

WINNERS CHOSEN IN SOIL CONTEST

Miles, Sidors, Tegeler to Represent Holt in State Competition

74 STATE ENTRIES

This week Holt county's representatives selected to compete in the Omaha World-Herald's conservation recognition program were named by the superiors of the Holt Soil Conservation district. They are: H. Miles, of Dorsey; Ray Sidors, of O'Neill; and Harry Tegeler, of Page.

They won the honors from a field of more than two dozen nominees.

The conservation work that these men have done on their farms will be in competition with other three-farm groups representing 74 conservation districts in the state. A state committee will pick the entries from eight districts that will be awarded \$500 purses. The prize money will be used to purchase conservation equipment for use of farmers in their respective districts, the World-Herald said. A sketch of the conservation work by Holt's representatives follows:

On Old Home Place Mr. Miles—His is a story of a son going back to the old home place. He began operating in 1930, when the place was infested with cockleburrs and the land was low in productivity.

The pastures had been overgrazed, and the buildings needed considerable repair. The fences were few and poor. The fences were rebuilt and relocated. The cropland was divided into fields with soils which were similar. One field of 62 acres was farmed to a rotation of sweet clover with cane and rye, which was strip-cropped. Three other fields were farmed to a rotation of corn or cane, oats and sweet clover.

In 1945, Mr. Miles became interested in contour farming. He ran his own contour lines and started strip-crop farming on the contour. In 1946, he sloped, leveled and seeded to bromegrass, western wheatgrass and crested wheat grass one large and two small gullies, comprising about six and one-half acres. He planted 21 acres of trees for field shelterbelts to protect cropland and livestock. A small belt has been planted to keep snow from drifting into the road and making it impassable during winter.

Mr. Tegeler—When he bought the 160-acre farm in 1929 there were 95 acres in cultivation, 45 in pasture, and the balance in lots, farmstead and roads. Now there are 80 acres in cultivation, 17 acres in hayland, four acres in grassed waterways, 50 acres in pastures, two acres in trees for farmstead windbreak, and eight acres in farmstead and roads.

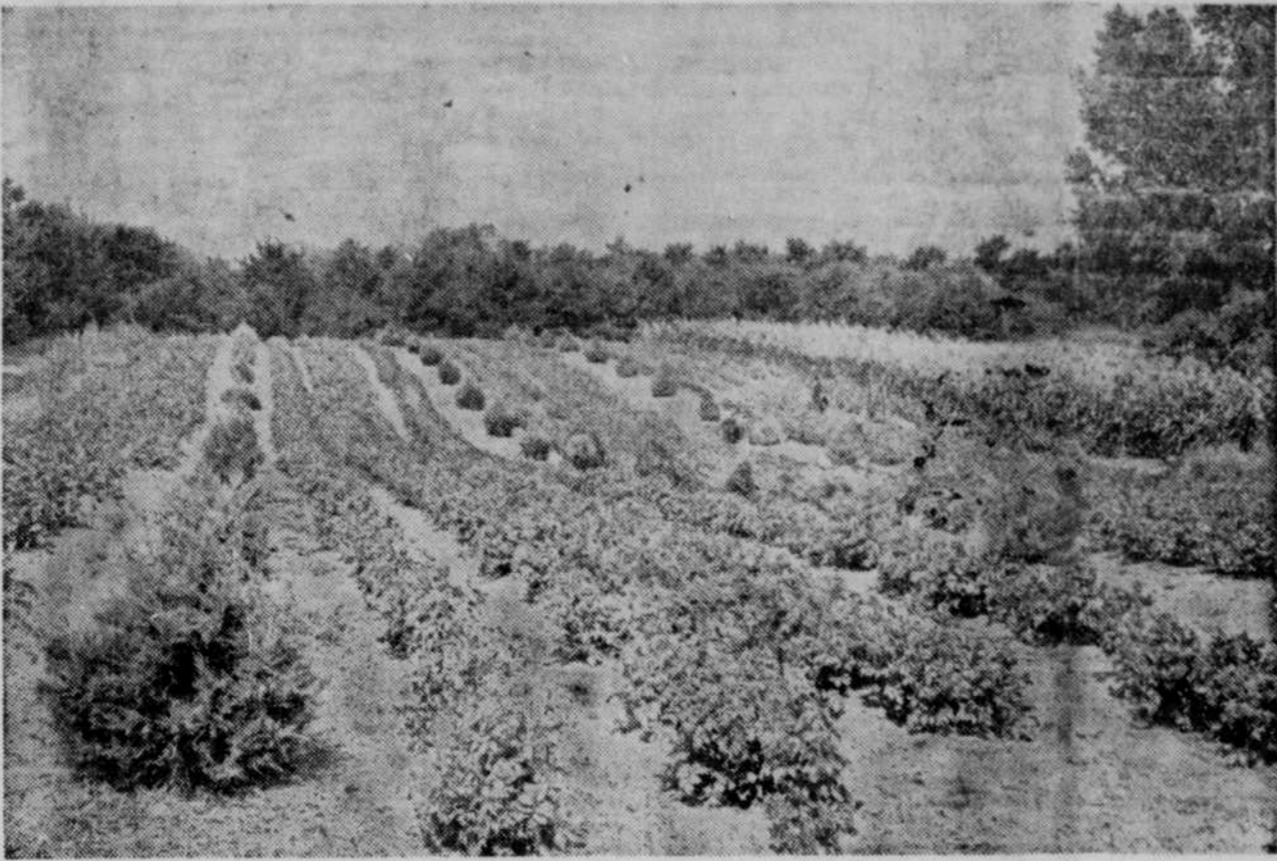
Productivity Increases The productivity was low when Mr. Tegeler took over, but through application of sound land use its productivity has increased remarkably, and he has figures to prove it.

