Lease Sales Go Smoothly Here

Auction Is Conducted Bronze Star to Without An Incident

Sale of Holt county school land leases went as scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Monday, October 12, 13 and 15. And the sales were conducted without incident. In only 2 instances did current lessees fail to be the highest bid-

L. D. Putnam outbid Dewey C. Shaffer on a section of pas-ture land south of O'Neill, running the price to \$2,500. Guy and Dorothy Pinkerman were highest bidders on a 160-acre parcel previously held by C. L. and L. W. Brady, near Dorsey.

Through the Holt County School Land Leaseholders' association, the county had been a leader in opposition to the state's handling of the leases.

Because of a recent ruling by the state supreme court, which invalidates nearly 200 Holt leases that have been issued since 1947, feeling had been running high

Asst. Atty.-Gen. Robert Nelson, of Lincoln, accompanied 2 representatives of the state board of educational lands and funds, Robert Hiatt and Otto Heigiler.

The bidding was competitive, though not highly competitive.

Two leases were sold involving improved 160-acre tracts. One of these leases had been held by Joy and Bessie Greenfield, of Stuart, the lease having been in the Greenfield family about 45 years. Greenfields were successful bidders for \$500. Their 160-acre school land has an assessed valuation of little more than \$2,500 for which they pay 6 per cent rent, or about \$172 per year. Another improved 160-acres has been held by Vernon E. and Darlene Heyne, near Stuart. The present lessees were successful with a \$500 bid. The Heyne yearly rental has been \$160.50; the valuation, for tax purposes, about \$2,500.

Walter Welsh, of Emmet, paid \$500 for an unimproved 80-acre lease for 12 years, which appeared to be a little high. William O'Connor, of Emmet, paid \$100 for a 12-year lease on a 40-acre tract of pasture. This was the smallest parcel put on the auction block that day.

Other successful bidders Friday were Roy and Ross Rees, John Claussen, Leo Burival.

The Rees bid of \$1,500 came about in an unuhual manner. The first bid, by Max Wanser, was for \$50. The Rees brother, one of whom lives at Ewing, the other at Norfolk, countered with a \$100 bid. There was no further bidding so the state officials, who were in charge, ordered a recess. During the recess several of the state men conferred with the Rees brothers, including the assistant attorney general. When selling was resumed, the Rees brothers shot their bid on the full section of pasture land, down in the Goose lake country, up to \$1,500. Many observers thought the latter bid fair enough and assumed that this bid would have no difficulty in being readily confirmed.

There were sidelights on the selling here Friday. During the morning the state salesmen, Heigiler and Haitt, seemed to adopt the policy of starting the bidding at \$500. This accounted for Welsh's bid of \$500 for 80 acres of common pasture land. Finally, a spectator asked pointedly if bids would be accepted for less than \$500. The reply was that they would—and from that point on bids began at a lower figure.

On another occasion, the auc-(Continued on page 8.)

Heavy Downpour Causes Flooding

A Saturday afternoon downpour, unseasonal for October, sent water rushing down O'Neill streets. In some instances the gutters and storm sewers were unable to accommodate the run-

off. Water was several inches deep in the business offices of the J. B. Ryan Hay company on South Fourth street.

Many of the city's graveled streets were badly washed and debris was left on the paved

Autumnal winds have characterized the weather during most of the past 7 days. Early Wednesday the mercury dropped to 30

Cornpicking is getting underway. Many farmers are feeding corn that was damaged by the first freeze.

Saturday's rain was heaviest in Holt county. There were intermittent showers earlier in the day. Week's summary, based on 24hour periods ending at 6 p.m. daily, follows:

Hi Lo Prec. Date October 10 82 46 October 11 73 44 October 12 78 39 68 56 72 45 October 13 October 14 October 15 62 42 October 16

O'Neill Soldier

Sgt. Edwin C. ("Bud") Hansen has received the bronze star medal for meritorious service in overseas combat. The citation was issued while Hansen was on a 30-day leave visiting in the O'-Neill and Atkinson communities. His mother is Mrs. Mary Han-

sen, who resides in northeast O'-Neill. His father was the late Peter Hansen. The citation reads:

"AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II WD Bul 3. 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the



-The Frontier Engraving

Sergeant Hansen . mains at post despite heavy enemy fire.

United States is awarded to the Sergeant Edwin C. Hansen (then private first-class) RA17271051, Infantry, United States army, company B, 8th cavalry regiment, 1st cavalry division, for heroism in action against the enemy on 1 November 1950, near Pusan, Korea.

"When strong enemy forces launched a vicious counterattack against the hill positions of company B, the friendly troops received orders to withdraw to a ridgeline. Realizing the necessity for covering fire, Sergeant Hansen, with three comrades, volunteered to remain behind and cover the movement with a 57mm recoiless rifle. He remained at his post, despite heavy small arms fire and mortar shelling, and fired point blank at the grouped Chinese who were threatening to overrun the company positions. Through his action of delaying the enemy attack, the majority of the unit was able to withdraw to more tenable positions.

