

MAYOR KERSENBROCK AND NEW CITY COUNCIL TAKE REINS OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor Makes Appointments, All of Whom Are Confirmed, and Appoints The Various Committees For The Ensuing Year

The old city council met in their regular meeting last Tuesday night and transacted the regular business for the month and then adjourned sine die. Mayor Kersensbrock then took charge of the meeting and Councilman Johnson, of the Third Ward, replaced Levi Yantzi on the council from that ward and Councilman Lundgren, of the Second Ward, replaced Councilman Lindberg.

Mayor Kersensbrock presented the following list of appointments to the council, all of whom were unanimously confirmed: City attorney, Norman Gonderinger; Chief of Police, Chet Calkins; Assistant Chief, Frank Grenier; Engineer at Pump House, Jess Scofield; Medical Advisor, Dr. L. A. Carter. Mrs.

Mattie Soukup was selected as the city water collector.

The Mayor then named the following committees to serve for the ensuing year:

Streets and Alleys, McNally, Phalin, Johnson.

Lights, Lundren, Uhl, McNally.

Water, Phalin, Johnson, Lundgren.

Sewer, Miles, McNally, Uhl.

Parks and Grounds, Johnson, Phalin, Lundgren.

Walks and Crossings, Johnson, Miles, Phalin.

Auditors, Phalin, Johnson, McNally.

Custodian City Property, Phalin.

Finance Committee, McNally, Phalin.

A Former Pioneer Editor Dies At Home In Lincoln

HARRY W. MATHEWS

Harry W. Mathews, who founded the Atkinson Graphic in 1881 and was the first postmaster of that city, died at his home in Lincoln last Wednesday night. He was found dead in his bed on Thursday morning by his wife and the county coroner said that he died in his sleep. He is survived by his son, Will, of Chicago and his wife.

Harry was the brother of Doc Mathews, founder of The Frontier, and he came to this county the latter part of 1880 and the next year established the Graphic, which he operated for several years. He was a good newspaper man and published an excellent newspaper. In 1896, when everything went haywire in this country, Harry went to Lincoln which had been his home up to the time of his death. Several years after he moved to Lincoln he got into the saloon business and was the agent for the southern part of the state for one of the largest brewing companies in Milwaukee and prior to prohibition he amassed a comfortable fortune. He invested in some Lincoln real estate, which in those days was rather cheap, and later when the government decided to build a new federal building there they wanted a place to house the postoffice, pending the erection of the new building. Harry put in a bid for the housing of the building, as he owned a half block of ground just a block and a half off the main street. He got the contract and erected a one-story building thereon, that covered nearly half a block, in which the postoffice was housed for nearly three years. When they moved to their new building Harry rented the building for a garage and it was always a money maker. He afterwards sold the building, receiving a nice profit on his investment and had been engaged in various business enterprises in the capitol city.

Harry was a prince of a fellow. We knew him quite intimately when he was a resident of this county and we met him many times after he had moved to Lincoln, forty-four years ago. He never lost his interest in this section of the state and every time we would see him he would ask about the old timers in this county. Having been gone from the county for so many years he did not know any of the newcomers, but he always wanted to know about the old timers. He lived to a ripe old age and checked out in his sleep, as he would have wished it, had he the power to so order.

Mrs. Ed Verzel entertained sixteen guests at seven o'clock dinner at the Golden Hotel on Monday evening, followed by cards at her home. Mrs. John Davis winning high score.

Former O'Neillite Back For A Visit In Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Donohoe,

of Chehalis, Wash., arrived in the city last Friday to spend a week or ten days visiting relatives and old time friends in this city and vicinity. Hugh was raised in this county, north of this city, and after reaching manhood's estate, went to school and studied law. After his admission to the bar he went west and located at Chehalis, where he has been one of the prominent members of the bar for several years. Twenty-eight years have passed since Hugh's last visit to the "old home town" and he was surprised at the many improvements made here during the past years, even in the face of drought and hard times. He is convinced that the vision of the old timers, that O'Neill would some day be a giant of a little city will be verified within the next decade.