The cockleburs, which were so thick in 1929, have long since been eradicated. Mr. Sider—The Sidors home quarter was all in cultivation, except for a 14-acre tree claim, when it was purchased in 1923. One of the first things Mr. Sidors did was take out the stumps and few remaining trees. The field was then plowed and used for cropland. He then built hog tight fences. The quarter was divided into four fields and a rotation was started. Sweet clover and alfalfa were used extensively, and he succeeded in building up the soil. Two fields consisting of 77 acres are farmed on the contour with contour guide-lines, another field consisting of 24 acres is farmed on the contour using a terrace as the guide.

A half-section of grass land was purchased in 1935, when the stand was poor and was low in productivity. The land was fenced but there was no water. Mr. Sidors put a well, installed a windmill and tank. By not grazing the grass too heavy or too early, he estimates that he increased its productivity 20 percent.

Mr. Sidors worked out a rotation on a quarter he purchased in 1941. He plowed under green second year sweet clover, four to four and one-half feet high, in the summer. Forty nine acres are now strip-cropped. The 80 acres of grass land averaged only three or four stacks of hay each year. He cut only half of the field each year, and allowed the other half to mature. Half of the field now averages three or four stacks each year.

JOINS BEAUTY SALON Mrs. Veda Stuart, a graduate beautician from Denver, Colo., has joined Margaret's beauty salon here.



HARVEY ALLEN: 'MAN WITH HOE'

Harvey Allen (at left) uses a hoe to keep his trees growing. Consequently, he has become known as the man with the hoe, for he carries it wherever he goes.

In 1919 Mr. Allen took over a 160-acre farm 13 miles from O'Neill. There was not a tree on the place. Now he has one of the finest shelterbelts in Nebraska. The trees are very thrifty and large.

Mr. Allen advocates a much greater distance between rows than is often used. He plants the rows 20 feet apart. A few years back he persuaded the U. S. men in charge of shelterbelt planting to put out his tree in rows 16 feet apart. After the trees were planted, he took out every other one, leaving them spaced 16 x 16 feet.

Mr. Allen also believes in conserving space. The top photo shows potatoes growing between the rows of three-year-old red cedars—University of Nebraska Photo.

FORMER RESIDENT HIGHWAY VICTIM

Mrs. Erling Walbye, 17, Dies Following Crash; Auto Strikes Horse

PAGE—Mrs. Erling Walbye, 17, the former Miss Neva Stewart, died last Thursday in Memorial hospital in Rawlins, Wyo., from injuries sustained in a highway accident the night before. The automobile in which she and her husband were riding collided with a horse about a mile east of Rawlins. Mrs. Walbye, believed to have been slightly injured, was taken to a hospital where she later died. The horse was killed instantly.

Funeral services for Mrs. Walbye were held Monday at 3 p. m., in a Rawlins funeral home. Rev. F. F. Kraft officiated and burial was in the Walbye lot in the Rawlins cemetery. Roy Stewart of Page, attended the rites.

The former Neva Stewart was born in Norfolk on April 9, 1929. She was adopted by the Stewarts while an infant, and was reared and educated in Page. She was employed in Memorial hospital at Rawlins for a short time prior to her marriage on July 19, 1946, in Helena, Mont.

The widower and the Stewarts are the only immediate survivors.

Mrs. Helen Simar Feted in Chicago

Mrs. Helen Simar, of Chicago, a former resident of O'Neill, was hostess at the Francisco Girl's club which she owns and manages, in an affair honoring her longtime friend, Mrs. Helen Simar, of O'Neill, who was visiting Chicago, Mrs. Simar recently marked a birthday anniversary.

