

YEARLINGS PEGGED AT \$75 VALUATION

Holt Official Opposes Scale Adopted at Omaha Parley

Grade yearlings, 6- to 18-months old, were fixed at a \$75 per head value and steers, 18- to 30-months-old, were set at \$100 each at the 48th annual convention of the Nebraska County Assessors' association held Thursday and Friday in Omaha.

Holt County Assessor William F. Weisco, of Atkinson, went on record in opposition to the schedule as adopted. Other opposition came from Ernest Foster, of Cherry county; and Haun, of Sioux county.

The valuation prices for 1952 assessment purposes, adopted by the assessors' livestock committee, follows:

PUREBRED CATTLE Calves, under 6 mo. \$ 35 Yearlings, 6-18 mo. \$ 85 Heifers, 18-30 mo. \$110 Milk cows \$160 Stock cows \$160 Bulls \$200 and up

GRADE CATTLE Calves, under 6 mo. \$ 25 Yearlings, 6-18 mo. \$ 75 Steers, 18-30 mo. \$100 Heifers, 18-30 mo. \$130 Stock cows \$120 Milk cows \$140 Bulls \$170 and up

Voting "for" these valuations were: Mouchins, of Buffalo; Sudarth, of Keith; Dunn, of Franklin; Wilson, of Knox; Winslow, of Jefferson; Erwin, of Otoe, and Guill, of Butte.

Fat cattle on feed over 60 days will be assessed at 75 percent of market value on assessing date, the committee decided; hogs, 75 percent of market value; sheep, 75 percent of market value; ewes, \$15 per head.

The committee on tractors and cars set the valuation about the same as last year.

The committee on real estate made the suggestion that there be a law passed in the legislature that would be mandatory for all counties to have their real estate reappraised so there would be more uniform values over the state.

At the close of the meeting, Fred H. Brum, of Seward county, was elected president, and Ernest Foster, of Cherry county, vice-president, of the association.

'Augie' Wood, Jeweler, Dies

A heart ailment proved fatal to Ogden ("Augie") Wood Wednesday afternoon, January 23, at the Moore hotel, corner of Fourth and Everett streets.

Mr. Wood was stricken about 2 months ago, spent several weeks in the O'Neill hospital and in University hospital, Omaha, and only recently returned to the hotel.

He was a jeweler by trade and for a number of years has been semi-retired.

The body is at Biglin Brothers pending funeral arrangements.

The late Mr. Wood was born February 25, 1884, at Ewing. He became the father of 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Survivors include: Sons—Mar-madeke, Robert, Donald and William, all of Oakland, Calif.; Merle, of Coon Rapids, Ia.; daughters—Mrs. William Stenzel and Mrs. Earl Schweisen, both of Coon Rapids.

2d Amputation Fatal to Man, 63

ATKINSON—William ("Bill") Backhaus, 63, died Wednesday night, January 16, at the Stuart Community hospital 3 hours following a second amputation on his right leg. A heart attack in December caused a blood clot in the artery leading to his right leg. A week later an amputation became necessary. Infection developed and the second operation was performed.

Survivors include: Widow—Celia Backhaus, a teacher in the Atkinson public school; sons—John, of Lincoln, and Ted, of Atkinson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, January 19, at Wesleyan Methodist church. Rev. Asa Wood officiated and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Marine Pvt. Walton Now in 'Boot Camp'

Richard W. Walton, husband of Mrs. Elsie Walton, of O'Neill, is now undergoing training at the marine corps recruit depot, San Diego, Calif.

The 21-year-old former O'Neill high school student was inducted into the marine corps at Omaha, recently.

During the 8 week "boot camp," as recruit training is commonly called, Private Walton will become well versed in such basic military subjects as precision drill, first aid, field tactics and the marine corps mission and history.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Leroy H. Bartling and Miss Frieda Fern Warden, both of Omaha, on January 18.



EARNs PROMOTION

Gerald Lounsbury (above), assistant manager of the J. M. McDonald company store here, has been promoted to store manager at St. John, Kans., located 27 miles south of Great Bend, Kans. The promotion becomes effective February 1. Mr. Lounsbury has been with McDonalds since 1941. His wife, Helen, was employed for a number of years at the same store. Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury and daughter, Gerylne, 13, will move from O'Neill next week. Their home will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a Consumers Public Power district employee. Mrs. Lounsbury is a daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Murray.—O'Neill Photo Co.