Republican State Convention Very Enthusiastic

At the republican state convention held in Columbus last Thursday twenty-one republicans were present from this county and delegates report that the meeting was a very enthusiastic and harmonious one. The main feature was an address by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, which many of his audience report was a masterpiece. Kenneth Wherry, of Pawnee county, was elected chairman of the state central committee; J. D. Cronin was elected member of the state committee from this legislative district and Mrs. Mildred Spann, of Atkinson, was elected state committeewoman from this district.

John Protovinsky Moves Grocery to Douglas Street

John Protovinsky moved his grocery store Sunday and Monday from Fourth street to the Naylor building on Douglas street and is now comfortably located in his new location. John had been in business on Fourth street for a good many years, but he figured the new location would be better than his old one, hence the removal.

MANY THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage given by the people of O'Neill to the Food Sale and lunch last Saturday. This sale was to assist the music contestants to go to Kansas City.—The Committee.

The north central district of the Lumbermen's Association of Nebraska, held their regular meeting Wednesday evening, with a business meeting at 6:45, followed by a dinner at 7 at the Golden Hotel in this city. Professor Ivan Woods of the University of Nebraska addressed the meeting, giving a very interesting and entertaining talk on weather conditions, past and future.

ATTENTION O'Neill Residents

Citizens of O'Neill, living in the Second and Third Wards: If you have not been enumerated by the census taker, call up Mayor Kersensbrock and he will see that a man visits you to get the necessary information. The census of this year will stand for ten years and it is very important to the city as well as the residents thereof that every resident be enumerated as the census is supposed to close this week end. If you are in any doubts call up. It is a duty you owe yourself and your town.

O'Neill Music Students Left For Kansas City This Morning

Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Lundgren, Ira George, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parkins left early Thursday morning for Kansas City, Missouri, taking the contestants who are entered in the regional music contest which will be held in Kansas City on May 9, 10 and 11.

Following are students who will compete in the contest: Howard Graves, Dorothy Yocum, Dorothy Lowery, Genevieve Graves, Keith Vincent, Lydia Halva, Marion Olson, Jerry Toy, Roy Lundgren, Lavene Loy and Bob Parkins. Miss Bernadette Brennan and Mrs. Tom Brennan left Wednesday morning for Kansas City, taking with them, Alma Wallace, Bob Shoemaker and Phil Yarnall.

Former O'Neill Druggist Gets Married, Now On Way to Honolulu

Henry Beckman, accompanied by his brother Lawrence, left last week end for Omaha, where they were joined by the former's wife who came there from her parents' home at Dunnsville, Essex county, Virginia.

Mr. Beckman, Honolulu, was married to Miss Louise Garnett Hundley April 13 at the Rappahannock church at Dunnsville. About two weeks ago Beckman came here to visit his mother, Mrs. Frank Beckman, and other relatives and friends.

The trio left Omaha Wednesday for San Francisco, from where they will sail May 7th for Honolulu. Mr. Beckman, a registered pharmacist is employed at the Blackshear Drug company there.

This is Lawrence's first trip to Honolulu.—Bloomfield Monitor.

The Weather

The weather the past week has been more moderate, the lowest temperature being recorded during the day being 72 degrees, while the highest reading was 78 last Saturday. While most of the state received some precipitation the past week, none has fallen in O'Neill nor surrounding territory. Following is the weather chart for the past week:

	High	Low
Thursday	72	34
Friday	73	43
Saturday	78	49
Sunday	77	53
Monday	72	42
Tuesday	72	50
Wednesday	72	49

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the time of the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. We wish also to thank the choir.—Mrs. Fannie Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vitt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ernst and Frances, Mrs. Mary Ernst and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Enright and Mrs. Mike Enright drove to Norfolk Monday and visited at the home of Mrs. Donald Enright's mother, Mrs. Nellie Dunhaver.

