of the second floor; the CPPD merchandise department will occupy the west half of the main floor.

The east half of the main floor will be available for a tenant, but L. C. Walling, district manager, said the space had not yet been committed.

New furniture and fixtures for Consumers offices have been delayed in arrival due to storm conditions.

Post-Type Traffic Signals Arrive

Two post-type traffic signals have arrived and will be erected at the intersection of Fourth and Douglas street as soon as weather permits pouring concrete bases.

One signal will be mounted at the First National bank corner, the other at the old Nebraska State bank corner. Each will control traffic from two directions, and they will be synchronized.

Last fall the overhead four-way signal had to be taken down because the moorings from the guidewires were damaged.

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HOLT READY TO PROSECUTE TRIO

Complaints Are Drawn to Bring Roberts Brothers, Hines Back

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Tuesday that complaints have been drawn, but not filed, and arrangements have been completed with state prison and state reformatory officials to return to the county the famed trio of Roberts Bros. & Hines for trial.

The three young men, already serving sentences for Antelope county burglaries, will be brought to O'Neill on a date to be announced to face charges for Holt burglaries, which the three already have confessed.

The men are: Gene W. ("Red") Roberts, 25, and his brother, Richard D. ("Slim") Roberts, 22, both of O'Neill, and Dale L. Hines, 20, of Inman.

They were captured early February 24 while looting a garage at Clearwater, prosecuted in Antelope county. The elder Roberts drew three years in the state penitentiary; his brother and Hines drew two years each in the men's reformatory.

The three signed confessions in which they admitted burglarizing two postoffices, one bank, and a variety of stores in north-east and northcentral Nebraska during the months of December, January and February.

Griffin said he was charging the three for their activities in Holt county, including the Emmet State bank, John Conrad mercantile store at Emmet, Dankert service station at Chambers and Marcellus Implement company at O'Neill.

He said he would question the trio further about other incidents in the county.

Griffin said he had an understanding with the warden at the penitentiary and the superintendent at the reformatory which would enable bringing the trio back to Holt at a convenient time.

It was not clear, Griffin said, whether federal authorities would prosecute at this time for the trio's role in the Emmet and Hadar postoffice robberies, which they also have confessed.

ARC DRIVE MOVES INTO FULL SWING

Demands Have Increased Since Goals Were Established

"The 1951 American Red Cross membership drive and fund raising campaign is swinging into action," according to Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan, of O'Neill, Holt chairman.

Chairmen for various communities have been appointed and next week will see the drive in full swing, Mrs. Sullivan explained.

The amount of money needed by the ARC for the year was fixed on a basis of an armed force of 2 1/2 million men. Since then, this manpower figure has been increased to 3 1/2 million or more.

The Korean war has lasted longer and has been more costly than originally established by ARC officials when the national goal was established.

"None of us know what tomorrow's headlines will tell," Mrs. Sullivan says, "and everybody asks, 'What can we do to help?'"

"The American Red Cross supplies the answer," Mrs. Sullivan added. "And if the Red Cross is to do its job effectively, our Holt county chapter, along with all the other chapters in the country, must substantially exceed their minimum goals in this new campaign. Only with your help can this be done."

"Let's all give generously this year to the Red Cross," Mrs. Sullivan concluded.

Community chairman are: Stuart—Mrs. Stanley Cobb; Atkinson—(not named); Chambers—Glen Adams and John Walters; Ewing—Mrs. James Pruden; Inman—Earl Watson; Page—Mrs. J. R. Russell; Emmet—Mrs. P. J. McGinnis; O'Neill—Mrs. Virgil Laursen; Amelia—(not named).

Golden Wedding for Lynch Pair

LYNCH—Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lynch, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 27.

They will hold open house at their home in Lynch for their relatives and friends from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

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Hastings college choir will present a concert in O'Neill Monday, March 26 . . . long list of encores necessary to meet the demands of audiences.

50 Voices in Choral Group Coming Here

CITY WILL FILE METER DEMURRER

Answer Goes on Record Today in Temporary Injunction Suit

Today (Thursday) is the new answer day for the defendant in Holt county district court in the controversial parking meter suit.

On March 12—the original answer day—the city of O'Neill asked Judge D. R. Mounts for a continuance of the temporary injunction suit. The judge granted a 10-day delay.

City Attorney William W. Griffin said Wednesday he would file a demurrer on the matter. This would mean the suit of Sumner Downey et al vs. the city of O'Neill would not come to trial.

Crux of the dispute hinges on whether or not the city can legally enter into a contract with a consideration of over one-thousand-dollars without approval of the voters.

In January the council entered into an agreement for "150 more-or-less" parking meters with a meter manufacturer. Total consideration is in the neighborhood of 10-thousand-dollars.