"Sergeant Hansen's heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Entered federal service from Ne-

Bud was in three major battles and one amphibious landing while in Korea.

O'Neill Band Will Go to Wayne

The O'Neill Municipal band, composed of music students from both O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy, will participate in band day activities at the Wayne State Teachers college campus on Saturday, October 20. Last year the band made a trip to Lincoln to band day activities at the University of Ne-

The musicians and their director, Charles C. Houser, will travel in chartered busses. The musicians will witness a Wayne State football game.

O'Neill Firemen to State Convention

Four O'Neill firemen this week attended the annual state firemen's convention held at Norfolk. They were: Luther Schulz, Robert Davidson, William Gatz and Chet Calkins.

G. E. Miles, O'Neill chief, was elected second vice-president of the state organization.

Former Page Resident Dies

PAGE-Henry F. Rakow, a former Page resident, died Monday, October 15, at Portland, Ore. The body will be shipped to O'-Neill and Biglin Bros. will have charge of funeral arrangements at

The arrangements are not vet The late Mr. Rakow is survived by 4 sons and 2 daughters.

Clearwater Visitor

At Pruden Home-Miss Hazel Liggett, of Clearwater, was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Os-

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HANNAH DONOHOE DIES AT NORFOLK

Funeral Rites Friday for Pioneer Holt Resident

Mrs. Hannah Donohoe, 81, who had been a Holt county resident since she was a 12-year-old child. died early Wednesday, October 17, in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk. She had been a patient there since September

Mrs. Donohoe had been in ill health the past few months. She had been hospitalized at Lynch prior to entering the Norfolk hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. on Friday. October 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Calvary cem-etery in the family plot under the direction of Biglin Bros. A rosary will be offered tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Donohoe farm home, 6 miles north of O'Neill.

The late Hannah Morrison was born April 21, 1870, at Danville, Ill., a daughter of the late Phillip and Mary Rumley Morrison, who were immigrants from County Cork, Ireland. She came to Holt county with her parents in 1882. In September, 1904, she married Peter Donohoe. They became the parents of 2 sons.

The late Mrs. Donohoe lived continuously in the north of O'-Neill community and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic

Survivors include: Sons—Peter and Robert, both of O'Neill; sisters - Mrs. Daniel Cronin, of Omaha; Mrs. Julia Brennan, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. William (Elizabeth) Fallon, of Gregory,

palibearers are John Murray, Frank Murray, Joseph Neckolite, T. J. Donohoe, H. E. Coyne, Edward M. Gallagher, Fred Bredehoeft and Herbert Jansen. Her husband, Peter, died Janu-

Annual rent on the leased land,

based on 6 percent of its apprais-

Mr. Mahony sold part of his

cattle, trimming his herd to 43, to pay \$4,500 of the 7 thousand

dollars he owed the estate. He is

There are 360 acres in the

Holt county is mostly hayland

lease (actually 2 leases on 40 and

and Mr. Mahony's leased land is

no exception. He has 30 acres

sowed to red clover and timothy.

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in Norfolk Hospital;

Asthma Victim

here Monday for Ernest Albert

Adams, 53, who died Friday, October 13, in a Norfolk hospital.

He had been an asthma sufferer for several years and had been seriously ill for about 6 months.

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan,

at Amelia December 12, 1897, a

son of Rudolph and Theresa

worked short periods at the Dean Streeter barber shop in O'Neill.

Survivors include: Brother -

Floyd Adams, of Amelia; and a sister—Mrs. Thomas (Margaret)

Kaycee Secretary

Nebraska Knights of Columbus

delegates met here Sunday at 2

p.m. and elected state officers.

tion of Biglin Bros.

do, all of Amelia.

Ernst Adams.

Murray, of O'Neill.

secretary.

financing the remainder.

320 acres, respectively).

ed value, is \$427.

ary 31, 1922.

Cantlon Buys Store at Oxford

Gene Cantlon, manager of Gambles store here since August, 1947, when the 3½-story company-owned store was opened. will leave Friday for Oxford. He has purchased a dealer-owned store there.

Cantlon's successor will be Burl Munson, of Wayne, a vet-ERNEST ADAMS, 53, eran of several years with Gam-ble-Skogma, Inc. He has been BARBER, SUCCUMBS managing the Wayne store for a

Munson, who is married, has 2 sons, 12 and 2½. The Munson family will occupy the residence Native of Amelia Dies being vacated by the Cantlons, 614 Clay street, owned by Miss Mary Horiskey. Mr. Munson it scheduled to arrive here todoy (Thursday). Funeral rites were conducted in St. Patrick's Catholic church

Cantlon came to O'Neill from Aberdeen, S.D., where he had been an assistant store manager. He has a wife and 2 children, Gary, 41/2, and Janet, 21/2.

Oxford is in an irrigated valley between Holdrege and McCook.

