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DRENCHING RAINS BREAK DROUGHT

72-Hour Period Nets 4.43-Inches Here; Little Damage Results

PASTURES BENEFIT

Heavy rains lashed the O'Neill territory over the weekend, breaking a prolonged dry spell and more than overcoming a 3-inch deficiency in rainfall. A total of 4.43-inches of moisture was received during the 72-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Monday. Three and three-fourths inches of moisture fell during late Sunday and early Monday.

The rains came too late to be of much benefit to the corn crop, but will immeasurably aid the fall grain and grass seeding.

Farmers are hoping for a lot of warm weather during the remainder of September to mature the corn crop, which is more promising in Holt county than in adjacent areas where the drought caused more damage.

The electrical storm that accompanied Sunday night's drenching was one of the severest in recent years.

The weekend soakers were highly beneficial for fall pastures. The moisture was general in northern Nebraska. Atkinson reported nearly 2 inches; Elgin, 1.5; Orchard, 1 Osmond, over 3.

Buses Cancelled

Because of detours on federal highway 20 east of here, between O'Neill and Brunswick, traffic late Sunday and early Monday was routed via Neligh. Two stretches of the highway are under construction and the normal detours were impassable. In order to stay on hardsurfaced roads, it was necessary to travel 30 additional miles.

One Sioux City-O'Neill west-bound bus Sunday traveled only to Brunswick, and then turned around and returned to Sioux City. One O'Neill-Sioux City bus early Monday was "cancelled out" altogether.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone company reported only minor damage to the telephone facilities in Holt county.

Numerous reports were received of washing of the approaches to bridges on county highways. Only one bridge was washed out.

Some basements in the city were flooded. Lightning struck the Anthony Stanton residence, in the north section of town, damaging a section of the roof. None was injured.

Traffic on the North Western line between Chadron and Lander, Wyo., was stopped Saturday as a result of a cloudburst, which washed out nearly 6,000 feet of track.

The week's weather summary:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
September 6	84	65	T
September 7	77	59	.65
September 8	59	57	.44
September 9	62	52	3.34
September 10	70	50	
September 11	73	49	
September 12	80	53	.39

Antelope Fair Is Rained Out

NELIGH—The Antelope county "victory" fair last weekend was a literal washout.

The agricultural exhibits were the only items that went off as scheduled. The entertainers, including Jimmy Lynch and his death-drivers, and members of the WLS barn dance radio troupe were on hand, but the stands were empty, driven away by the downpour, when Jimmie Lynch's cue came. The barn dance program Sunday night went on, although a prelude of showers kept attendance down. The grandstand was nearly filled Sunday night in spite of Pluvius and the offering of the radio entertainers was well received. One WLS vocalist flew to Neligh from Chicago, Ill., to keep her appointment, after appearing on a broadcast at the WLS studio the evening before.

The O'Neill Independents were scheduled for a go against Tilden in a Saturday afternoon baseball game, but the match was cancelled.

The sponsors did not have rain insurance. However, members of the board of directors stated the association has a reserve that assures payment of all premiums, and other expenses.

Epiphany Picnic a Success Despite Storm

EMMET—Hundreds braved intermittent afternoon and evening rains here Sunday to attend the Church of Epiphany's annual picnic. The evening electrical storm plunged the church basement, where a chicken dinner was served, and the pastor's residence, where games were played, into darkness on numerous occasions.

The affair was originally scheduled for outdoors, but was forced inside because of the weather. The Atkinson vs. O'Neill baseball game was cancelled.

Nearly 400 adults and 40 children were served during the chicken dinner, Rev. John J. O'Brien reported.

STUDENTS OFF TO COLLEGES

Among the O'Neill young people who are enrolling or have already enrolled in institutions of higher learning for the 1946-'47 term are:

University of Nebraska—John Lee Baker, John Brennan, Donna Gallagher, Robert Cole, Larry Schaffer, John Allen, John Osenbaugh, Robert Bowen, Dorothy Hiatt, Marvin Holsclaw.

Creighton university — Robert Allen, George Bosn, Edward Campbell, Quentin Cavanaugh, Edward Condon, James Golden, George Janousek, William Kubitschek, James Merriman, Robert Wallace, Stephen Wallace. Gene Streeter, John R. Gallagher.

St. Benedict's college (Atchison, Kans.)—Jack Hartly, Paul Kubitschek, Thomas DeBacker.

Colorado Women's college (Denver)—Joanne Burgess, Shirley Schaffer, Lois Cole (Emmet). University of Denver (Colo.)—William Grady.

Georgetown university (Washington, D. C.)—William O'Connell.

