

Valentine Is Site for C&NW Train Hearing

One-Third of O'Neill Unit Is Classified

Soils Tests Exceed Expectations

Plans are moving ahead for the Save-the-Trains association to oppose the Chicago & North Western railroad's application to discontinue the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains serving much of north Nebraska. These are Omaha-Chadron trains 13 and 14.

C&NW has applied to the state railway commission for permission to discontinue, citing a 205-thousand-dollar loss for the 12-month period ending June 30.

Meanwhile, Joseph J. Brown, chairman of the commission, has announced a hearing will be held at the city auditorium in Valentine at 9:30 a.m., on November 19. This will be an open meeting. M. H. Snider of Clearwater, special representative for the S-T-A, said a large turnout will be urged to attend the commission hearing, which has been set for Valentine for the convenience of the most persons who are interested.

Snider said fund-raising would be accelerated along the line to finance the legal and auditing expenses in connection with the Valentine hearing.

Snider spoke to the Rushville Chamber of Commerce Monday evening and urged residents there to make immediate plans to attend the November 19 hearing at Valentine.

He also announced that a closed meeting of association officers and directors and top C&NW officers from Chicago, Ill., will be held at Bassett on Tuesday, September 18.

"This conference might last 15 minutes and it might last all day," he declared.

Snider was introduced by Fay Hill of Gordon, S-T-A director, who arranged the Bassett meeting during a trip to Chicago.

Snider reminded the Rushville Chamber that in October, 1954, C&NW claimed an "out of pocket" loss of 60-thousand-dollars per year in operating these two trains. "Now, two years later," he declared, "they claim 205-thousand-dollars loss. In the meantime, we have eliminated the flagman (through the state legislature) and saved 27- to 30-thousand annually and we boosted passenger revenues approximately 50 percent for 1955. The government insists no mail has been diverted from these trains since the association got busy, although the top postal people had promised increased mail and never came through."

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Charlie Bigelow at 90th Milestone

STUART — Charlie Bigelow celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary Saturday, September 8.

He was born in Essex, Kankakee county, Illinois, September 8, 1866, a son of Dana and Sarah Bigelow, and came to Holt county with his parents in 1881.

He recalls the coming of the railroad in 1882 and the founding of Stuart by Mr. Carberry, who owned the land on the west side of Main street, and a Mr. Hallock, who owned the land on the east side.

The White-Wa hotel was the first frame building in Stuart and was built by his parents.

Students Pledge at Nebraska 'U'

Among the pledges from this area at the University of Nebraska are:

Gamma Phi Beta—Mary Lou Wilson, O'Neill; Alpha Gamma Rho—John Condon, Creighton; Delta Tau Delta—Dave Pennington, Ainsworth; Sigma Chi—Tom Baker, Neligh; Chi Omega—Judith DeVilbiss, Ainsworth; Alpha Omicron Pi—Marilyn Mead, Ainsworth; Pi Kappa Phi—Gene Seger, O'Neill; Neil Doppeide, Butte; Carl Friedrich, Spencer; Frank Soukup, Spencer; Norman Klasna, Spencer; Delta Delta—Judy Sieler, Spencer.

Gas Refund Deadline Nears

Deadline for applying for the two-cent federal gas tax refund is October 1, 1956. Application plans can be obtained in the county agent's office.

This refund is claimed for the period January 1, 1956, to July 1, 1956.

Anderson Rites Held Tuesday

O'Neill Woman, 74, Resident of Holt Since Small Child

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Plane Load of Ohioans Visit Holt Kids GrabShare At Fair

Twenty-five Allen county, Ohio (near Columbus) cattle feeders landed about 5 p.m., Monday at the Ainsworth airport to become guests of the Nebraska Sandhills Cattleman's association.

They fanned out onto Holt county ranches as guests of Robert Clifford, Roudy Dvorak, Fred Boettcher and Albert Lemmer, all of Atkinson; Bud Cole and Larry Schaffer, both of Emmet; D. C. Schaffer, Mark Gribble and Robert Berogan, all of O'Neill; Pete Minery of Bartlett, and Ed Trempepp of Ewing.

A. L. Cowperthwaite Dies in Atkinson

Retired Cattleman; Ill 3 Days

Arthur L. Cowperthwaite, a longtime resident of Holt county, and a former resident of O'Neill, died about 8 p.m., Monday, September 10, in Atkinson Memorial hospital.