Bible Professor to church pastor, officiated and O'Neill Pulpitburial was in a family plot in

Rev. Edw. Trefz, professor of Calvary cemetery under direc-Bible at Hastings college, will conduct the service in the Pres-Pallbearers were: Dean Streetbyterian church on Sunday, Ocer and Henry Murray, both of tober 21, at 11 a.m. O'Neill; Edgar Peterson, Howard

Reverend Trefz will have charge of the services at the Berry, Blake Ott and Beryl Wal-Presbyterian church until a new pastor is elected. The late Mr. Adams was born

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Gerber and family Wednesday moved from O'Neill to Lexington, where Reverend Gerber will serve as He was a barber and he worked at the YMCA barber shop in Lin-coln for 30 years. He frequently Presbyterian pastor.

10 Receive Preinduction Physical Exams-

Ten Holt county selective service registrants left O'Neill Wednesday for their preinduction physical examinations.

They were: Raymond R. Revell, Donald O'Neill Man Renamed D. Miner and Steven S. Turay. all of O'Neill: Lou Gene Livingston, Donald E. Raymer, Harold Miller, Raymond Dobias and Robert J. Mack, all of Atkinson: Raymond E. Pettijohn, of Stuart, and Keith Kennedy, of Page.

TRUCK UPSETS

Cyril Shaughnessy, of St. Paul, state deputy; Rt. Rev. Leo Keat-ATKINSON-A tractor-trailer ing, of Grand Island, chaplain; outfit driven by Bill McConce, of John F. Kerrigan, of Fremont, Dallas, S.D., upset early Wednesadvocate; Laurence Weides, of day on a curve near the Galyen Lexington, treasurer; George M. Motor Co., on the southeast out-Ponton, of Elgin, warden, and skirts of Atkinson. No one was in-George McCarthy, of O'Neill, jured. The cattle, unhurt, ran



Charles Mahony, father of 12, and James W. Rooney . . . a real hardship if Mahony has to pay any more.

Lease Can Prove Hardship for Mahony

Young Irish Farmer, Father of 12, in Tough Spot

county school land leases went the leases in this area. without incident. There was a lone example of highly competitive bidding out of the 18 parcels

But any competitive bidding at all would work a real hardship

NONAGENARIAN

DIES AT CHAMBERS

a Holt Resident

Since 1881

p.m., Wednesday, October 17, at

eran church at Chambers, proba-

The late Mrs. Brown was born

in Hanover, Germany, on March

16, 1858. She came to the U.S. as

a small child, living for a time

at Salena, Ill, before coming to Holt county about 1881. She was

Funeral arrangements were not completed late Wednesday. Rites

her home in Chambers.

bly Saturday or Sunday.

the late Charles Brown.

CHAMBERS- Mrs. Anna M.

of 12 children, who is the holder being very unfair to the people for \$1,500. Improvements, includof one of the leases to be sold who bought their leases fully ing house and barn, cost \$5,500. sometime between now and ear- confident they could keep them."

Leaders of the Holt County School Land Leaseholders' association cite his case as an example of "real hardship" that can Sale of the first group of Holt result from the sale of many of The association is fighting sale

of the leases by the state board of educational lands and funds. Said Jim Rooney, of O'Neill, secretary of the association:

"The financial loss to many of was held in his estate. on Charles Mahony, a hard-the lessees can set them back for Last January Mr. Mahony working young Irishman, father years. It seems to us the state is bought the lease from the estate

They became the parents of 3

sons and 6 daughters. On e daughter, Anna Serck, preceded

Survivors include: Sons—Peter J., Charles W. and John H., all of Chambers; daughters—Mrs.

bers; Mrs. Lee (Minnie) Howerton, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Cas-

per W. (Lena) Harley, of Stu-

art; Mrs. Ross (Louise) Sigler, of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Wil-

She was a member of the

The body is at Biglin Bros.,

Simonson post 93, of the Am-

erican Legion, has scheduled a masquerade ball on Hallowe'en,

Tuesday, October 30, at the Le-

Post Commander John Stuif-

bergen said Bob Calume's orches-

her in death.

Lutheran church.

October 31-

gion auditorium.

Mrs. Anna M. Brown, 93, Carl (Mary) Neimand, of Cham-

Brown, 93, one of Holt county's liam (Ella) Jutte, of Chambers. oldest residents, died about 3:30 She was a member of the

will be held in St. Paul's Luth- Plan Masquerade Party

married in Minnesota in 1877 to tra had been signed.

The young Irishman with the large family is 39 - years - old,

a native of Boone county. He attended Cedar Rapids high school 2 years. For 6 years he was a renter on school land 25 miles south of O'-

Neill on the Wheeler county line. The leaseholder for nearly 40 years was Pat Boyle. Following Mr. Boyle's death the lease



Very Rev. Carl Reinert, S.J., Creighton "U" head, addresses O'Neill Knights of Columbus. (Story on page 5.)



state, is selling school land leases at Holt county slept.

Otto Heigiler (with paper), representative of courthouse. Affair was quiet; several children