

# Highway Group Favors 1c Tax

## Penney a Gallon on Gas Urgent for Road Needs

Seventy-five men were guests of the Spencer Commercial club at the banquet and annual meeting of the Nebraska Highway 231 association Friday evening.

Present from O'Neill were: Senator Frank Nelson, Judge D. R. Mounts, Mayor J. E. Davis, J. D. Cronin, Edward M. Gallagher, J. Leo Moore, Earl J. Rodman, H. J. Lohaus, J. B. Grady, P. B. Harty, Norbert Uhl, Axel Borg and James W. Rooney.

Officers elected were: Earl W. Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president; J. D. Cronin, of O'Neill, vice-president; Earl J. Rodman, of O'Neill, secretary-treasurer.

Elected as directors from this area were John Krotter and C. H. Fisher, of Spencer; D. B. Raymer and Clem Dophiede, of Butte; L. W. Gibson and Lester Pearson, of Bristow; John Walters and M. F. Gribble, of Chambers; Art Auserod and John W. Nichols, of Bartlett; Judge D. R. Mounts and Axel Borg, of O'Neill.

### Resolutions adopted were:

(1) That highway 281 be completed and hard surfaced from O'Neill to the South Dakota state line; that it is a main traffic outlet for mail, freight and passengers from South Dakota and points north, and, if not improved, traffic will move east through South Dakota and avoid Nebraska.

(2) That US highway 281 be hard surfaced and completed across Nebraska; that it is an international highway, about 1,800 miles long in the United States, 1,435 miles is hard surfaced; over half of the unsurfaced portion of said highway is in Nebraska.

(3) Since the national Highway 281 association, at the national meeting in Waynoka, Okla., suggested that finances be raised through the sale of \$3 memberships, \$1 of which is to go to the national association and the balance to the state association; be it resolved that the Nebraska association secure its finances through this method.

President Carpenter introduced State Engineer Harold Aitken. Mr. Aitken said that there are 1,500 miles of concrete paving, 3,000 miles of bituminous surfacing, and 5,000 miles of roads surfaced with gravel, sand and dirt in Nebraska. Half of the last 5,000 miles needs rebuilding and the estimated cost of this work is \$100,000,000. Requests to the state highway department during January and February of 1932, for repair or construction of 172 miles of roads, was estimated to cost \$46,000,000. Nine million is available in Nebraska for the repair and construction of roads during 1932.

Mr. Aitken said that if the people of Nebraska wanted roads that they must furnish the money to build them. Mr. Aitken said that \$21,000,000 in federal funds is available to Nebraska for matching purposes in building roads. He said that Nebraska had not had sufficient funds for this purpose for the past three or four years. He said that an extra one cent of gasoline tax would bring \$4,000,000 in funds, but that under the present laws all of this money was not available to the highway department. A portion of it goes to the counties, cities and villages for road purposes.

Mr. Aitken had a series of slides which dealt with the highway system in Nebraska, types of roads, repair and maintenance, amount of money needed and available, amount of money spent in neighboring states and number of miles in the neighboring states. Mr. Aitken said that it would be his policy to build roads where the engineering is most feasible and to serve the most traffic.

In response to a direct question, Mr. Aitken said that if highway 281 is to be completed it must be built on a direct route and to modern engineering specifications. A vote was taken as to sentiment in favor of an extra cent of gasoline tax for road purposes, and only three persons voted against this method.

## Murder Reward Boosted \$500

The Holt county board of supervisors Wednesday decided to post a \$500 reward for the person contributing the information needed to identify the slayer of O'Neill's Police Chief Chet Calkins.

On March 7—the day of the murder—Mayor J. E. Davis said the city would reward the informant with \$500.

The county's offer boosts the total to \$1,000. A number of individuals have privately said they would contribute to the fund if an informant delivers the vital information.

### MAN, 77, DIES

ATKINSON—Conrad Clinton, 77, died late Tuesday, March 25, at Atkinson Memorial hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Friday.



Mrs. Slaight and daughter... tragedy.

