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HOLT IS CORN COUNTRY, TOO . . . Anyone who thinks Holt county can't produce tall corn should take a spin out to the John Murray farm, 2 miles north of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281. John will exhibit a field of 6- to 7-ft. hybrid corn (above).—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

STOCK GROWERS WILL FIGHT BACK

Vinton Hits 'Archaic System' of Taxing Personal Property

The Nebraska Stock Growers' association has decided to appeal to the ballot box, instead of the courts, from the adverse ruling of the state board of equalization on the assessed valuation of livestock for personal property tax purposes, J. H. Vinton, of Gordon, president of the association announced Wednesday.

He said that the association members, over 2,500 in number, are outraged by the discrimination against cattlemen which results from the board's decision hiking cattlemen's taxes as much as 88 percent. However, he explained, an appeal to the courts would delay 1951 tax assessments for many months, and thousands of the towns, cities, counties and schools of the state would be hurt by the appeal.

Therefore, the cattlemen, in the public interest and rather than cause such hardships will seek their remedy elsewhere, Vinton explained. An O'Neill man, Dewey C. Schaffer, is vice-president of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association.

The association has decided to appoint a permanent tax committee. That committee, Mr. Vinton said, with the aid of legal counsel, will study Nebraska's whole "archaic system" of taxing personal property, and through the ballot box and the legislature will demand adoption of some system of taxation which will prevent a repetition of the sort of thing which has just happened, where cattlemen are taxed 3 times as much as grain farmers and cattle are taxed twice as much as most town and city real estate.

"We are not going to take this lying down," he said. "We are in this permanently and are going to fight it through to a finish."

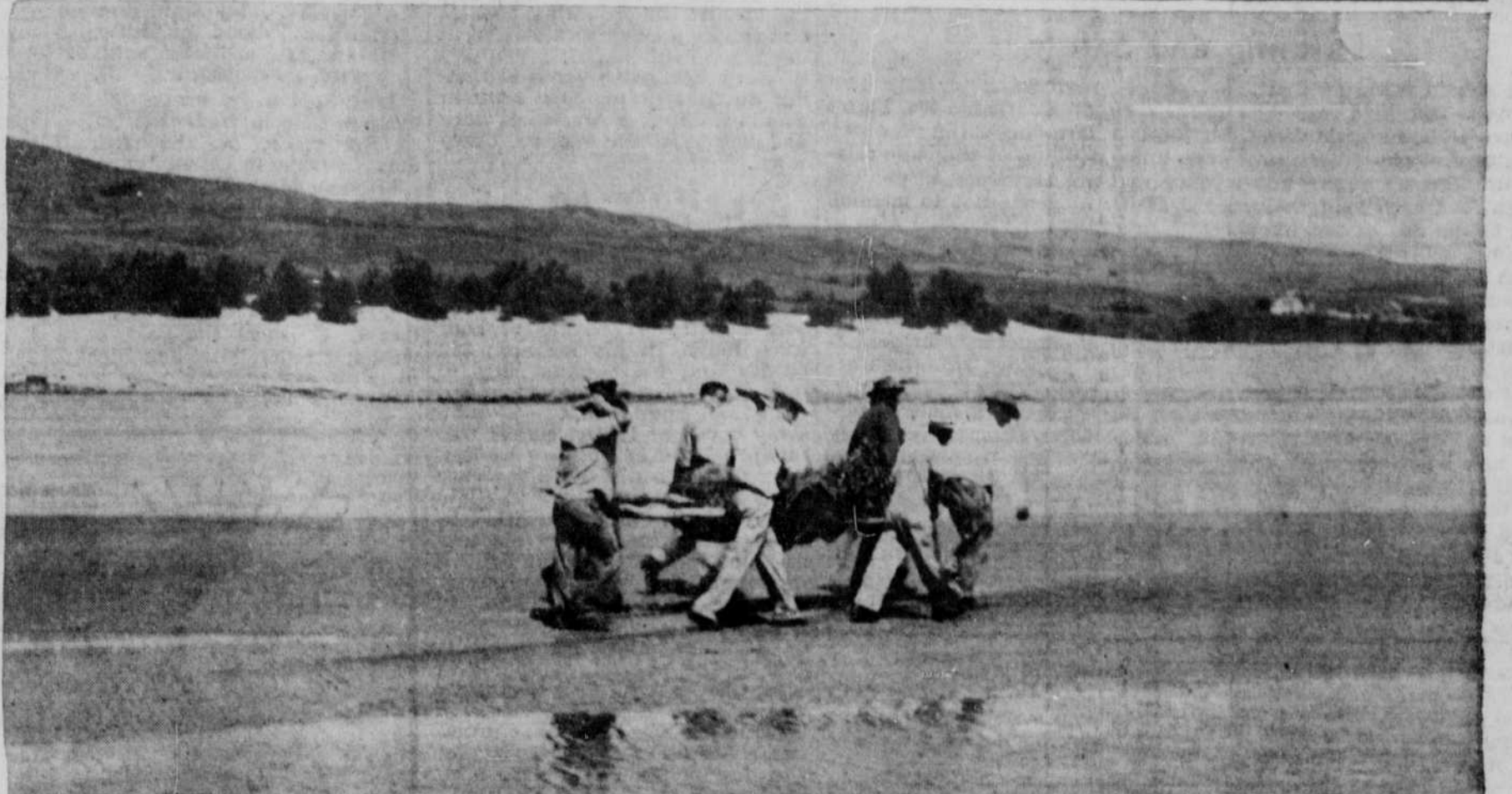
The new tax committee will study the whole tax problem and will seek the cooperation of other groups which also have been hurt by Nebraska's hodgepodge taxing system, he said. "Cattlemen are good citizens," he remarked. "The expect and want to pay their full share of the cost of government, but they won't stand for being singled out for arbitrary treatment and taxation at twice the rate of other comparable property."