He had been ill three days and had entered the hospital on Saturday.

The late Mr. Cowperthwaite was born December 29, 1870, in Illinois.

He married Minnie LeZotte, a native of Beaver Crossing. He was a cattleman and livestock dealer for many years.

His wife died March 21, 1949, at the age of 64.

He had been residing at the Ladd Slask home in Atkinson. The body was shipped to Omaha by Biglin's for rites at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Car-Truck Figure in Highway Mishap

State Highway Patrolman Robert L. Gude investigated a car-truck accident which occurred at 8:55 p.m., Monday on U.S. highways 20-275 at a point five miles east of O'Neill.

A 1956 sedan driven by Sam Watson, 16, of Inman, first traveling eastbound, had passed a loaded livestock truck, also eastbound, driven by Darius G. Burgess, 26, of Emmet. When the Watson machine attempted a left-hand turn onto a county road, the truck struck the car. The left side and left front door of the Watson car was damaged to the extent of about five hundred dollars. Roland Hanson was a passenger in the Watson machine.

None was hurt.

Prairie Fire Spares School House, Farm

ATKINSON — Rural firemen here were summoned Wednesday afternoon to the Lauridsen school on state highway 11, northeast of here. Pupils were burning trash after school, the fire got away and covered about a half-mile before being brought under control just east of the buildings at the school. The blaze also traveled east.

The burning was across the highway from the Lauridsen buildings.

Two Sergeants Commissioned—M/Sgt. Harmon Gruenke of O'Neill and Sgt. Richard M. Johnson of Spencer, members of the O'Neill national guard company, last Thursday were commissioned second lieutenants. Gruenke spent seven months in combat during the Korean war and Johnson had no military service prior to joining the guards. They will be platoon leaders.

Go to Iowa

LYNCH—There was a two-car accident at 6:30 p.m., Saturday on the streets of Lynch. Mrs. Thomas McClatchey of Bonesteel, S.D., one of the drivers, was hospitalized. She had come to Lynch to visit her husband, a hospital patient. Her husband recently submitted to surgery.

Elmore Blain to Miltonvale

MIDDLEBRANCH — Elmore Blain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blain and a 1956 graduate of O'Neill high school, is now attending college at Miltonvale, Kans.

Signup Date for '57 Wheat Extended

Final signup date for 1957 winter wheat has been extended two weeks. This makes the new deadline October 5.

BUYERS STATION

NELIGH—LaVern Salyers has sold his highway service station to D. E. Seger of the Seger Oil company at O'Neill. Salyers will leave and operate the station.