## MRS. SLAIGHT, 44, ACCIDENT VICTIM

### O'Neill Farm Woman Dies in Lynch Hospital from Gunshot Wounds

Mrs. Emmett Slaight, 44, O'Neill farm woman, died about 6:30 a.m., Friday, March 21, in Sacred Heart hospital, Lynch, from accidental gunshot wounds. The accident occurred at the Slaight home, 16 miles northwest of O'Neill, about 6:30 o'clock the night before.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 25, at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in a family cemetery.

Pallbearers were State Sen. Frank Nelson, F. N. Cronin, Harry Lansworth, James McNulty, John Scamitz, John Pinkerman, Ralph Pinkerman and Alvoert Carson.

Agnes Merna Hughes Slaight, daughter of Hughes William Hughes and the late Christina Wagner Hughes, was born September 17, 1907, at Ranken.

She came to Holt county in 1924 from Ranken. She was united in marriage February 10, 1931, to Emmett Francis Slaight at O'Neill. The couple had two children, a daughter, Gloria, and a son, Gordon Francis.

Survivors include: Widower; daughter—Sister Agnes Marie (Gloria Slaight), of Denver, Colo.; son—Gordon Francis, at home; father—H. W. Hughes, of Bloomfield; brothers—Clifford ("Jack") Hughes, of Dorsey; Irving W. Hughes, of Randolph; Ralph ("Bud") Hughes, of Eugene, Ore.; Elsworth ("Pete") Hughes, of Bloomfield; sisters—Mrs. Carrie Kuga, of Lusk, Wyo.; Mrs. Lillian Braugh, of North Platte; Mrs. Richard (Zelma) Griffin, of Miami, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her mother and two sisters, Ruth and Alice.

All of the survivors were present at the funeral except her brothers, Irving and Elsworth, and her brother-in-law, Richard Griffin.

A rosary was offered Monday evening at Biglin Brothers funeral home.

Among out-of-town relatives attending the large funeral were: Mrs. Lydia Chingway and Bernice of Walthill; Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Ray Hansen, of Bloomfield; Mrs. Mrs. the Sign, of Lusk, Wyo.; and Mrs. Sue Buchanan and Koger, of Randolph.

## Burial Delayed Due to Blizzard

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 25, for Edwin Keeb, 71, who died Wednesday afternoon, March 19, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. The rites were held in St. Joseph's Catholic church, but the commitment at the cemetery was delayed for several hours because of inclement weather.

Survivors include: Widow—Agnes; daughters—Mrs. John Babl, of O'Neill; Mrs. Joe Pongratz, of Emmet; Mrs. Ed Cavanaugh, of Chambers; six grandchildren; brother—Joseph.

The late Mr. Heeb was born December 3, 1880, and was a lifelong resident of Holt county.

Ranger Visits—Mr. and Mrs. Archie Van Cleave and Baker, Ore., arrived Monday for a visit with the Har-ry Kestenholtz family at Inman, the Don Bursell family near Spencer, and Mrs. Tillie Kestenholtz at O'Neill. They were to have departed Wednesday. Mr. Van Cleave is a forest ranger.

### Gets Promoted

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Summers that their son, Dale L. Summers, has been promoted to corporal. Corporal Summers has been in North Korea with the first marine division for the past year.

## QUIET PRIMARY ELECTION SEEN

### Taft, 'Ike' Names Not on Nebraska GOP Ballot

(See editorial on page 2) Based on primary election tabulations of other years, the April 1 primary election next Tuesday is expected to be a quiet affair.

The big names in both republican and democrat parties are conspicuous by their absence. The Holt county—and Nebraska—republicans, who have gone all-out for Ohio Sen. Robert A. Taft in other years, will not find his name on the ballot. To vote for the Ohioan they will be obliged to use a sharp pencil. Same for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who has established some sort of history with write-in success in other state primaries this month.

Nebraskans can endorse Gen. Douglas MacArthur by voting for Mary Keany, a Lincoln housewife who is an avowed MacArthur supporter. Only other name in the presidential slot on the GOP ballot will be the perennial Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota.