"With all due respect for the governor and the other board members," he said, "we think their decision reflects a complete lack of understanding of the problems and the importance of the cattle industry in the state of Nebraska, and clearly demonstrates the urgent need for completely overhauling the present taxing system."

The new tax committee will commence work shortly, and hopes to have a complete program developed before the 1952 election, Vinton said.

Visitors Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Basler, of Columbus, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Donlin.



The body of Charles Karel is being carried from the Holt county shore of the Niobrara river by litterbearers: Boyd Sheriff Claude Collins, of Butte; Holt Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack, Ed Hood, Lawrence Jonas and Robert Miles, all of O'Neill; Lod Lewis, of Spencer; Robert Wesley and Lester Kliensong, both of Hos-

kins. Picture was snapped by The Frontier's staffer, Mary Devine Brennan, one of first persons to reach scene after the discovery by Karel's brothers, Louis and John.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

Man, 43, Is Fatally Burned in Explosion

Spark from Motor Ignites Gas Fumes

A 43-year-old former O'Neill resident, Clifford Newman, was fatally burned Friday morning in a gasoline explosion at Burwell. He died the following day—Saturday, July 28—in the Burwell hospital.

Newman was a son of Mrs. Vannie Newman, of O'Neill, and the late Oscar Newman.

Because Newman was alone in a frame building at the time of the accident, the exact circumstances surrounding the explosion are not known.

He was employed by the Phillips service station at Burwell and had backed a gasoline bulk tank wagon into the building for refueling. Newman was believed to have been atop the wagon transferring the refueling pipe from one tank to another when the explosion occurred.

The owner of the firm speculated that Newman might have spilled gasoline on his arms and pant legs. When the spark occurred, possibly from the electric pump motor or from the handling of the refueling pipe, the fire resulted.

Newman suffered severe burns on his arms and body. A physician who attended him held no hope for his survival, and stated an amputation of the legs would have been necessary if he had lived.

A young man who had been outside was about to enter the building when the blast was touched off. He was burned slightly.

The truck was badly damaged and the interior of the building was partially gutted.

Clifford was born on a farm 1 mile south of Dorsey and spent 20 years in that community. On June 10, 1931, he married Dorothy Ballagh, of the Ballagh community.

Survivors include: Widow, son—Clifford Neal; mother—Mrs. Vannie Newman; sisters—Mrs. Vivian Magstadt, of Parkston, S. D.; Mrs. Lucille Schiessler, of Ainsworth; Mrs. Edna Morris, of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Ardis Babl, of O'Neill.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, July 31, at the Congregational church in Burwell. Burial was in the Burwell cemetery.