Pioneer Resident of the County Passes Away After Paralytic Stroke

MATTHIAS ERNST

Matthias Ernst, Matt, as he was generally known, died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elmer B. Ernst in this city last Friday morning, following a paralytic stroke suffered on Wednesday, May 1, 1940, at the age of 71 years and five days. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Bell officiating and was one of the largest funerals seen in this city for several years, over one hundred cars being in the funeral procession and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Matt Ernst was born in Tama county, Iowa, on April 28, 1869. When he was ten years of age, in 1879, the family moved to this county which had been his home for the past sixty-one years. On October 25, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Johring, daughter of one of the pioneer families of the county. To this union three children were born, two of whom, with their mother, survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The children are: Mrs. Bernice E. Vitt and Fred J. Ernst, O'Neill. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Yvonne, Betty Jane, Mary Lou and Frances Ernst, all of O'Neill; one brother, Jake Ernst, Amelia, and one sister, Mrs. Julia Gallagher, O'Neill.

In the death of Matt Ernst another of the old time pioneers has passed away. Coming here as a boy he spent sixty-one years in the county and has witnessed its progress and vicissitudes. He was a good farmer and an industrious worker and until the drought period set in was one of the most successful farmers in the northern part of the county, and, like practically all the farmers in the county, the drought played havoc with him. He was a good citizen and had a host of friends over the county who will regret to learn of his sudden death.

Another Pioneer Passes Away Wednesday Morn.

JOHN MARTIN

John Martin passed away at the O'Neill Hospital last Wednesday morning, following a paralytic stroke suffered last Saturday forenoon. That morning he had been up and spent some time cleaning up his yard and he was found in the house unconscious about 11:30. He was taken to the hospital, where he passed away about 5:30 yesterday morning, without having gained consciousness. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., and burial in Calvary cemetery.

John Martin was born at DuBois, Nebr., on December 13, 1885, and was 54 years, 4 months and 25 days old at the time of his death. When he was a little over a year old in 1887, his parents moved to this county, settling north-east of this city where John grew to manhood. About twenty years ago his parents moved to town and the boys remained on the farm for several years, finally retiring and renting the place and they came to town. After moving to this city John purchased a place in the western part of town where he made his home. He never married and kept bachelor headquarters. He was a fine citizen and a quiet and unassuming young man who had a host of friends, who will regret to learn of his sudden death in the prime of manhood.

John is survived by five brothers and two sisters. They are William, Joe and Henry, O'Neill; George, of Wichita Falls, Texas, Francis, of Spencer; Mrs. Clara Godek, of Omaha; Mrs. Ruby Bazelman, of O'Neill.

Note of Appreciation

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for the splendid manner in which the people of this community assisted the music students from both the Public School and the Academy. As a result, O'Neill will be represented at the National Music Contest this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

THIRTY-THREE WILL GRADUATE FROM O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY MAY 31

Thirty-three Eighth Graders Will Receive Their Diplomas That Evening Providing They Are Successful in Passing Final Tests

Commencement exercises for the graduates from high school and the eighth grade of the O'Neill Public School will be held on May eighth grade this year who are eighth-grade this year who are candidates for diplomas upon the satisfactory completion of scholastic requirements. There are eighteen girls and fifteen boys as follows:

Girls—Harriet Bennett, Leah Bruegman, Ruth Carter, Shirley Claussen Virginia Dailey, Betty Jane Ernst, Betty Lou Harris, Bernadine Henefin, Betty Hinze, Patsy Kruse, Eldora Lowery, Margaret Thavannet, Shirley Tucket, Maxine Wilkinson, Jean Williams, Evelyn Wyant, Bonnie Yarnall and Marlene Weyhrich.