The meters are being held at the fire station pending the outcome of the action. The city has been restrained from erecting the meters for the past six weeks.

Griffin said the parking meter corporation would not have legal counsel on the scene here as far as he knew. The firm, however, is interested in the case and has been in contact with him.

CUPID IDLE

Holt county's marriage mill has creaked to a halt. During the first 21 days of the month no licenses were issued at the office of County Judge Louis W. Reimer.

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Unit Very Effective with Hymns and Folk Songs

The Hastings college choir, making its annual two-week tour, will appear at the O'Neill high school auditorium on Monday evening, March 26, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of First Presbyterian church.

The popularity and reputation of the Hastings college choir is largely due to the leadership of its well-known director, Dr. Hayes M. Fuhr.

Doctor Fuhr, now in his 20th consecutive year of direction of the choir, has specialized in the field of choral music.

The organization numbers 30 women and 20 men, and has been rated by critics as one of the best in a long list of successful singing units in the country. Membership in the organization is one of the most coveted activities on the Hastings college campus.

Daily rehearsals are held for five months preceding the tours and the result is a quality of performance rarely achieved.

Songs of adoration and worship, spirituals and the ever popular songs of the people, in which the choir is so successful, make up the repertoire. The effectiveness in hymn singing is so unusual that by request, two hymns are included in their offerings. A long list of encores is always necessary to meet the demands of audiences.

24 Apply for Post School Superintendent

Board of Education Secretary Ira H. Moss reported Tuesday there are 24 applications on file from school men seeking the post of superintendent of O'Neill city schools.

No action has been taken. A successor is being sought for Ira George, resigned, effective August 1.

All teachers were reelected a month ago. Todate no contracts have been signed for the 1951-'52 term, Moss said.



Dr. Hayes M. Fuhr . . . 20 consecutive years as choir director. (Story at left)

JOHN R. REITZ, 95, DIES AT CHAMBERS

One of Holt's Oldest Citizens Ill Only 2 Days

CHAMBERS—John R. Reitz, 95, a resident of Holt county since 1889 and probably one of the oldest citizens in the county, died at 1 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. He died at his home 8 miles east of Chambers or about 19 miles southeast of O'Neill, having been ill only two days.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 21, at the Reitz home and at the Methodist church. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin Bros.

The late Mr. Reitz was born December 20, 1855, in Pennsylvania. He came to Holt in 1889 from Lincoln.

Mrs. Reitz, formerly Margaret Hedges, died in 1908 and the late Mr. Reitz and a son, James William, have resided together since.

The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Survivors include the one son, James William Reitz, of Chambers.

8 Names Appear on Petitions

FRANK KAZDA, SR., EXPIRES SUNDAY

Helped to Construct Many Buildings in Atkinson; Immigrant at 1

ATKINSON—Frank Kazda, sr., 75-year-old Atkinson carpenter and a resident of Holt county for 49 years, died at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at his home in Atkinson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 20, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church here with Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiating. Interment was in Wood Lawn cemetery.

The church was filled to near-capacity for the rites by relatives and friends. Pallbearers were Harold Kirkland, John Deselive, John Warner, Ray Wolford, John Warren, and Roy Carr, all of Atkinson.

Music was furnished by a male quartet—Gilbert Snyder, George Mentzer, Robert Horner and "Bub" Davis.

The late Mr. Kazda was born in Czechoslovakia. He came to America with his parents when he was only 1-year-old.

The original Kazda family initially settled on a homestead in Iowa where a few years later Mr. Kazda died. The widow and two sons, Frank and John, came to Holt county in 1902.

Following their marriage on February 16, 1896, Frank Kazda and his wife who was born in South Dakota, resided for several years on a farm northeast of Atkinson.

Mr. Kazda worked as a carpenter for many years, having helped to build many of the buildings here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kazda have celebrated their birthday anniversaries together on the same day as their wedding anniversary.

Survivors include: Widow—Emma; daughters—Mrs. Carl (Anna) Holz, of Ewing; Mrs. Norbert (Louella) Uhl, of O'Neill; Mrs. Ella Hoppe, of Atkinson; sons—John, of Winner, S. D.; Alfred, of Atkinson; and Frank, jr., of Ewing.

There are 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Sylvester (Mary) Tushla, died June 8, 1945.

The late Mr. Kazda for a hobby trained dogs and enjoyed a wide reputation as a trainer.

51 Bankers At Meeting Here

Fifty-one bankers were present at the annual meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Clearing House association held here on Thursday, March 15, at Slat's cafe.

George Wright, president of the Bank of Elgin, discussed legislation pending in the unicameral, and Lynn Cox, of the Federal Reserve bank, formerly of Norfolk, conducted a conference on Regulation "X," dealing with building and construction during the new government state of emergency.