United States Military Academy (West Point, N. Y.)—Herbert O. Brennan.

Kemper Military Academy (Boonesville, Mo.)—Jack Gatz. Barat college (Lake Forest, Ill.)—Lou Birmingham.

Rosary college (Chicago, Ill.)—Patricia O'Donnell.

University of Illinois—Nadene Coyne.

St. Vincent's School of Nursing (Sioux City)—Dorothy Froelich.

ATKINSON YOUTH SHOWS CHAMP

Robert Sitz' Black Angus Takes Honors at Tri-County Fair

STUART—Robert Sitz, Atkinson, 4-H youth, captured top honors in the baby beef show in connection with the two-day Tri-County fair held here Monday and Tuesday. The grand champion was a Black Angus steer, which led a field of 20 baby beefs, 16 of which were entered by Holt countyans. The reserve grand champion was shown by Donald Cizek, of Spencer, who displayed a Hereford steer.

James Boettcher, of Atkinson, won the stocker-feeder calf contest from a field of 18.

Thirteen baby beefs were sold at auction following the exhibit. The top price paid was 31 cents per pound, and the average price paid for the 13 beefs sold was over 27 1/2 cents per pound. Officials said that exceptional interest was displayed in the exhibitions and the sale.

Both the grand and reserve champion baby beefs will be entered in the Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show at Omaha, along with at least three other Holt county entries.

W. W. Derrick, extension animal husbandryman from the University of Nebraska, helped dedicate the new 4-H barn at Stuart. The barn is a converted gunset hut, and it will be used exclusively for 4-H purposes.

The "fairtrial" was billed as "two big atomic daze." Large crowds attended the activity. The principal attractions were the rodeo, on both days, and the exhibits.

A style revue, held in the Stuart auditorium Tuesday evening, helped climax the celebration. Homemade clothes were modeled under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Brewster and Mrs. F. J. Clark, who is the Mesdameselles 4-H club leader.

TWO AUTOMOBILES STOLEN, RECOVERED

Two automobiles stolen in this region over the weekend have been recovered.

A 1942 Chevrolet, owned by a Miss Davenport, of Valentine, was found in the northwest section of the city Saturday by Assistant Police Chief Bert Peterson. The vehicle had been reported missing late Friday.

A Lincoln Zephyr, owned by John Sholes, of Stuart, was stolen Friday night, and this week it was found in Minnesota.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert C. Mathis, 26, of Atkinson, and Margaret M. Murphy, 20, of O'Neill, September 5.

George A. Mathis, 24, and Margaret Bonenberger, 21, both of Atkinson, September 5.

Philip Eugene Hammon, 24, and Opal Lorraine Johns, 23, both of Lynch, September 6.

Edmond Darel Bright, 25, of O'Neill, and Josephine Ruth Milnar, 28, of Stuart, September 7.

Robert Adamson, 36, and Wilma Murphy, 33, both of Bijou Hills, S. D., September 7.

Hans Braun, 27, and Ruth Carr, 16, both of Atkinson, September 10.

ARRIVE FROM OREGON

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Evert Cooke and family of Eugene, Ore., arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Cooke's mother, Mrs. John Kellar, and other relatives.

GOLDEN IS NEW GOLF CHAMPION

M. J. (Max) Golden, hotel proprietor here, Tuesday became the city's 1946 golf champion as he edged the defending champion, Allan P. Jaskowiak, one-up in 21-holes of title play. They were nip-and-tuck in 18 holes, finishing with 75 strokes each. In the extra holes, Golden bagged three pars and Jaskowiak missed par on the 21st hole and lost the crown. The championship tilt had been twice postponed.

In the championship flight consolation round, Gene McKenna defeated James Hartly. In the second flight, Norman Gonderinger bested Bev Wanser one-up in 20 holes, while in the second flight consolation round, John Urton defeated Dr. F. J. Fisher.

The city's finalists arbitrarily decided to postpone their title play Sunday in order to participate in the Ainsworth open, which Golden won. His son, Jimmy, finished at the top of the third flight.

Other O'Neillites participating included Ben and Bill Grady, Ed Campbell, Henry Lohaus, Duke Kersenbrock, Pat Hartly and George Hammond.

DEMO CARAVAN TO MAKE 3 STOPS

Nebraska democratic candidates are including O'Neill, Ewing, Atkinson on their intensive four-weeks' campaign which will include most towns in the state. The tour will be headed by State Democratic Chairman William Ritchie, of Omaha; National Committeeman James C. Quigley, of Valentine and Public Relations Director Tom W. Ingoldsbey, of Omaha.