Boys—Daryl Banks, Robert Bowen, Alvin Clyde, Kenneth Clyde, Jack Dempsey, Donald Elkins, Claude Hamilton, Norman Henefin, Carrol Hunt, Marvin Korab, Darwin Matula, Maynard Morrow, Merwyn Parke, Clinton Peterson and John Bellar.

There are thirty-three Seniors, who upon satisfactory completion of their respective courses of high school work, will be candidates for high school diplomas this spring. The graduating class is composed of fourteen girls and nineteen boys. The courses that they have completed are as follows:

COLLEGE
Donald W. Asher, Shirley LaNone Bates, Alvin L. Bausch, E. Donald Bowen, Dolores Marie

Claussen, Faith O. Harris, Clay H. Johnson Jr., Davene M. Loy, Irma A. Manzer, Dale D. Matula, Merle Mitchell, LaVera Morrow, Mabel D. Osenbaugh, Ruth Page, Frank L. Pettijohn, Lois Jean Robertson, Doris R. Scofield, Leland O. Spry, Dorothy M. Summers, Richard Wyant and Philip Lowell Yarnall.

COMMERCIAL
Bob Allendorfer, William Allendorfer, Ralph E. Brown, Joe Grutsch, Donna Jeanne Marcellus, and Louis W. Reimer.

GENERAL
Max D. Chapman, Howard B. Graves, and John Schmidt.

NORMAL TRAINING
Shirley LaNone Bates, Dolores Marie Claussen, Davene M. Loy, Merle Mitchell, Mabel D. Osenbaugh, Ruth Page, Frank L. Pettijohn, Lois Jean Robertson, and Doris R. Scofield.

SECRETARIAL
Mary Jo Allen, Dolores M. Bachman, and Dorothy June Larson.

The Seniors selected Royal Blue and Silver as their class colors, the pink tea rose as the class flower. Their motto is "Not At The Top But Climbing."

The baccalaureate services will come on May 26. The services will be conducted by Rev. Wright with the assistance of Rev. Bell. The baccalaureate services and commencement exercises will be held in the Public School auditorium this year. The auditorium will provide ample seating capacity for all individuals interested in attending. Each of you are invited to attend these services.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY WILL GRADUATE THIRTY-TWO ON MORNING OF MAY 31

Seventeen Eighth Graders Will Also Be Presented Diplomas and Will Enter High School Next Fall

On Friday morning, May 31, St. Mary's Academy will hold their graduating exercises at which thirty-two will close their high school year and be ready to enter college or settle down to the purposes of making a living. At the same time seventeen eighth grade graduates will be presented diplomas and next year will be numbered among the high school students.

Following is a list of graduates, with their home addresses: William Biglin, Marjorie Cronin, O'Neill; Ramona Dancy, Highmore, S. D.; Robert Earley, Catherine Finley, O'Neill; Monica Hoefs, Wood Lake, Nebr.; Madelyne Hynes, O'Neill; Mary Jane Iler, Dallas, S. D.; Alice Jackson, Springview, Nebr.; William Kubitsek, Dorothy Langan, Mildred Loeffler, O'Neill; Marjorie Mains, Emmet; Mary Catherine Marshall, Nenzel, Nebr.; Mary Ann Meer, Valentine, Nebr.; Marie Moler, O'Neill; Helen Marie Mullen, At-

kinson; Eileen McKenna, O'Neill; Maxine O'Bryan, Norris, S. D.; Ruth Pribil, Basil Price, Dorothy Ryan, O'Neill; Marcella Rubel, Dallas, S. D.; Robert Shoemaker, O'Neill; Hilda Simons, Norden, Nebr.; Rose Marie Simons, Sparks, Nebr.; Margaret Taylor, Valentine, Nebr.; Alma Wallace, O'Neill; Dorothy Walter, Emmet; Darleen Weber, Long Pine, Nebr.; Ethel Winkler, Atkinson, Nebr.; Mary Zirnig, Norden, Nebr.