Democrats are in a similar predicament. The titular head of the demo party, Pres. Harry S. Truman, is not entered in the Nebraska primary. They have a choice between Tennessee's Estes Kefauver and Oklahoma's Robert S. Kerr, who a fortnight ago included O'Neill on his nationwide stumping tour.

Chief race drawing interest in these parts is the bid of Gov. Val Peterson to unseat the veteran Sen. Hugh Butler, a matter for the republicans to settle.

Holt countyans are watching the weather and road conditions, which probably will be important factors in the unusually early primary. April 1 (all-fool's day) happens to be the earliest possible date a primary can be conducted in Nebraska.

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman said there is only one change in voting places in the county this year. In Wyoming township the election board will be seated in the village of Amelia instead of in a rural school.

O'Neill voting places are as follows: First ward and Grattan township—Holt county court house basement; Second—A. Marcellus garage; Third—city hall.

### Here's how the ballots will read:

#### SAMPLE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT NATIONAL TICKET

For president (vote for one): Harold E. Stassen, Mary E. Keany.

For delegates at large to national convention (vote for ten): Roy Sheaff, Dean Kratz, John B. Quinn, Charles S. Keed, Ernest M. Johnson, Paul S. Kruger, George J. Thomas, John P. McKnight, Einar Viren, Richard D. Marvel, Terry Carpenter, Arthur J. Weaver, Bernard R. Stone, Charles J. Warner, Julius D. Cronin, Harry S. Byrne, Herbert J. Hughes, Chris J. Abbott, Hal Lainsow, J. O. Peck, J. LeRoy Welsh, Ted W. Medcalf, Hugh Brown, Orin Cunningham, Charles Thone, Leonard L. Larson, L. E. Ray, Adam McMullen, Barbara Kratz, Farley Young, William Swanson, Clifford Thoen.

For alternate delegates at large to national convention (vote for ten): Virginia Reiler, John S. Samson, Kermit Wagner, William Lynch, Neola Johnson, Frank E. Landis, Ladd J. Hubka, Chauncey E. Barney, H. J. Amen, Pat Minier, John R. Higgins, A. J. Hurman Hinds, James F. Harding.

For delegates to national convention (Continued on page 5)

## No Opposition on Mury Ballot

There's one interesting feature of the O'Neill city and school election this year: No opposition. O'Neill citizens will march to the polls to elect a mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, police magistrate, three councilmen, and two members of the board of education. The municipal posts are for two-year terms; the school jobs for three-year terms.

J. E. Davis, incumbent, is unopposed for city clerk; John C. Watson is the lone candidate for city treasurer, picking up where he left off before he was recalled by the army in October, 1950. L. M. Merriman, who was appointed to the council a year ago to fill a vacancy, is the lone candidate for the first ward city council post; Joe Stutz, for Second; Emmett Crabb, for Third.

H. L. Lindberg and Mrs. Loretta Hynes are petition candidates for the board of education. If elected they will succeed Dr. H. L. Bennett and Miss Anna O'Donnell, veteran board members who did not seek re-election.

### Nurse Returns to Old Stand — Hurt

Mrs. Frank Dineen, wife of O'Neill's highway patrolman Frank Dineen, Saturday was in hospital, Omaha, instead of back at her old stand at County reporting for duty as night supervisor, the post she held until she was married last fall, she reported as a patient.

Mrs. Dineen, visiting in Omaha, was a patient on the ward which she headed for several years.

She had been struck by a skidding car near 40th and Dodge streets, and suffered only bruises.

Mrs. Dineen requested an Omaha World-Herald reporter to keep the incident out of the paper, if it appeared on the front page!

## G. V. MOTT, 74, EXPIRES AT PAGE

### Rites Held Wednesday for Half-Century Holt Resident

PAGE—Funeral services for Garrett V. Mott, 74, who died Saturday evening, March 22, at his home in Page, were conducted Wednesday, March 26, at the Riverside Free Methodist church at Ewing with the pastor, Rev. F. A. Hand, officiating, assisted by Rev. George Francis, of Page.