Harry Snyder, assistant cashier of the First National bank at Atkinson, was elected association president, succeeding M. B. Huffman, vice-president of the Farmers State bank at Ewing.

A. P. Anderson, president of the Butte State bank, was elected vice-president; Lawrence Kramer, assistant cashier of the First National bank at O'Neill, was named treasurer. Archie Bright, of the First National at O'Neill, is retiring secretary. Snyder was upped from vice-president to the presidency.

Announces Change in Schedule for Easter

EMMET—Rev. A. A. Urbanski, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany at Emmet, has announced a change in the hour of mass for Easter Sunday only.

Mass at Emmet will be at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, 10 o'clock at Amelia.

Father Urbanski said weather conditions last week made it impossible to get the announcement to all of the parishoners. The change applies to Easter Sunday only.

Two Candidates for City Council in First Ward

The surface of O'Neill's political pool is rippling slightly with the appearance of eight petitions.

Until Wednesday noon, however, there were no contests except in the First ward where M. J. ("Max") Golden and A. E. ("Archie") Bowen will be competing for the city council chair.

Other aspirants have until 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 23, to toss their traditional hats into the ring. The municipal election is Tuesday, April 3.

Following the usual custom here, no caucuses have been conducted and candidates' names find their way onto the city and school ballots via the petition system. This system has a tendency to invite last-minute write-in campaigns in which anything can happen.

First petitions out were circulated in behalf of Ira H. Moss, F. N. Cronin and H. J. Lohaus for posts on the board of education. Moss and Cronin are incumbents and Lohaus would fill the post held by George Shoemaker, who has moved from the district. Shoemaker has been inactive for several months.

Another petition was published in behalf of Archie Bright for city treasurer.

On Tuesday four more petitions got into circulation, bearing names of Golden and Bowen, for First ward councilman; Marvin Johnson, Second ward, and Norbert Uhl, Third ward.

Uhl is an incumbent and is a candidate for reelection for the first time.

Councilmen whose terms expire are J. L. McCarville, sr., who has been on the council about three years, and A. W. ("Aby") Carroll, appointed to the council last summer to fill the unexpired term created by Hugh Ray's resignation.

Neither McCarville or Carroll is a candidate for reelection.

Mrs. Edna Coyne was engaged to circulate the petitions. Only 10 percent of the voters in each ward are required to get a name on the ballot.

Petitions in behalf of Moss, Cronin, Lohaus and Bright already are on file with City Clerk O. D. French.

The council will postpone its regular Tuesday, April 3, meeting and convene Wednesday, April 4, instead to canvass the ballots.

Mr. McCarville told The Frontier he would not be a candidate for reelection. He was appointed in the summer of 1948 to succeed R. E. Armbruster, who moved to Norfolk. The following year—1949—McCarville was elected for a two-year term.

Mr. Carroll likewise told The Frontier he would not seek reelection.

At a meeting of the council Friday night, not all members were present and little action was taken. Salaries of councilmen were discussed. Councilmen currently draw \$75 per year, the mayor \$100 per year. Maximum salary for a second-class city is \$100 per year for councilmen. \$150 per year for mayor. The salaries are considered "tokens" for the amount of time consumed functioning in the posts.

41 Get Orders for Physicals

Forty-one Holt county selective service registrants have been ordered to report for preinduction physical examinations on April 3.

Next day—April 4—11 selectees, previously examined for physical fitness, will report for induction.

They are:

Jerome Gallagher, of O'Neill; Elwin E. Haynes, of Page; Kenneth Ziska, of Stuart; William R. Vanderbeck, of Stuart; Paul Johnson, of Amelia; Norman E. Wayman, of O'Neill; Gerald Thompson, of Atkinson; Raymond E. Hamik, of Stuart; Edwin W. Wabs, of Spencer; Frank J. Murphy, of Stuart; and William J. Murphy, of O'Neill.

Upon the induction of these men Holt county's contribution to the military through selective service will be 61 since the outbreak of the Korean war.

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BUTTE CHAMPIONS . . . Champion and reserve champion of the Niobrara Valley Hereford association show held at Butte on Tuesday, March 13, are shown (above). At left is the grand champion, LH Bozato 34th, consigned by L. J. Lechtenberg, of Spencer. Calved June 20, 1949, he was sold to Frank Lechtenberg, of Anoka, for \$875. The reserve champion bull (right),

EH Royal Domino, established an all-time high sale price—\$2,500. EH Royal Domino, calved November 9, 1948, was consigned by A. M. Engelhaupt, of Butte, and was purchased by Clyde H. Fisher, of Spencer. W. G. ("Walt") Sire, of Butte, was sale manager. — Photo by Raymer Studio.

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