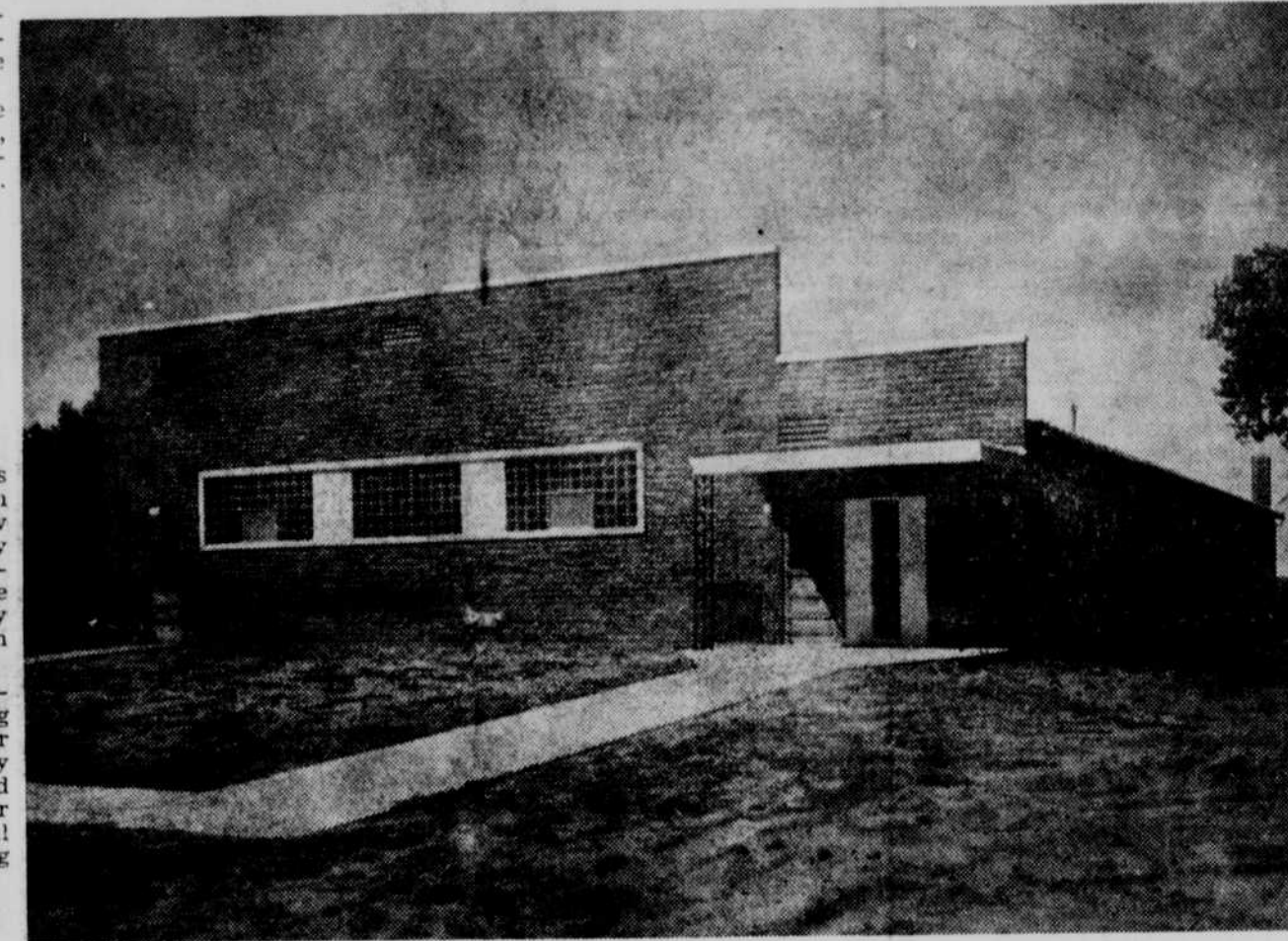
COUNTY COURT

Darl B. Stoller of Latta, O., no trip permit, \$10 and costs \$4, September 10, arresting officer—D. Jenny.

INMAN—Leonard Lorenz left Friday morning for the Veterans hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., where he expects to be fitted with an artificial arm.



Workers huddle with President F. E. Parkins of the O'Neill Community Concerts association (standing, far right). Seated—Mrs. Merwyn French, Jr., of Page, Mrs. Floyd Wilson of O'Neill and Miss Leona Kilmurry of Atkinson; standing—William ("Bill") Miller of O'Neill, Mrs. Alan Hughes of Atkinson, Miss Alvira Ramm of Stuart and Mr. Parkins.—The Frontier Photo.



Exterior view of St. Dominic's hall at Ewing, erected near St. Peter's de Alcantra Catholic church.

\$48,000 Hall Is Finished

EWING — Sunday, September 16, has been set for the blessing and open-house observance at the handsome new St. Dominic's hall, erected by the parishoners of St. Peter's Catholic church.

The pastor, Rev. Peter F. Burke, said the blessing will be administered by Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan of O'Neill at 3 p.m. Open-house will be observed from 3 until 5. Refreshments will be served.

The structure is a steel building with masonry front. Roman rough cement blocks in front and steel harmonize the hall with the brick church and rectory built in 1913. The new building is 54 ft. by 100 ft. The auditorium measures 40 ft. by 80 ft.

Floor throughout is aluminum set with tile. Aluminum set windows along the sides and glass blocks in front offer ample natural light and ventilation. Folding doors separate a 20 ft. by 40-ft. stage along the same side. A modern functional kitchen is included.

The hall will be used for religious instruction of the children, meeting of parish societies and recreation. Overall cost of the building and equipment is \$48,000. J. Z. Jizbe of Omaha was the architect. Contractors were Hoising Brothers of Hartington.

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The public is invited to the solemn blessing and open-house, Father Burke said.

BREAD TAKES JUMP

The price of bread was advanced 2 cents per loaf Monday. The increase first was announced at Lincoln and has spread over much of the state.

ORCHARD—Clair Schroth, Sr., 67, died Saturday in the Neligh hospital. Funeral services were held Monday at the Evangelical Lutheran church.