BIDDING SPIRITED IN LEASE AUCTIONS

Siders and Tomlinson Outbid by Derickson on Holt Tract

Bidding was spirited during the 3d round of state school land lease auctions conducted Friday, January 18, at the Holt county courthouse.

Results: John Storchmann, of O'Neill, paid \$6,600 for a lease on all of section 36, township 32, range 13. He formerly held the same land under 2 separate leases.

Albert Derickson, of Star, paid a bonus of \$3,900 for a lease on the E 1/2, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 36, township 31, range 10. The northwest quarter formerly was held by Robert Tomlinson and the balance formerly was held by Ray Siders. Bidding was competitive among Derickson, Siders and Tomlinson.

Guy and Harry Johnson, both of O'Neill, paid \$1,700 for the NW 1/4, section 36, township 31, range 10. The former leaseholder was Guy Johnson.

Robert Clifford, of Atkinson, paid \$1,025 for a 12-year lease on all of section 36, township 27, range 16. He is the former leaseholder of this tract.

Francis Peters, of Chambers, paid \$2,200 for a lease on all of section 16, township 27, range 12. He succeeds himself as leaseholder.

T. J. or Howard Graham paid \$900 for a lease on all of section 16, township 32, range 9. They also succeeded themselves.

All leases are for 12 years duration and are subject to confirmation by the state board of educational lands and funds.

Other school land lease sales are scheduled for January 31, February 1, February 16 and February 18.

MAY BELLE LINES BURIAL AT INMAN

INMAN—Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 21, at the Methodist church in Inman for Mrs. May Belle Lines, 80, a Holt county resident since 1897. She died early Saturday, January 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Ross, south of Inman.

Rev. C. C. Chappell officiated and burial was in the Inman cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Pallbearers were James Kelly, William Kelly, Charles Young, George Harold, Ernest Brunkhorst and Harry Harte.

The late Mrs. Lines was born November 18, 1871, at Clarksville, Tex., a daughter of Henry and Harriet Honeycutt Nicewanner. She married George L. Lines at Ainsworth on March 13, 1890.

The Lines family lived in Keysa Paha county, at Springfield, until 1897, when they moved to Holt.

They became the parents of 4 children. Mrs. Lines was a member of the Methodist church. Her husband died October 3, 1951, and one son and one daughter also preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Mrs. Clyde (Alma) Ross, of Inman; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sister—Mrs. Ada Montgomery, of Moscow, Ida.; brothers—George and Dana Nicewanner, both of Fulton, Mo.; and John Nicewanner, of Des Moines, Ia.

ARTHUR G. ROUSE, LONG ILL, DIES

Expires in Hospital Result of Gunshot Wounds

Arthur G. Rouse, 66, a lifelong Holt county resident, died about noon Friday, January 18, in the O'Neill hospital.

Death was caused by facial gunshot wounds. A 22-calibre rifle was found near him by his brothers, Herbert and Howard, who visited the old home place in the Meek community a short time after the wounds had been inflicted.

The late Mr. Rouse had been in ill health for several years and had made successive trips to hospitals. No inquest was held.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 20, at Paddock Union church. Rev. V. R. Bell, of the Methodist church, O'Neill, and Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, of Wesleyan Methodist church, O'Neill, officiated. Burial was in Paddock cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Pallbearers were George Nelson, Walter Egger, Paul Nelson, Edward Kaczor, Virgil Hubby and Merrill Anderson.

The late Mr. Rouse was born August 11, 1885, at Meek on the place homesteaded by his parents, Alphonso and Mary Rouse. The homestead is located about 20 miles north of O'Neill.

He was never married and he spent most of his life on the old home place until retiring about 5 years ago due to ill health.

Since that time he made his home with his sister, Miss Maude, in O'Neill. He was a member of the IOOF lodge at O'Neill and was always active in community affairs.

Mr. Rouse was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters—Mrs. Alma Young and Mrs. Mabel Steinberg.

Survivors include: Brothers—Howard and Herbert, both of O'Neill; sisters—Miss Maude, Mrs. Edith Young and Mrs. Mildred Walters, all of O'Neill, and Mrs. Bertha Hayden, of Wiggins, Colo.; also numerous nieces and nephews.

STENGERS WED HALF-CENTURY

LYNCH—Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Stenger, well-known Lynch couple, Monday observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

A 7:30 a.m. mass was said at the chapel in Sacred Heart hospital in honor of the Stengers.

