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Seven Cents.



Verne Reynoldson (right) and 1/Lt. George Sexton ready checks for the Leonard Lorenz benefit fund for \$440 and \$30, respectively.

Holt Levy to Be Cut; Values Off

4.172 Mills Estimate; Property Values Off 7 or 8 Percent

The 1956 Holt county tax levy will be fractionally off the 1955 figures. At a budget hearing held on Wednesday, the board of supervisors unofficially accepted the estimated budget which had been prepared.

Table with columns: Levy comparisons, Proposed for 1956, Used Last Yr. Rows include General, Bridge, Road, County relief, etc.

In setting up the new budget the board had handed down a cost-cutting edict for most offices. Some were left unchanged in the budget plans.

Some county officers had sought pay increases for clerks but no increases were authorized. Meanwhile, Holt property values are lower, based on a study of the county assessor's summary of 1956 tax schedules.

Holt was not among the counties called on the carpet by the state tax office to explain low figures.

The basic value figures, shown in tables accompanying this story, will be cut in half for tax assessment. Last year the total value of tangible property was \$68,794,198.

Over the state values are generally lower. Last year the valuation for tax purposes (one half the so called actual value) was \$34,943,019.

Schmit Upped to Chief of Police

John N. Schmit, who has been a member of the O'Neill police department since April, Monday was promoted to chief of police, filling the vacancy created earlier in the summer by the resignation of Joe Sivesind.

Schmit, son of Nick Schmit of Atkinson and the late Mrs. Schmit, who died in February, came to O'Neill 3 1/2 years ago from Lynch. He was a parts man at the Chevrolet - Oldsmobile - Cadillac agency for a time; later a salesman.

He is married and has three sons. Schmit's appointment by Mayor D. C. Schaffer was confirmed at Monday night's adjourned meeting of the council.

The council voted to purchase a new heavy duty Ford police cruiser car from the Lohaus Motor Co. Two used cruisers will be traded in for a difference of \$685. Radio equipment in the present car will be transferred to the new one.

Former Holt Man Dies in Auto Crash

SPENCER—Ward L. Mallory, son of the late L. C. ("Cec") Mallory, who lived in northern Holt county many years, was killed early Wednesday, July 18, in an automobile crash at Mojave, Calif.

Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. Robert (Joan) Puccillo of National City, Calif.; brother—Stewart.

Kieth Abart Attends Kansas Institute

Kieth A. Abart of O'Neill was among 119 attending a credit bureau and collection management institute Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.



O'Neill's Mayor Dewey C. Schaffer (fourth person from the left) presented a blanket to R. C. Gilmore (with hat) and Jockey Sam Baca in Saturday's featured race at Madison Downs.

Track Record Set in O'Neill Handicap

A. L. Gillespie New Manager at Osborne's

A. L. Gillespie, formerly of Alliance, has been named manager of the Osborne Shoe Store here. Mr. Gillespie, 62, has had 35 years of experience in the shoe business.

Gillespie... veteran shoe merchant.—The Frontier Photo.

and others. A veteran of World War I, he was prominent in American Legion affairs for many years in Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie presently are residing at the Bowen apartments on East Douglas.

Ed Hanley, Mrs. W. H. Hart, Winnie Barger, Mrs. Sue Deaver, Mrs. Roy Grubbs, Richard Harris, Mrs. D. H. Clauson, Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor, Mrs. Harold Young, Mrs. L. A. Becker, and Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess.

Deputy Sheriff, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Holz, Mrs. L. O. Janousek, Mrs. W. J. Biglin, Charles Wegman, D. J. Hunt, Esther Harris, Pete Morgan, Leigh Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Slaymaker, Julius D. Cronin, Mrs. Frank Biglin, Mrs. John Biglin, Bessie Dvorak, Mrs. Clara O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green, Roy Johnson, James McClellan, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Mrs. Edward Krugman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Noecker, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll ("Cal") Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson, Carolyn, Cathryn and Jimmie returned from Estes Park, Colo., Sunday where they had spent their vacation.

Board Refuses to Reinstate Stuart-Naper Highway

The state highway advisory commission in official action on Monday at the statehouse in Lincoln voted against reinstatement of the Stuart-Naper road as a part of the state highway system. Action of the commission was unanimous.

The stretch involves 11 miles north of Stuart, in Holt county, and three miles south of Naper, in Boyd county.

Monday's commission meeting was the first attended by Ralph Baker, new member replacing Dan Hanna, jr., who resigned recently.

The 1955 legislature took four hundred miles of highway off the state system, reverting those roads back to the respective counties. Holt lost 45 miles, including the Stuart-Naper road, Amelia spur, highway 108 and the Lynch spur.

Sixty-eight caravanners, making the trip to Madison Downs and return in two Greyhound buses chartered by The Frontier, Saturday saw a track record established by Thoughtless, a 3-year-old mare in the day's feature race—the O'Neill handicap.