Burial was made in the Ewing cemetery.

Garrett Voorhus Mott, the son of John and Alletta Mott, was born February 5, 1879, at Coffeeville, Mo.

At the age of 22 he came to Nebraska and settled on a ranch near Redbird with his brother, Everett.

In September, 1913, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Vastina Mott. To this union was born one son.

Mr. Mott was preceded in death by his mother, his father, his brother, Everett, his sister, Ella, and his former wife.

On September 3, 1947, he was united in marriage to Maria Belle Culver at Flandreau, S.D. They came to make their home east of Ewing where they lived one year. They then moved to Page where he was residing at the time of his death.

Survivors include: Widow; son—Grant, of Ewing; two stepsons—Ernest, of Orchard, and Clifford, of Sioux City; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; niece—Mrs. Chester Marshall, of Union Star, Mo.

He became affiliated with the Free Methodist church in 1916.

A brief funeral rite was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Grant Mott farm, east of Ewing, followed by the rites at the church.

## SARAH NORTON, 89, STUART, SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Sarah Norton, 89, died on Saturday, March 22, at the home of her son, Ace Norton, east of Stuart. Her husband, George Norton, died about 12 years ago.

They had nine children, all of whom survive except one son, Harvey Norton, who lost his life in France in World War I.

It was for him at that time that the American Legion post in Stuart was named, the Harvey Norton Legion post.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Sadie Kaiser, of Rollins, Wyo.; Mrs. Jack Lesline, of Jefferson City, S.D.; and Mrs. Martha Alhouse, of Stuart; sons—James, of Sargent Bluffs, Ia.; George and Quinn, of Colorado; Ace and Sam, of Stuart; sister—Ida Fowler, of Sargent.

A brother, Sam McCartney, of Stuart, died about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Norton was the grandmother of Herbert Kaiser, of O'Neill, and great-grandmother of Esther and Ivan Kaiser.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) in Stuart.

## BROTHER, SISTER DIE SAME DAY

### Emogene Baker Bower, 78, Burial at Chambers; To Holt in 1883

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Emogene Baker Bower, 78, died at 9:45 a.m., Saturday, March 22, at her home in Chambers. She had been ill about three years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at the Methodist church in Chambers. Rev. L. R. Hansberry officiated and Biglin Brothers were in charge of burial in the Chambers cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. B. Hubbard, H. W. Hubbard, Ray Linehart, Walter Richards, J. W. Walters and George Thompson.

Mrs. Bower's brother, Harry Hubbard, died almost simultaneously at Rushville. Death of the brother was learned when a telephone message was being delivered telling of Mrs. Bower's death.

The late Mrs. Bower was born November 29, 1873, at Mead, a daughter of Eugene Hubbard and Betsy Walker Hubbard. She came to Holt county in 1883.

On April 4, 1889, she married Lee Baker. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter. Mr. Baker died September 5, 1929. Two sons, Ralph and George Hess, preceded her in death.

On January 28, 1931, she married Francis A. Bower.

Survivors include: Son—J. Craig Baker, of Lincoln; daughter—Gladys Oxford, of Chambers; grandsons—Eugene Baker, of Chambers, and Lt. John Lee Baker, of Las Vegas, Nev., an air force pilot; brother—Sam Hubbard, of Chadron.

### CONCERT POSTPONED

The concert of choral music at O'Neill public school, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 23, has been postponed until Monday, March 31, 8 p.m.

## Scouts Plan Fund Kickoff

Last week at the Town House in O'Neill a districtwide finance dinner was held with the following present:

Judge D. R. Mounts, of O'Neill, district chairman; Verne Reynolds, of O'Neill, finance chairman; L. Storjohann, of Atkinson, finance chairman; Judge H. Allen, of Basset, finance chairman; Joe Brewster, of Stuart, finance chairman; Dick Jones, of Spencer, finance chairman; M. B. Huffman, of Ewing, finance chairman; Alton Braddock, of Page, finance chairman; E. R. Mueller, of Stuart, assistant scout executive, Covered Wagon Council; R. F. Miller, field executive, north-central district.