The caravan plans to enter Holt county Tuesday with a 3:45 p.m. meeting at Ewing, followed by a 5 p.m. arrival in O'Neill. A night meeting, beginning at 8, will be held in Atkinson.

The group will spend the night here at the Golden hotel.

The caravan will include John Mekota, candidate for U. S. Senator; Frank Sorrell, the democratic gubernatorial nominee, and all other state candidates.

SICK & INJURED

O'NEILL—Thomas Donlin is at home improving after suffering an apoplectic stroke. . . Mrs. George Hammond left Monday for medical treatment in Sioux City. She will return this week. . . Mrs. Don Nissen of Page has been dismissed from the O'Neill hospital this week and is recuperating at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Eby.

PAGE—The condition of Mrs. Bert Finley, who recently submitted to an operation in a Ft. Collins, Colo., hospital, is reported as good. . . Charles Hartford submitted to a major operation at the University hospital in Omaha Monday. His condition is satisfactory.

EMMET—Fred Beckwith is recovering slowly from a recent illness. . . Freda McMillian and Melvin Luben are on the sick list this week.

INMAN—Mrs. Etta Trowbridge is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Smith. . . Mrs. Ezra Moore is not well.

CHAMBERS—Mrs. J. W. Gill is a patient in the St. Elizabeth hospital at Lincoln.

Workers Meet and Name Committees

The Workers club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Roy Wayman. Miss Catherine Kirwan, home agent, was the honor guest. Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, the new president, presided. The following committees were formed: Mrs. Jane Langan, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Roy Wayman, reporter; Mrs. Lowell Johnson, year book; Mrs. M. L. Harman, birthday, Christmas parties and county fair, assisted by Mrs. Charles Vorce and Mrs. Wayman. Funds will be collected to help educate a Chinese girl at the University of Nebraska. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Russ.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to friends and relatives for letters and cards received and personal visits while I was in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

ELLA MAE CLARK.

Both Schools Boast 40-Piece Marching Bands

Both O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy will place marching bands on the football fields this season when their respective teams play, according to Director Ira George. Each band will number approximately 40 pieces, he said.

4-H Youths Win at State Fair

Not only did Holt county boys and girls do well in music, but Donald and Robert Prill, of Page, gave a demonstration on washing and fitting a calf for show and were awarded a blue ribbon, while Twila Whaley and Donna Whaley, of O'Neill, demonstrated correct posture and received a red ribbon. Murray Mellor and Joe Warnke of O'Neill gave a demonstration on cattle grub control and were awarded a red ribbon. Joan Connell, who gave an individual demonstration on making a dressing table, won a red ribbon.

HOLT FAIR ON NEXT WEEK

3-Day Chambers Event to Feature Rodeo, Free-Acts, Baseball

SCHOOL DAY SET

CHAMBERS—This inland Holt county town is putting on its best bib-and-tucker and readying for the 1946 edition of the Holt county fair, which opens Tuesday and runs through next Thursday. Fair officials are predicting that the two big days — Wednesday and Thursday—will rank high in the annals of fair history here.

Tuesday will be entry day. Judging of exhibits and demonstrations will take place during the forenoon on both Wednesday and Thursday. The remainder of the time will be jam-packed with a variety of entertainment.

Gus Overmire, of Stuart, will furnish the stock for the rodeo. The wild west show will include bronc riding, bulldogging, calf roping, steer riding, and wild cow milking.

Happy Bill and his Dakota barn dance gang have been booked for three big acts each afternoon, featuring a trained horse, a clown, and musical numbers. The gang will present a one-hour show each evening, beginning at 8.

The Neligh high school band will provide music on Wednesday, and the O'Neill high school band has been signed for Thursday.

On both Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Edwin Hoberg and his orchestra will play at an open-air dance.

The premium lists for this year's event have been in the hands of the exhibitors for several weeks, the officials have pointed out, and there are indications that there will be greater interest than usual.

All school children will be admitted free on Wednesday, which has been designated as school day. The county's horseshoe pitching champion will be determined on Thursday.

3 MORE DISCHARGEES

Three more Selective Service registrants have been released in Holt county during the week ending at noon Wednesday. They are: Reuben R. Redinger and Emil W. Block, both of O'Neill, and Donald A. Sienka, of Chambers.

TOO MANY BACKS FRET SAINDON

O'Neill High Grid Coach Faces Shortage of Linemen

Coach F. E. Saindon is confronted with a thorny problem in the O'Neill high school football camp: He has plenty of backfield aspirants and not enough line candidates.