Jockey Sam Baca piloted R. C. Gilmore's entry over seven furlongs in 1:26 1/5 seconds, eclipsing the previous track record of 1:26 4/5 set by Ann's Brief July 14, 1954.

More than 3,500 persons watched the program—the finale for the 1956 Madison meet. The bus caravaners boarded at The Frontier building at 12:30 p.m., stopped briefly at WJAG's Radio Center at Norfolk where the ladies were presented corsages, arrived at Madison in time to filing at the daily double windows.

They watched the nine races under perfect skies and for some of the caravanners it was a first taste of the sport of kings. Mrs. Led Janousek and Mrs. W. H. Hart, both novices, parlayed successive wins at the windows.

O'Neillites made up a colorful portion of the "O'Neill day" crowd. Track officials designated the eighth as the day's feature and labeled it the O'Neill \$1,000 handicap.

Jockey Paul Keiper rode both ends of the daily double. Flying Pagaes scored in the first and Rosa Pawn in the second for a \$49.60 payoff.

A two-hour stopover was made at Ye Olde Tavern in Norfolk for steak dinners.

Total cost for the bus fare, grandstand seats and steak, under The Frontier's "package" offering, was \$3 per person.

Making the caravan trip: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Donnell, Bert Shoemaker, Mrs. Ira H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Don Enright, Janet Enright Bauld, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coyne, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martens.

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D. D. ("Doug") Hunt, dean of the race caravan.—The Frontier Photo.

Van Every Competes in Talent Contest

In the radio, television and movie industries, talent hunts have long been used to discover personalities with outstanding ability. But it's something new when a nationally-known business firm such as Gambles announces that it is conducting a hunt for talent among the folks in over three hundred of their company stores.

The kind of talent Gambles officials are seeking is business management ability.

"It's part of our policy of promoting folks from within the organization," explained a company spokesman. "During August we are spotlighting our store personnel with a nationwide talent hunt which we hope will bring to the fore many capable young men with leadership qualities. This program might well start them on the road to positions of great responsibility."

"The" Van Every was named August sales manager of the Gambles store in O'Neill, according to an announcement from the company's home office in Minneapolis, Minn. As a contestant in the talent hunt, he will direct all activities of the store during the contest committee.

That of three hundred other men competing in various Gambles stores. They will be judged on all phases of store management by the contest committee.

"This is a great opportunity. If I'm among the 18 finalists in the event, I'll receive 10 shares of Gambles stock," Mr. Van Every stated. "Top man will be named company sales manager of the year, and his name will be inscribed in a permanent bronze plaque in the company's home office."

"Mr. Van Every is really working hard for that goal," said Henry Loffin, O'Neill store manager. "To help him make a good showing, we plan a lot of activity in the way of special sale events in the store."

Muny Band in Final Concert

The Municipal band appeared Wednesday evening in the season's final outdoor concert. Director Charles B. Houser, who has signed to teach instrumental music at Benson high school, Omaha, made his final O'Neill appearance.

Officers of the O'Neill Civic chorus presented him a gift of luggage. Mr. Houser founded the chorus four years ago and directed successive presentations of "The Messiah," Christmas chorales and one musical melodrama. Miss Marde Birmingham made the presentation of the luggage in behalf of the singers. Earlier band members also had presented Mr. Houser luggage.

Ed Harvey Rites Held at Chambers

CHAMBERS—Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 21, for Ed Harvey, 54, who died at 4:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, at Rochester, Minn., after a lingering illness.

Twice during five weeks at Rochester he submitted to major surgery.

Rites were here at the Methodist church with Rev. L. R. Hansberry of Trenton officiating. Burial was made in the Chambers cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Blair, William Turner, Robert Strong, Raymond Beed, Glen Grimes and E. R. Carpenter.

Flowers were cared for by Mrs. Raymond Beed, Mrs. Glen Grimes, Mrs. Wade Davis and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter. The registration book was in charge of Mrs. Alfred Maas.

Music was furnished by Leatha Cooke, Mrs. C. V. Robertson, Stanley Lambert and Ernest Farrier. Pianist was Mrs. Elwyn Robertson. Ushers were C. V. Robertson and Charles Grimes.

The late Mr. Harvey was the son of Mrs. Henry Harvey and the late Mr. Harvey of Orchard. He was born August 17, 1901, at Orchard and was reared in that community.

On February 23, 1928, he was married to Miss Mary Rehak at Neligh. To this union were born one son and one daughter.

The family farmed near Orchard for 12 years and spent 1940 to 1949 on a farm south of Page.

In 1949 the Harveys moved onto a farm northwest of Chambers and have resided there since.