Open-house was held Monday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock and in the evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Michael P. Stenger and Mary Ellen McDermott, both of Humphrey, were married January 21, 1902, at the St. Francis church in Humphrey.

They started farming in the spring of 1902 at Enola, later moving to Madison where they lived until 1918. That year they purchased the farm northeast of Lynch and came here to live. They still live on this farm.

Mr. Stenger was born at Kickapoo, Ill., February 8, 1875. Mr. Stenger was born at Humphrey April 8, 1882.

They have 3 daughters—Mary, of Petersburg; Margaret and Irene, of Lynch; son—Francis, also of Lynch.

Mr. Stenger, known to all as "Mike," is a staunch democrat and has always taken an active part in furthering the interests of his party.

Mrs. Stenger has been an active church worker and has been chairman of the Altar society many years.

A. E. Sammons Dies at Amelia

AMELIA—A. E. Sammons, a pioneer resident of the Amelia community, died Saturday, January 19, at his farm home south of here. He had suffered a lingering illness.

The late Mr. Sammons lived near here continuously except for a few years spent in Washington state.

The funeral originally was scheduled Tuesday at Amelia but was postponed until today (Thursday). Burial will be at Chambers.

Survivors include: Widow—Bertha; son—Frank; grandchildren—Rochelle and Duane Sammons.

Mobile X-Ray Unit at Page Today

Five hundred fifty-four persons took advantage of the free chest X-ray service while the state of Nebraska's mobile unit was at Chambers Wednesday and Thursday, January 16 and 17. The unit moved to Inman for operations Saturday forenoon and all day Monday. Tuesday the machine was idle and Wednesday began a 2-day visit at Page, which will be terminated at 5 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Next week the unit will be in operation at Ewing Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Three hundred persons reported for blood typing at Chambers.

HANNAH STEVENS, PAGE, DIES AT 89

Funeral Rites Delayed 24 Hours Due to Storm

PAGE—Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah M. Stevens, 89, widow of the late Prince T. Stevens, were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, at Wesleyan Methodist church here. Burial rites were delayed 24 hours because of severe storm conditions.

Mrs. Stevens died at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Gray, following a year's illness. She had been bedfast since April, 1951. Prior to that time she lived alone in her home at the west edge of town.

Rev. George Francis, church pastor, and Rev. C. E. Wilcox, of the Methodist church, officiated and burial was in the Page cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

The late Hannah Marilla Jones Stevens was born September 20, 1862, in Jackson county, Ia., a daughter of James and Rebecca Eley Jones. She was reared in Iowa and married Mr. Stevens at Walker, Ia., on September 2, 1882.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens spent the early years of their married life on a Linn county, Ia., farm.

The family went to Knox county in 1885, settling near Walnut. They resided there until 1890 when they filed on a homestead near Middlebranch. In 1906 they disposed of their farm and moved into Page where Mr. Stevens operated a harness and repair shop as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Stevens died in 1949. Survivors include: Sons—Herbert O., of Atkinson; Ralph D., of Page; Guy E., of Scottsbluff, and Lloyd E., of Lancaster, Calif.; daughters—Mrs. Blanche Darr, of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Evelyn Gray, of Page; Mrs. Leila Snell, of Page; Mrs. Lula E. Townsend, of Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. Florence Neilen, of Grand Island.

She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Sue Golden, of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; 29 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

The late Mrs. Stevens was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors of America chapter at Page, and was a member of Wesleyan Methodist church.

The body lay in state at the church from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m., the day of the funeral.

Pallbearers were William Niebauer, Verne Hunter, Ralph Larson, Harry Parks, Harry Harper and Dave E. Bowen.

MRS. SOBOTKA DIES SUDDENLY

Mother, 47, Stricken at Home in Inman; Rites Today

INMAN—Mrs. John Sobotka, 47, mother of 3, died suddenly about 7 o'clock Monday evening, January 21, at her home in Inman. She had not been ill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

A rosary was offered at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

The late Margaret Olive Billiter Sobotka was born May 20, 1904, at Wessington, S.D., a daughter of James and Margaret McAllister Billiter.

She married John Sobotka on May 2, 1933, at Plainview. They established their home at Inman. She became the mother of 3 sons.