Thirty-six checked-out uniforms when he issued his first call last week. Thirteen of these were lettermen: seniors—Dick Tibbetts, Ray Calkins, Ardell Bright, Dick Hungerford, Cecil Landis, Gordon Hartman, Saindon, and Dick Remy; juniors—Herb Matthews, Gordon Elkins, Norman Osborne, and Dean Van Evry; sophomores—Morrow.

The backs have been drilling with the "T" formation in early practices.

Coach Saindon hesitates to make a prediction, but he admits that prospects are "good."

The season's first game will be with Plainville here Friday, September 20, under the lights, beginning at 8 p.m.

The remainder of the schedule:

Sept. 27—Bassett, there. Oct. 4—Ewing, there.

Oct. 11—Creighton, here. Oct. 18—Ainsworth, here.

Oct. 23—Spencer, there. Nov. 1—Stuart, here. Nov. 8—Neligh, there. Nov. 15—Atkinson, there.

LEAVING FOR TEXAS

PAGE—Mrs. Ida Chase was presented with a money gift by the Royal Neighbors lodge. She leaves soon for Texas.

Engineer Sees 100,000 'Irrigable' Acres in Holt

BIGLIN RITES HELD MONDAY

Final rites for John T. Biglin, 61, of Hastings, a former O'Neill resident, were held at St. Patrick's Catholic church here Monday. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, officiated in a requiem high mass at 10 a.m. Interment was made in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Biglin died last Thursday in Mary Manning hospital in Hastings, following a heart attack which occurred several hours earlier. He was born in O'Neill in 1884 and left here 40 years ago.

Survivors include the widow; three sons, two daughters, four sisters, and three brothers.

Mr. Biglin was the father of Richard Biglin, and a brother of Frank, William J., and Miss Genevieve Biglin, all of O'Neill.

Pallbearers were H. E. Coyne, P. C. Donohoe, P. J. O'Donnell, H. J. Hammond, John J. McVlin, and M. H. Horiskey.

Among the out-of-town persons here attending the rites were Sister M. Eugene, of Sioux City, and Sister Calixta, of Chicago, Ill., sisters of the deceased; Mrs. Arthur Mullen, of Omaha; Mrs. Elmer Adams, and Mrs. Bernice Adams, both of Page.

OMAHA FIRM GETS SEWER CONTRACT

\$56,064.44 Lowest of Five Bids; Work to Begin in April

An Omaha firm, the Charles Robeck company, was the successful bidder here Tuesday when the city council opened bids for the proposed sewerage extension project. The firm's figure was \$56,064.44—approximately \$5,000 below the city engineer's original estimate. This will include supplying 4,700 linear feet of 8-inch tile, 16,000 linear feet of 10-inch tile, and miscellaneous items.

The second lowest bidder among the five was the Chambers Construction company, also of Omaha, with a \$57,117.20 figure.

Mayor F. J. Dishner said that the Robeck firm would begin actual work on the sewer project about April 15, and work is expected to be completed by June 1.

Meanwhile, work is progressing satisfactorily on the initial try for a new city well, Mayor Dishner said. The Kelly Well company has reached a depth of 92-feet at a site two miles south of the city, and there are good indications that the well will be satisfactory. The well, which will have a 38-inch bottom, may be finished this week.

GETS VET POST

Allan B. Connell, U. S. Employment Service subdistrict manager here for the past year and one-half, has been appointed to the Veteran's administration. He will leave next week for training for his new post. His family, however, will remain here. Mr. Connell's new work will be linked with ex-GI "on-the-job" training, he said.

NORFOLKIAN TO CHAMBERS

CHAMBERS—Rev. G. Basil Anderson, of Norfolk, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here Sunday morning. Rev. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson were Sunday dinner guests in the Herman Holcomb home.

HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A special examination for will be given at O'Neill on Friday, September 20. Applicants should report at my office before 9 o'clock that morning.—Elja McCullough, county superintendent.

FATHER DIES

INMAN — Postmaster James McMahan received word Wednesday that his father, a resident of Lyons, had died.

Sumner Downey, Leah Iler, Robert Zeaman, Mary Zabalka, all of O'Neill, and Martin Rhoda, of Chadron, left Sunday to attend a photographers' convention in Omaha. They returned today (Thursday).

Dr. Frank Gallagher of La-Crosse, Wis., arrived Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. James P. Gallagher, and his two sisters, the Misses Hilda and Helen Gallagher.

Eleanor Delle Reising, of Gary, Ind., left Friday after spending three weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Phalin.

2 CHANGES MADE BY METHODISTS

Page Pastor Goes to Seward; Rev. Maxey Plans to Retire

The annual Nebraska Methodist conference, which closed Sunday night in Lincoln, resulted in two and possibly three changes in Holt county pastorates, it was announced by Bishop W. C. Martin, of Topeka, Kans., who heads the Kansas-Nebraska Methodist district.