Survivors include: Widow—Mary; son—Roland O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Donald (Marjorie) Grob of Chambers; four grandchildren; mother—Mrs. Henry Harvey of Orchard; brothers—George of Royal, Charlie of Clearwater, John of Orchard and Gordon of Page; sisters—Mrs. Henry (Martha) Wenhkel of Orchard, Mrs. A. A. (Rose) Bridge of Royal and Mrs. Ella Sutton of Neligh; half-sisters—Mrs. Susan Shrader of Gering and Mrs. Bessie Ibsen of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father one half-sister, Mrs. Minnie Bridge, and one grandson, Douglas Green.

Lorraine Ernst Going to Africa

Miss Lorraine Ernst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst of O'Neill, soon will be sailing for Africa as a missionary under the African Inland mission. Miss Ernst is well-known in Holt county, having lived in this part of the country all her life.

She was graduated from O'Neill high school, Grace Bible institute and Wheaton (Ill.) college. She is taught in a number of rural schools in the county and two years in the Niobrara school.

She will be speaking in the Center Union church Wednesday evening, August 1, at 8 o'clock, and at the Ballagh church Sunday morning, August 5.

After-Hour Swims Bring Lecture

Several youths caught by police Tuesday night taking an after-closing-hour swim in the Municipal pool were taken before Police Judge Ralph Walker on Wednesday.

Judge Walker admonished the youths against swimming when the pool is officially closed when the pool is not tolerated. He said that ample time is provided for supervised swimming and trespassing inside the fence after-hours will invite trouble in court.

He dismissed the youths with the lecture.

Coulthard Funeral Home Purchased

LYNCH—Clare Coulthard of the Coulthard Funeral Home here has announced the sale of the establishment to R. P. Jones & Sons of Spencer. Possession was to be given this week.

Atkinson Set for '56 Hay Days

Parade, Rodeo, Races, Oldtimers' Reunion Will Be Highlights

ATKINSON—The folks hereabouts will put on their best bib-and-tucker for the 16th annual presentation of Atkinson's famous hay days. Dates are July 28, 29, 30.

The festival opens at 6:30 p.m., Saturday with a parade and will continue through Sunday and Monday. Hay days will be climaxed with a coronation dance at 10 o'clock Monday night.

Whisker Club President Willard S. Liville said all is in readiness for the varied program, which is expected to attract thousands of visitors.

The Saturday evening parade will include rodeo contestants, personnel and rodeo queens. It will be followed at 8 o'clock by a matched contest rodeo staged by Producer Gus Obermire. It will be a five-event show plus other features.

Sunday's program will include a homecoming and old settlers' picnic at the park house. A. G. Miller will be master of ceremonies. At 2 o'clock there will be races, entertainment and a band concert and Sunday evening will see the finals of the matched contest rodeo.

Monday program will include a 4-H and children's parade at 10 a.m.; big free beef barbecue at 5:30 p.m. in the city park (eat all the beef you want). At 8 o'clock will be the colorful hay queen coronation and the three-day event will close with the coronation dance at the Crystal ballroom.

Candidates for hay queen are: The Misses Mary Ann Distenhaupt, Mary Claire Gilg, Joan Grof, Irene Ann Jansen, Eileen Osborne, Sylvia Withers, Edith Ziska and Lorene Ziska.

Whisker secretary Ray Elsbury said the K-D-K Amusement Co., will provide "good, clean entertainment" on the midway at the city park.

Old Settlers Plan Picnic

The 56th annual old settlers' picnic in northern Holt county will be held at the Elmer Devall grove on Monday, August 6. Lester Reback is president of the group; George Mellor, secretary.

The Devall grove is located 17 miles north of O'Neill on U.S. highway 281, 3 miles east and 1 mile south.

There will be a basket dinner at noon, baseball game, concessions, after-dinner entertainment, Sandhills Jack and His Ranch Hands will provide music for the evening bowery dance.

Small Schools Plan Meeting at Burwell

The Nebraska Small Schools association has scheduled a meeting for 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 27, to be held in the American Legion club at Burwell, according to an announcement by Secretary Lloyd W. Waldo of Amelia.

Jerald Henriksen of Magnet is president of the group; Clyde Widman of Amelia is treasurer, and members of the board are Louise Cording of Cushing, Emil Decker and the state board of education from making the two-grade Amelia high school inoperative.

Waldo said the schools belonging to the association are "similarly situated" or soon will be facing the same problems.

Guardsmen Set for Kentucky Junket

Eighty enlisted men and two officers, consisting of O'Neill's company D of Nebraska's 195th tank battalion, will depart about 8 a.m., Saturday on the first leg of the journey to Ft. Knox, Ky., where they will participate in two weeks of maneuvers and study.

They will go from O'Neill to Columbus by chartered buses and from Columbus to Ft. Knox by special train along with other tankers.

Maj.-Gen. Warren Wood, Gering publisher, is in command. Last year the O'Neill guards went to Camp Ripley, Minn.

FLOWER SHOW

ATKINSON—Saturday, August 4, is the date for the Atkinson Civic Improvement Garden club's sixth annual flower show. The affair will be held in the Knights of Columbus building.