Seventeen students comprise the eighth grade who will also be graduated on May 31. They are as follows:

John Brennan, William Brennan, Maurice Cavanaugh, Richard Cronin, Donna Callagher, William Grady, Donald Hynes, Janet Loeffler, Mary Miles, Irene Mullen, Frank Peter, Mary Louise Reka, Margaret Ellen Reka, Maxine Roach, Rosemary Ryan, Margaret Sauser, Yvonne Sirek.

The Project Club Chorus Wants More Members

The Holt County Women's Club Chorus which was organized during the past year under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence Russell is one of the few organizations of its type in Holt county. The chorus which has received many compliments on their performance at the recent project club achievement day is anxious to increase its enrollment with an idea in mind of entering the state contest for such groups which is held during the Nebraska State Fair. In order to participate in this contest a few more good voices are needed to make the group large enough to represent Holt county.

Any women project club member is eligible to compete with the group and any member who is interested in choral work is invited to contact the director and to join the chorus.

Joe McNichols went to Atkinson Thursday on business.

Mrs. W. B. Graves left Monday for Lyons, Nebraska, where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Jane Buckley and attend a meeting of the Past Matrons of the Eastern Star. She left Lyons Wednesday morning for Lincoln, where she will attend a meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, and will then return to Lyons for a longer visit with her mother, before returning home.

Mr. C. K. Morse, Nebraska University Director of Public Relations, visited the O'Neill City Schools last Thursday and gave a very interesting talk to the student body. Later in the morning Mr. Morse met with the Senior Class, explaining to them the requirements for many various vocations which they might wish to follow for their life work. It was interesting to note that the thirty-three seniors comprising the class, indicated twenty-five different occupations.

The city council held a special meeting Wednesday night, on call of the mayor, to take action on three applications for license to sell intoxicating liquor. Applications had been filed by R. E. Tomlinson, Chick Wyant and W. E. Gatz. The old council had been unable to agree on the matter and it was left for the new mayor and council to handle. In the balloting Dick Tomlinson received four votes to two against and he was granted the license, the others being rejected, as the council by ordinance had limited the number of places to four, and this application filled the quota. Applications were received from about thirty who wished the job of working on the streets, but no action was taken on the applications.

Francis Hughes, Former O'Neill Resident Was Married In Honolulu

Announcement was received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes of this city of the marriage of their son, Francis, to Miss Mildred Janet Smith both of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, the marriage being performed April 6 in the Little Church of the Crossroads by the Rev. Judd. Prior to residing in Honolulu she with her parents was a resident of Arizona.

Francis is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes. He was reared in this community, received his education in the Bloomfield schools, and was graduated from the local high school in the class of 1932.

He attended the University of Nebraska three years and took up arts and science. He entered the employ of Andresen and Beckman, drug store at O'Neill, for a year, going to Honolulu three years ago, where he secured employment with the Blackshear Drug company. After a year he resigned to enter the employ of McKesson-Robbins Drug company, and only recently he was promoted to assistant manager of the notion department of the firm.

Best wishes of the entire community are extended Mr. and Mrs. Hughes for a happy and prosperous wedded life.—Bloomfield Monitor.

Holt County 4-H Clubs Are Organized

With the 4-H club year well under way the year of 1940 promises to be a banner year as far as number of boys and girls enrolled is concerned.

According to the latest figures there are at present 200 boys and girls taking part in twenty-four 4-H clubs in Holt county with the organization of clubs only well started. Stocker feeder clubs continue to be the most popular club with nearly one half of this number having calves as their project in 4-H work. While the current price of feeder calves has influenced the popularity of these clubs, any group of five boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 20 can organize almost any type of home economic or agricultural club they may desire.

4-H work is carried on in Holt county under the direction of the county agricultural agent, Lyndle R. Stout, and any community which is interested in starting a club may receive assistance by applying to that office.

Gerald Greybill left Sunday morning for Lincoln, where he will spend most of the week attending a meeting of the F. S. S. directors of the state.