The evening program was opened by Chairman Mounts. Scouts Fretow, Kaiser and Putnam, of O'Neill, led the group in the Scout oath. This was followed by a few words by Eagle Scout Fretow on his part in the state scouting report to Governor Peterson at Lincoln February 8-9.

Scout Kaiser made a short talk on Camp Wilderness at Johnston.

The remaining portion of the meeting had to do with a discussion of the methods and procedures of conducting a finance campaign for the Scouts and the breaking down of the district's objective into community objectives. This discussion brought out many questions, answers and ideas that for some time have aroused some doubt.

Friday, May 9, is to be the day of the district wide kickoff in all communities.

## Spring Is Here — 'Voice' Says So

George Hammond, radio announcer for the "Voice of The Frontier," Wednesday proclaimed that spring has finally arrived—as far as he is concerned.

He told listeners: "Spring is here. Anyway, all the snow which fell last week-end rapidly is disappearing. Mention of spring reminds me of a little ditty that the boys and girls in the Royal Air Force used to recite during World War II. It's not very funny. It goes like this: Spring is sprung; Boids are on the wing. How absurd! Wings are on the boid!"

Hammond paused for a few seconds to encourage chuckles. One faithful listener promptly phoned and asked: "Just how corny can you . . . (censored)"

# Calkins Murder Leads Fizzle

## Machinery Sale Here Saturday

The Lloyd Collins farm machinery and implement sale, scheduled for Saturday, March 29, starting at 10:30 p.m., heads The Frontier's sale calendar.

Mr. Collins, head of the Holt County Implements firm, will offer 28 near-new and used tractors and a big lineup of new and used combines, elevators, mowers, discs, plows, cultivators, and miscellaneous equipment.

"Everything goes," Mr. Collins said, in describing the forthcoming auction. The auctioneers will be Coles. Ed Thorin and Wally O'Connell, both of O'Neill; the clerk, O'Neill National bank.

A 640-acre Rock county ranch, south of Basset, and a complete line of ranch equipment will be offered at auction on Tuesday, April 8. The Thorin-Reynolds auction service, of O'Neill, will be in charge. Owners are Clinton and Sylvia Sherman. (For details consult advertisement on page 6.)

## SPRING STORM STRIKES REGION

### Heavy Snowfall East of Here; Communications Are Snarled

A man-sized snowstorm and wind bore down on north-central and northeastern Nebraska late Friday and all day Saturday.

Only element lacking to make it a fat chapter for the history books was cold.

About three inches of snow fell at O'Neill but Neligh, Plainview and Norfolk reported upwards of six inches.

The heavy, wet snow was driven by a high wind. The mercury never got below 10 degrees—a welcome situation for the stockmen.

Buses into O'Neill late Friday from Norfolk and Grand Island were annulled. The bus from Grand Island weathered the storm at Greeley. Mainline North Western trains were running up to seven hours late. The Burlington held an eastbound train at the O'Neill terminal on Saturday until the storm subsided. U.S. highway 275 was blocked east of Neligh and U.S. highway 20 was closed east of Plainview until Sunday morning. They were opened for one-way traffic. Sunday morning the job of digging out was begun.

Weather summary: Hi Lo March 19 50 20 March 20 49 29 March 21 30 20 March 22 21 12 March 23 29 9 March 24 32 10 March 25 38 22

Approximately five inches of snow fell March 21 and 22.

## C of C Bringing Circus to Town

Fuller Bros. indoor circus will present two performances Saturday—the first at 2 p.m., the second at 8 p.m.—at the O'Neill public school auditorium. The show is being brought to O'Neill by the Chamber of Commerce.

There will be no admission charged.

A Chamber spokesman said all persons throughout the O'Neill region, including the nearby towns, are invited—youth and old.