The late Mrs. Sobotka was a member of St. Patrick's Altar society and St. Patrick's church.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Harvey J., Leo E., and Harold J., all of Inman; brothers—Arthur Billiter, of Pierce; Albert Billiter, of Meadow Grove; sisters—Mrs. William Schuster, of Oakdale, and Mrs. Mary Rose, of Eureka, Calif.

Region Battered in 30-Hour Seige

Guests Overstay at Home of Celia Bachelor

CELIA—About 30 persons overstay their allotted time at the Alex Frickel farm home.

They had gathered Monday for dinner. The storm developed and the guests were obliged to stay overnight. The storm continued throughout Tuesday and the guests stayed on.

Wednesday morning's clear skies sent the visitors on their way.

The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hoffman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Berry, Alex Forsythe, who lives only 3 miles away, Bob Leige, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Poesnecker, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Krugman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder, jr.

According to The Frontier's Celia correspondent, Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg, who was in touch with the Frickel home by telephone, the larder held out very well.

And that spoke very well for Mr. Frickel as a housekeeper. You see, he's a bachelor.

'Voice' Resumes

The "Voice of The Frontier" went on the air at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday while the winds howled and brought WJAG (780 k.c.) listeners a 5-minute resume of storm news from the O'Neill region.

It was this sort of yeoman duty that helped to develop thousands of listeners for the "Voice" during the historic winter of 1948-49.

Announcer George Hammond gave the weather picture, announced the annulment of buses, the tardiness of trains, told of delaying the start of the Holt county basketball tourney and broadcast information regarding the 30 guests marooned at Alex Frickel's farm home and the rescue of Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford, who had been strand several hours Monday evening.

"Incidentally," Hammond said, "high above this storm a big airliner passed over O'Neill about noon. Sort of inconsistent, this weather. No visibility on the surface and a big plane buzzing across the white prairie high above."

He also told of a 24-hour postponement of the Mrs. Hannah M. Stevens funeral at Page and of the death of Mrs. John Sobotka, of Inman.

The late Mrs. Stevens was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors of America chapter at Page, and was a member of Wesleyan Methodist church.

The body lay in state at the church from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m., the day of the funeral.

Pallbearers were William Niebauer, Verne Hunter, Ralph Larson, Harry Parks, Harry Harper and Dave E. Bowen.

George Hartford, Wife Stranded in Auto

Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford, who had gone to the Clarence Ernst place, 4 1/2 miles northwest of the city, had a close brush with freezing to death Monday night.

The Hartfords had helped the Ernsts butcher during the day. About 9 p.m. they decided to drive back to O'Neill.

The Ernsts tried to persuade them from making the trip but the Hartfords agreed to telephone the moment they reached O'Neill.

After a reasonable time elapsed Mr. Ernst and his son-in-law, Austin Searles, set out to locate the Hartfords. Their car went into a ditch. They resumed the try by tractor.

The Hartfords had travelled little more than a mile when they became strand. It was not until 11:30 p.m., and after considerable effort that the Hartfords reached the Gordon O. Harper residence at the Municipal airport.

The Hartfords showed effects of their imprisonment in their strand car while the wind screamed around them.

Visibility was so reduced Ernst and Searles said they were very fortunate in finding the Hartfords.

PLAN SADDLE CLUB

Saddle club enthusiasts will meet at the American Legion club on Wednesday evening, January 30, to discuss plans for a club. Meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Polio Returns Are Lagging

Officials of the Holt county chapter, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, have been concerned this week over the "poor response" in the appeal for funds with which to fight polio.

Direct mail appeals went out to rural people earlier in the month but the response to date has been disappointing, one official explained.

The march of dimes fund-raising campaign continues through



The Frontier Photo of Mrs. Anckey... a constant booster.

the remainder of the month. Treatment of 2 polio cases, both adults, is being financed by Holt county chapter funds. Mrs. Everett Gorgen, of Ewing, is a patient at St. Francis hospital, Grand Island. Earlier she was hospitalized in Omaha.

Mrs. C. D. Anckey, wife of St. Paul's Lutheran church pastor at Chambers, is convalescing from an attack in the fall.

The Anckeyes asked the Holt chapter to make public the fact that 100 percent of the medical expense connected with Mrs. Anckey's polio has been absorbed with chapter funds.

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4 Registered Cattle Sales on Calendar

Four registered livestock sales are on The Frontier's auction calendar. In addition, there is a closeout of farm personal property in Holt county and a combination closeout of real estate and personal property in Boyd county.