Members of the Congregational ladies aid served dinner to relatives and friends from a distance in the church basement.

Among those from the O'Neill, Star and Dorsey communities attending the rites were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady, sr., Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pickering, Mrs. Myrtle Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carson, Mrs. Carrie Hunter, Mrs. Anna Carson, Guy Johnson, Emmet and Morna Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady, jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Wells and Mrs. Leo Gokie. Also Mrs. Mary Tomlinson, of Lynch; Mrs. James Coventry, of Inman; Glen Tomlinson, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson, of Chambers.

Mrs. Lawrence O'Malley and family were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Edna Coyne.

MRS. RHOBA ASHER BURIAL AT PAGE

Former Resident Dies in California; Ill Only Few Days

PAGE—Funeral services were held at the Page Methodist church Monday afternoon, July 30, at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Rhoba Asher, 65, who died Thursday, July 26, at Santa Clara, Calif. Due to the absence of the local pastor, Rev. V. R. Bell, of the O'Neill Methodist church, was in charge of the services.

Singers were Mrs. Alton Bradock, Mrs. Ray Snell, Leonard Miller and Darrell Heiss with Mrs. Harold Kelly as accompanist. Pallbearers were Neil Asher, Ray Snell, V. E. Hunter, Otto Matshullat, E. H. Farnsworth and Charles Cronk. Mrs. Otto Matshullat and Mrs. Charles Cronk were in charge of the floral offerings. Interment was made in the Page cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Rhoba Esther Van Every, daughter of the late Nelson and Mary Alberta Rose Van Every, was born July 30, 1886, near Brunswick.

She was married to H. G. Asher on March 8, 1905, who preceded her in death on March 13, 1938. In September, 1939, she moved to California, where she had since made her home.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Survivors include: Brothers—Glen Van Every, of Columbus, Mont.; James E. and George Van Every, both of O'Neill; sister—Mrs. William Englehart, of Santa Clara, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

The late Mrs. Asher had been ill only a few days before her death.

Those attending the funeral from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Van Every and daughter, of Columbus, Mont.; Mrs. Will Englehart, of Santa Clara, Calif.; Mrs. Carl Miller and sons, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Van Every and daughter, of Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson and sons, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Van Every and daughters and Mrs. Russell O'Kien, all of Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rose, of Dave Rose and Mrs. Ellen Rose, all of Brunswick.

5 Inductees Will Leave August 8

Five more Holt county men have been ordered to report for induction under the selective service system. They will leave O'Neill Wednesday, August 8.

They are: Robert Charles Cole, of Atkinson; Edward Henry Albrecht and Louis Leo Wewel, all of Atkinson; Gordon A. Hiatt, of O'Neill, and Larry A. Tangeman, of Chambers.

Holt county's registrants to date number 1,330. Enlistments since the Korean emergency are 83 compared to 76 draftees.

ROSECRANS BURIAL RITES WEDNESDAY

Heart Ailment Causes Death of O'Neill Native

Mrs. Ben Rosecrans, 68, died at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 28, at Butte. She had suffered a heart ailment for about 9 years.

Funeral services conducted Wednesday, August 1, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in O'Neill with Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley cemetery under direction of Biglin Bros.

The pallbearers were Lawrence Murray, Don Moler, Elwin Grutsch, Morris Grutsch, James Moler and Hugh E. Benson.

Electa Mae Moler, daughter of John and Eliza Mae Moler, was born May 25, 1883, at O'Neill. Her first husband's name was Charles Bigler, who died a number of years ago. Later she married Ben Rosecrans.

Survivors include: Widower; son—Clarence Bigler, of Butte; daughters—Mrs. Floyd (Mary) Vetch, of Gray, Okla.; Mrs. Don (Bernadine) Ulmar, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Rex (Mildred) Lundstrom, of Gresham, Ore.; Mrs. Don (Eliza) Dricky, of Bristow.

Doctor Vincent Passes Examinations

Dr. Keith Vincent, son of Mrs. Amelia Vincent, was notified Friday that he had passed "very successfully" the 3 exams of the national medical board.