More than a dozen other guests, including persons from Hastings and Atkinson, as well as hostesses' two children, Ted and Yvonne, were served a southern chicken dinner, after which the group retired to a drawing room where the traditional birthday cake was cut.

Mrs. Simar has returned to O'Neill. Mrs. Simar's club is situated on Chicago's near-northside Gold Coast.

2 YOUTHS INDUCTED

Two Stuart youths, Lathan O. Rhodes and Maurice F. Kramer, are inducted into the army this month, the Selective Service office here has announced.

SICK & INJURED

O'NEILL—Mariam Kubischek daughter of Mrs. S. Kubischek returned from Stuart hospital after being a patient for 15 days. Irman Rakow of Page was admitted to the O'Neill hospital September 15 and was transferred to Omaha on September 18.

Miss Tina Kaur of O'Neill was admitted to the O'Neill hospital September 15, and transferred to Sioux City on September 18.

INMAN—Miss Bea Gallagher is with her sister, Mrs. Helen Gilligan, who is very ill in Sioux City. Mrs. Ted Hopkin underwent a major operation last week at Buhl, Ida., Mr. and Mrs. Hopkin lived at Inman until January. Mrs. Eler Killinger is ill at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otto Retka. Mrs. Killinger, who has been visiting here, was unable to return to her home last week when her husband departed.

CHAMBERS — The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher was taken to a Norfolk hospital Saturday.

PAGE—George Hall returned Sunday from the Orchard hospital, where he had a patient following a recent operation. The condition of N. G. Miller, who has been ill for several weeks, remains unchanged.

Miss Eunice Schwisow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwisow, a recent graduate of Clarkson hospital in Omaha, arrived this week to visit her parents. She will return October 1.

Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, attended a Presbytery meeting at Emerson Tuesday.

Harried Homemakers Blame OPA for Meat Shortage

Holt county housewives joined the nation's harried homemakers during the past week in enduring what is generally described as the worst meat shortage in history. The shortage is especially ironic here in the heart of the livestock producing area and with in a few hours' journey to some of the world's largest packing plants.

An informal survey of stores and restaurant in O'Neill reveals but few meat cuts on sale, and no immediate relief in sight. Some merchant report inadequate stocks of fresh fresh canned fish. Poultry supplies, however, are good. Most business people place the blame on the office of Price Administration, while others feel that it is concerted effort to break the price agency.

Sugar is another scarce item on grocer's shelves. Only one or two of O'Neill's ten grocery stores have been stocking sugar regularly during recent weeks. Meanwhile, the restaurants here are awaiting official word on the roll-back on menu prices. The Holt-Boyd OPA office here reported late today (Thursday) that nothing official had been received here regarding the roll-back.

One restaurant operator said that "meat is so scarce that we'll have nothing to roll back." Another indicated that if it becomes necessary to go back to 1943 prices, we will have no alternative but lock the door."

COUNTY FAIR CLOSSES TODAY

Donald Ressel Exhibits Grand Champion Baby Beef

ALL-STAR WIN 8-2

CHAMBERS—Rain failed to dampen the spirits of fairgoers at annual Holt county fair though it succeeded in dampening them physically. In spite of unfavorable weather Wednesday, fair officials were highly pleased with the crowds that gathered here. Following the storm late Wednesday, hundreds lingered until late viewing the fair offering.

Livestock, agricultural and home exhibits were good, and attracted wide interest.

The grand champion in the stocker-feeder baby beef division was shown by Donald Ressel, of Chambers. The champ an Angus. Reserve honors went to the Donald Fullerton of Amelia, who showed a Hereford.

The southern section of Holt county was especially well-represented in the exhibits. Canned fruits and vegetables and baked goods attracted considerable interest. Some baking goods was displayed by boys, two of whom won blue ribbons.

A parade of livestock featured the program today (Thursday). The O'Neill school band furnished the music.

The Holt County All-Stars defeated Tilden 8-2 in the sports headliner. The visitors were outed Gene Wolfe of O'Neill, center-field; Harry McKay, of O'Neill; shortstop; Duane Carson, of Chambers, catchers; Donald Carson, of Redbird, first base; Cal Holm, of O'Neill; second base, Bill Schissler, of Ainsworth, third base; Kirk Spearman, of Ainsworth, left field; Dick Tomlinson, of O'Neill, right field, and Danny Helmer, of O'Neill, pitcher.

WADE TO HEAD HOLT USO DRIVE

Plans are being completed in Holt county for the USO campaign, which will start October 14th under the direction of Glea H. Wade, of O'Neill, who will serve as county chairman.