The late Mr. Schroth was born January 14, 1894, at Pawnee City. He married Miss Jennie Shoales March 29, 1916, at Orchard. He and his wife retired from a Middlebranch farm to Burnswick in 1954.

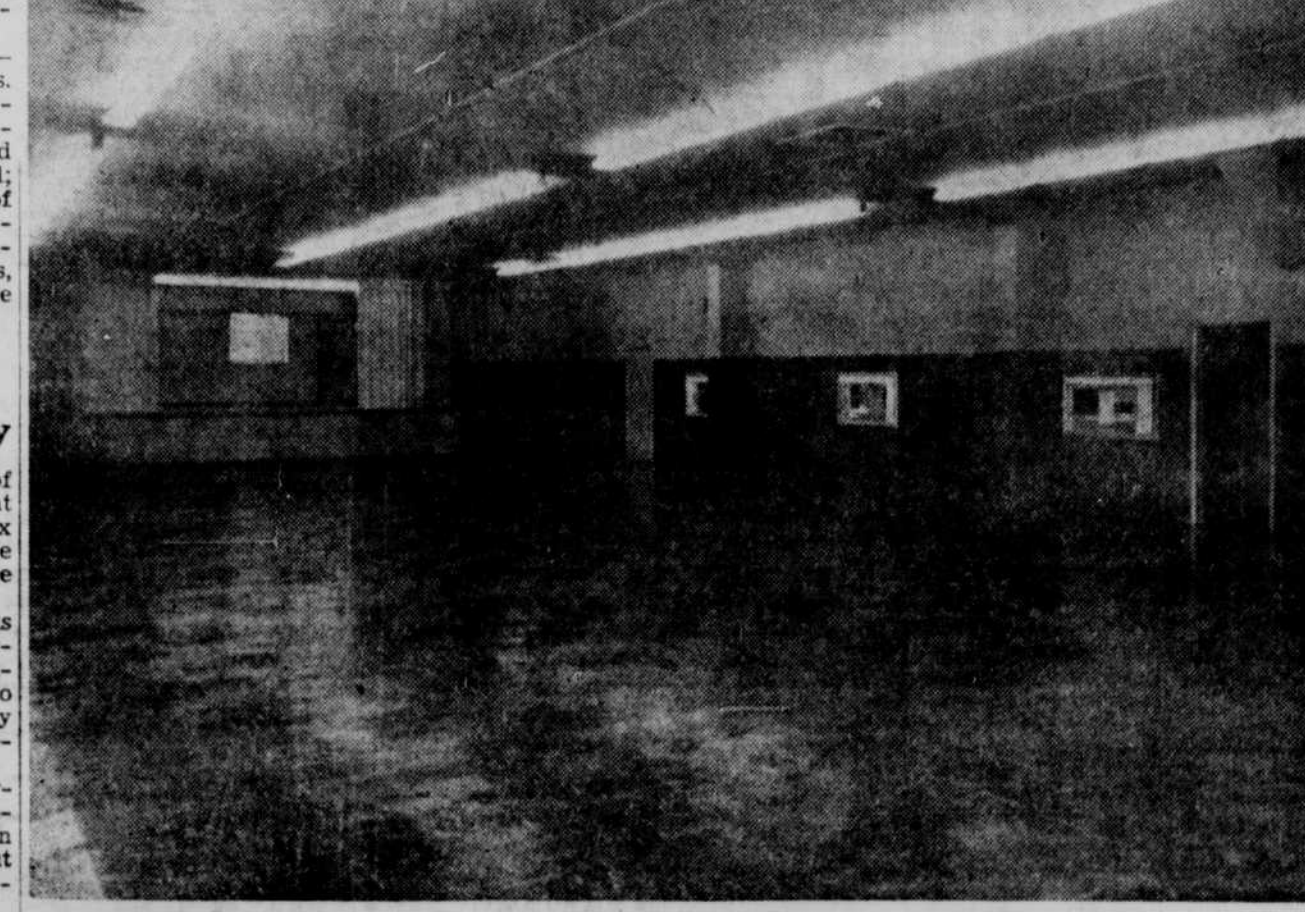
Survivors include: Widow; daughter—Mrs. Delton Cheyne; and Miss Hazel Schroth, both of Burnswick; son—Clair, Jr., of Burnswick; four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy, jr., are moving to Scottsbluff this weekend.

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Interior view of building will be used for organizational meetings, religious instruction, recreation.—O'Neill Photo Co.