This permits Doctor Vincent to practice in any state of his choosing. He has a residency at City hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

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'Buckle' Slogan Draws Sattire from Daisy

Recently the O'Neill Lions club posted a \$25 defense bond as a reward for a suitable slogan for tub-thumping O'Neill.

Selected as the winner among the entries was the slogan that tagged O'Neill as "The buckle in the hay belt."

The editor of the Omaha World-Herald's Public Pulse column published a reaction from an Atkinson reader that ran like this:

"I read that O'Neill wants to be known as 'the buckle of the hay belt.' I submit: 'Hay Billy—What did the Atkinson genuine hay belt say to the O'Neill buckle? Hay belle — Don't know. What? Hay billy — You're gonna need a lotta help from me if you're gonna keep your pants up.' —DAISY HAY"

James Corawell, enterprising editor of The Stanton Register, had a comment last week on the new O'Neill slogan:

"We'd personally considered submitting O'Neill, the snow capitol of the world." Corawell went on to explain that the "snow capitol" line was rather popular among Nebraska editors in poking fun at The Frontier, "which exploits every snowflake to the fullest come winter time."

Grass Fire Brings Out Firemen—

The O'Neill volunteer fire department was summoned Sunday morning to extinguish a small grass fire near Don McClellan's. No damage was reported. The fire department had no other calls this week.

Karel's Body Is Recovered

6 - Day Search Ends When Remains Are Washed Ashore

The dramatic, trying search for the body of Charles Karel, 58, O'Neill fisherman, ended about 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Karel's 2 brothers, Louis, of Dallas, S. D., and John, of O'Neill, found the remains near the shore about 1 1/2 miles downstream from the Spencer hydroelectric dam, where Karel had disappeared late Sunday, July 22. The body had washed ashore on the Holt county side.

The find culminated a hunt that had been pressed night-and-day for about 134 hours and in which perhaps a hundred persons had participated.

Karel was fishing at the spillway of the dam about 10:15 the night of the drowning. His line became snagged and when he ventured onto a rock to release the line he slipped and disappeared into the churning Niobrara river.

Scores of volunteer searchers joined in the hunt that continued through the week under the direction of Holt County Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack and Boyd County Sheriff Claude Collins.

When the victim's brothers found the body, John stayed with the remains while Louis went to the dam to telephone authorities.

Tomjack said the body had been bruised and battered and the face was hardly recognizable. One of the waist-high wading boots was on one leg; the other boot was off.

Tomjack had posted a \$50 reward to the finder of the body. The Karel brothers declined the reward.

C. H. Gause & Son, of Robinsdale, Minn., a diving team, went to the dam about 7 a.m. Saturday to begin an underwater search at the spillway. Young Gause spent about 2 1/2 hours submerged in a lead diving suit searching for Karel's body.

The operation attracted considerable attention. The diver stayed submerged by use of lead weights. There was 2-way telephonic communication between the diver and the surface.

The Karel body was removed from the finding place to beneath a shade tree awaiting a Biglin Bros. ambulance. It was removed to O'Neill and outdoor graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, July 30, at the Spencer cemetery.

Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church, officiated. A large crowd attended the service.

Mr. Karel was born at Spencer and lived in that community until about 6 years ago, when he moved to O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widow; daughter—Mrs. Carl Colfack, of O'Neill; 4 grandchildren; brothers—August, John and James, all of O'Neill; Louis, of Dallas, S. D.; sister—Mrs. Fannie Pokorny, of Denver, Colo.

Mr. Karel's drowning was the fourth in the history of the Spencer dam which he had helped to build in 1926.



CUB AND CONE DELIGHT KIDS . . . A cub black bear named Sadie, 5-months-old, delighted a group of Chambers children on the streets Monday afternoon. Sadie, owned by Buck Robinson, of Dale City, Okla., was born in British Columbia, Can. She will appear at the 1951 Holt county fair. Children include: Lee Ann

Wink (dark-haired little girl), Caroline Potter (with arms around Lee Ann), Barbara Wink, Ariene Potter, Connie Warner (feeding the bear), Kenny Taylor and Gary Fagan (with Indian paint). Sadie's kin died of a heart attack at Omaha recently and made the newspaper headlines.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.