Rev. Feodor C. Kattner, who has been serving at Page, was transferred to Seward. He will move with his family this week to his new post. The Seward charge has 500 members and has a \$30,000 brick church. Rev. Carl B. Rayburn, until recently of Beaver City, has been named as Rev. Kattner's successor. He is married and has one daughter.

Rev. Eugene B. Maxey, who has served Inman for the past 10 years, expects to retire as soon as a replacement is assigned. In mentioning the new appointments, the conference noted that the Inman church "would be supplied."

Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis has been reassigned to the O'Neill church. Previously, however, he has served Chambers as well as O'Neill. The conference designated that Chambers "would be supplied" also.

Rev. W. C. Birmingham was returned to Atkinson and Green Valley for another year.

Rev. C. L. Carlson has been assigned to Spencer and Bristow in Boyd county.

Dr. John W. Ekwall, of Norfolk, who served for six years as superintendent of the Norfolk district, will exchange with Rev. Evert E. Jackson, of Hancock park Methodist church, Omaha.

Among O'Neill persons attending the conference were Rev. and Mrs. Mullis, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. A. B. Connell and daughter Joanne, Miss Harris is a missionary for the Norfolk district and she will leave in 1947 for duty in China.

H. A. Tompkins and Mrs. Eva Murten were present at the conference from Inman.

Eby Home Is Scene of Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eby entertained at a family dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Eby's twin sister, Mrs. Esmond Weber, of Page. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are moving to Denver, Colo.

There were 17 guests, including: Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen, Mrs. Eby's parents, Don Nissen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Nissen and Otto Wahletz, all of Page.

CLEAR GOLDEN HERE

Clear Golden, of Cheshire, Conn., arrived Wednesday for a week's visit here with relatives. He is a former O'Neill resident.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donlin, of Omaha, spent the weekend here visiting relatives. They returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberts and son, Paul, of Pomona, Calif., arrived Monday and visited Mrs. Carrie Borg. On Tuesday they visited in the Meek community with her brothers, Dan and George Hanson, and other relatives.

Miss Bernadine Elkins left Saturday to spend a short while with her sister, Mrs. J. Owen McCord, at Wisner.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller and son, George, spent the weekend in Omaha and at the state fair at Lincoln. Mr. Fuller's mother, Mrs. Maude Fuller, accompanied them.

Mrs. Arlan Kirk, of Spencer, visited her father, Thomas Donlin, and other relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen, of Page, parents of Mrs. Raymond Eby, will move Saturday into their new home here. It was recently purchased from Ted Rustemeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Regan and daughter, Gwendolyn, and son, Jerry, of Omaha, left Monday after visiting Mrs. Regan's father, Thomas Donlin, for three days.

Mrs. Carrie Borg had Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor of Winner, S. D., for their guests at dinner Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker had as their guests for the Labor day weekend, George DeBacker and daughter, Mary Jo, of Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Edna Casey and son, James, of Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dexter and family spent Sunday at the W. Shipman home near Chambers.

Mary Carney left Monday for a two-weeks' trip to Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Lawrence and Harold Dexter, sons of the A. Dexters, spent this week visiting at the R. E. Bly home near Amelia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Calvert spent the weekend in Norfolk with Mr. Calvert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Calvert.

Biggest 'Possibility' in Niobrara River Basin, Chamber Learns

BRIEF STUDY MADE

An engineer from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation told members of the Chamber of Commerce, at their regular monthly dinner meeting in the Golden hotel Tuesday night, that Holt county has "definite irrigation possibilities" that could grow out of the Niobrara river valley development program.

The speaker was C. E. Burdick, who has been conducting a preliminary reconnaissance of the Niobrara basin since last July.

Mr. Burdick's findings will go into a report to the Reclamation headquarters, which, in turn, may recommend a detailed study of the basin preparatory to making a report to Congress.

In his informal appearance before the Chamber, at the invitation of President C. E. Lundgren, Mr. Burdick said that there are probably 100,000 acres of Holt county land that are irrigable. This land, he continued, "borders the city of O'Neill on the north."

He said that it was impossible to define the area in detail, because his reconnaissance thus far has been hurried and inadequate.

Holt Possibility Largest

"The Holt possibility," he predicted, "is the largest in the Niobrara basin. The second largest, approximately one-half as large, is in the Ainsworth-Long Pine region, where water might be supplied to approximately 50,000 acres. The third sizeable area is in the Boiling Springs flats, southwest of Valentine, where over 14,000 acres may be developed."

He believes that water for the potential Holt district could be drawn from the Niobrara