The calendar: Monday, January 23: Harold Dorr, residing 2 1/2 miles north and 1 1/2 miles east of Page, personal property closeout, including 6 head of cattle, farm machinery and some household goods. (See advertisement on page 6.) Buy Wanser, auctioneer, Farmers State Bank, Ewing clerk.

Saturday, February 2: Annual spring sale Holt County Hereford Breeders' association, O'Neill, 62 registered Herefords. For catalog write: James W. Rooney, secretary, O'Neill.

Friday, February 8: Sale of 176-acres of Boyd county land, adjoining northwest edge of Spencer; Mrs. Hans Mathisen and John Mathisen, owners; also personal property including 10 head of cattle, 3 horses, complete line of farm machinery, household goods. Thorin-Reynoldson Auction Service, O'Neill, is handling the sale. (See advertisement in January 31 issue of The Frontier.)

Tuesday, February 5: Annual sale of the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association, O'Neill, 73 registered Angus. For catalog address: Freeman L. Knight, secretary, O'Neill.

Saturday, February 23: North-Central Nebraska Hereford Breeders' association, Bassett, 55 registered Herefords. For catalog address: Tug Phillips, secretary, Bassett.

Friday, March 7: Niobrara Valley Hereford Breeders' association, Butte, 29 registered Herefords. For catalog address: Walter G. Sire, secretary, Butte.

Catalogs in connection with all 4 registered stock sales have been produced or are in production in The Frontier's printing department. All of the sales receive "The Frontier's 'package'" publicity, including newspaper, radio and handbill advertising.

Mercury Skids to 10 Below During Fierce Storm

The weatherman unleashed a furious 30-hour attack which began late Monday afternoon and continued until late Tuesday night. Strong northwesterly winds bearing some snow and subzero temperatures sent the citizenry reeling under the onslaught.

Winds mounted up to 65 and 70 miles per hour Monday night and maintained a 40 miles per hour clip throughout most of Tuesday.

Luckily little more than a trace of snow fell during the seige, officially measuring .3 of an inch in precipitation.

Western Nebraska and South Dakota received an avalanche of snow, tying up travel and adding misery to weather-beaten citizens who already had experienced a hard winter.

Visibility throughout the storm ranged from 25 feet up to a maximum of 100 yards.

Severity of the storm forced all traffic, save some rail transportation, to grind to a halt.

All buses in and out of O'Neill late Monday and all day Tuesday were annulled. Bus service was resumed Wednesday morning.

North Western mainline mail-passenger trains were plying between Omaha and Long Pine many hours late. Traffic was tied up west of Long Pine in the Cody vicinity. Trains were turning around at Long Pine instead of Chadron.

Tuesday morning's eastbound train 14, due out of O'Neill at 12:16 a.m., ran 9 hours late. Wednesday morning's eastbound train was 3 hours late. Wednesday morning's east-westbound mainliner, due out of O'Neill at 6:46 a.m., was 5 hours 10 minutes late.

A Burlington train left Ferry Junction, near South Sioux City, on schedule Wednesday morning bound for O'Neill.

It was the "Burl" that was tied up for 5 weeks during the now-famous Recurring Blizzards of 1948-49, when a locomotive lay on its side in a snowbank several miles east of O'Neill.

This week's storm followed on the heels of a January thaw. Four days last week—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—the mercury climbed above the freezing mark. When the cold wave set in streets became veritable sheets of ice.

Most major highways in the O'Neill region were blown free of snow.

No snow removal equipment was dispatched during the storm, but personnel and equipment were out early Wednesday and reported all highways open. Some county roads, however, are snow-choked.

Lowest temperature during the ordeal was a 10-below-zero reading early Wednesday. The weather bureau had warned the mercury might dip to 15 below.

No loss of life or no significant livestock losses were reported in the O'Neill region.

Classes were held Wednesday at both O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy. No school was held Tuesday in O'Neill because of the storm.

There was no school Tuesday at Page because of the weather. The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 5 p.m., daily, follows:

Table with columns: Date, Hi, Lo, Prec. Rows for Jan 16-22.

Tourney Start Delayed by Storm

The start of the 16th annual Holt county high school basketball tournament was delayed 24 hours due to the storm. The tourney was to have started Tuesday evening. Instead the Tuesday night games were played Wednesday night and so on through the week.

The tourney will be climaxed Saturday night instead of Friday night.

Tune in "The Voice of Frontier," Mon., Wed., and 9:45 a.m., WJAG (780 kc.)