## Legion, Auxiliary Members Hold Party

ATKINSON—Members of the American Legion, Farley-Tushla post, auxiliary members and their guests held a party Sunday evening in the Legion hall to celebrate the Legion's 3d birthday anniversary. A large birthday cake decorated with the Legion emblem and 3 candles helped to make the occasion a more festive one.

Speaker for the evening was District Commander Robert Swanson, an attorney from Stanton. Mr. Swanson was a little doubtful at noon of the possibility of his coming but roads were cleared in time to allow him to arrive on time.

### DISASTER SHARE \$315

Holt county's share in American Red Cross fund drive increase has been fixed at \$315. The ARC needs an extra five million dollars to aid and rehabilitate 2,900 persons in the seven-state area hit last week by devastating tornadoes.

## But Search Pressed for Slayer of Police Chief

Another solid week of intensive investigation has failed to produce any new leads in the Chet Calkins murder mystery.

Authorities have followed through on numerous interrogations and two men were held in Omaha for questioning. Late Wednesday night Capt. Harold Smith, head of the criminal investigation bureau of the Nebraska safety patrol, had only this to say:

"We're working hard to crack this case. We have lots of assistance from brother officers. But there is nothing to report."

Police Chief Calkins was murdered during the early morning hours on March 7. His bullet-riddled body was found in his cruiser car on Everett street, little more than 300 feet from the heart of the O'Neill business district.

Tuesday the search for the slayer turned to Omaha where police were holding a 23-year-old man who admitted owning a .32-calibre automatic pistol. It was a .32 which killed Chief Calkins.

Omaha Detective Capt. Harry Green quizzed the man, whom he did not identify. The prisoner gave his address as Kearney, but Kansas authorities were interested in him in connection with a stolen musical instrument that had been reported taken at Wichita.

The prisoner said he was in Oklahoma on March 7. He said his pistol was at his home in Kearney.

One officer late Wednesday told The Frontier they were "quite satisfied" the 23-year-old man in question had nothing to do with the slaying.

Omaha authorities Wednesday also fired test bullets from a .32-calibre revolver found in a light green automobile which had been parked for two or three days on an Omaha street. It was subsequently learned the weapon was owned by a 58-year-old man. He was not held for further questioning.

Colored handbills were widely circulated giving the public a glimpse of the much-publicized suitcase. Several witnesses said they saw Chief Calkins talking with a man about 5 feet 10 inches in height, dark hair, light top coat, while the trunk lid on a late-model car was raised. A suitcase had been reported stolen earlier in the evening from a parked car and Chief Calkins was inspecting the case.

It is blue with white trim and bears the initials "D.D."

Holt Sheriff Leo S. Tomjack said Wednesday that the search for the assassin is being pressed here while exhaustive ballistic checks and study of criminal records go on.

The clothes of Chief Calkins were forwarded to the FBI laboratory for study.

## O'Neill, St. Mary's Page Dominate Team

(See photo layout page 4) O'Neill high with three players and St. Mary's academy and Page with two each dominate The Frontier's 1952 all-Holt county prep basketball team announced this week.

All coaches, superintendents and athletic officials helped with the selections by balloting. The first eight includes: DON GODEL, O'Neill high, senior, who averaged over 17 points per game and led the field in balloting.

RONALD PARK, Page. BERNARD MOHR, St. Mary's. DON BECKER, St. Mary's. BOB SORENSEN, Page. GARY BUCKMASTER, O'Neill high.

DAVEY EBY, O'Neill high. BOB KNAPP, Ewing. Barely edged out of the first eight were Chace, Atkinson high; Harold Nielsen, Inman, and Gokie, St. Joseph's hall.

Honorable mention goes to the following: Don Calkins, O'Neill; Judge, St. Joe; Adams, Chambers; Good, Ewing; Coats, Stuart; Young, Chambers; Leist, Page; Bill Zempel, Page; Wayne Donohoe, St. Mary's; Jerry Wanser, St. Mary's.

### BEGIN TRIP

ATKINSON—Mrs. A. G. Miller and her daughter, Mercedes, left Thursday for Chicago, Ill., New Orleans, La., and other points of interest along the way. They expect to be gone for several weeks.

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