Mr. Wade is a veteran of World 11, having served three years in the Army in the South Pacific. He is acquainted in a first hand manner with the work of the USO.

He has named John Grutsch as county publicity chairman; Edith J. Davison, secretary, and John C. Watson, treasurer.

Town chairman and committees will be announced soon. The national campaign is \$19,000,000 to finance the work of the USO through 1947. Nebraska's quota is \$167,824. The quota assigned Holt county is \$1490.

Unfinished task of the USO is maintaining essential service to the 2,000,000 or more who will be the United States forces in 1947. The program includes serving those still in hospitals, those still on occupation duty overseas, those on active duty here at home, new personnel in training, and enlisted personnel in transit.

FIRE DESTROYS 5 AIRCRAFT

Five privately owned airplanes, a hanger and some aerial photographic equipment were destroyed Wednesday in a fire at the Thorley airport near Ainsworth. George Mans, field manager, said the fire started when an oil burner exploded. Ainsworth fire department was ineffective because there was no water supply available.

The largest loss was believed to have been suffered by a Philadelphia, Penn., firm, which lost two planes, two cameras and other equipment. The company has been making an aerial survey of the Niobrara river in regard to irrigation. It was said that there is only one other camera in the United States similar to the ones lost. The other planes were lost by the Ainsworth Flying school; Elmer Dixon, of Ainsworth, and a Gregory, S. D., man visiting in Ainsworth.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Eugene La Vern Van Every, 20, and Patricia Helen Kruse, 19, both of O'Neill, September 13. Virgil L. Pageler, 17, of Winnetoon, and Lois Rosenkrans, 17, of Brunswick, September 16. Virgil R. Allshouse, 28, and Nettie L. Newberry, 22, both of Stuart, September 17.

Patrick McDonough of Clyde, Kans., is visiting at the home of his nephew, W. J. McDonough, and family. He is enroute home after visiting in Lemmon, S. D.

Demos Rally Here; GOP Group Coming

Night Meeting Planned Here October 5; Details Later

Out of the state Republican headquarters this week came the detailed schedule for a Republican caravan, which will leave Monday on a state wide tour. No announcement was made, however concerning who will comprise the caravan, according to Ira H. Moss, of O'Neill, chairman of the Holt county Republican central committee.

O'Neill is slated for a night meeting on Saturday, October 5, following a 5:30 p. m. arrival from Butte. The group will spend the weekend in the Gold-ens hotel here, departing at 9 a. m. on Monday, October 7. The O'Neill stop is the only one scheduled for Holt county.

Dr. A. L. Miller, of Kimball, Fourth district Congressman, is the first of the GOP candidates to signify that he would be in O'Neill.

Mr. Moss said that details of the GOP caravan's visit here would be announced later.

BERTHA JOHNSON, CHAMBERS, DIES

Longtime Holt Resident Expires Monday After Long Illness

CHAMBERS—Miss Elizabeth H. (Bertha) Johnson, 68, a longtime resident of the Chambers community, died at 6:50 p. m., Monday at the Johnson family home six miles southeast of here. Death was caused by a combination cancer and heart illness, which she had suffered for some time.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday in the Baptist church here, with Rev. G. Basil Anderson, of Norfolk, officiating. Interment was in the Johnson plot in the Chambers cemetery. The church was nearly filled to capacity for the funeral services.

Miss Johnson was born January 16, 1878, in Smolland, Sweden, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John P. Johnson, who migrated from Sweden and settled in Holt county in 1882. The family spent a short time at Princeton, Ill., before coming here.

Survivors include two brothers, Clarence and Alvin, three sisters, Mr. Evaline Fauquier, Mrs. Alice Johnson, and Mrs. Marie Tangeman, all of Chambers.

Wednesday's Rain Nets 1.70 Inches

Rain visited this region late Wednesday, bring the month's precipitation to a total of more than five inches.

One and seven-tenths inches fell during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. today (Thursday). Most of the moisture came between 5 and 7 p. m. Wednesday night.

During Wednesday night and early today the mercury dropped to 46 in a short-lived taste of fall weather.

The week's summary:

Table with 4 columns: Date, High, Low, Moist. Rows for Sept 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.



Miss Lucille Hickey (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickey, of O'Neill, is being given an all-expenses-paid trip to New York because she was selected as the typical American nurse from the state of Iowa.

State Democratic Leaders Get Damp and Cold Reception

It was a damp and cold reception here late Wednesday afternoon for the state Democratic caravan in one of its early stops on an intensive four-week's statewide campaign. The caravan, studded with national and state office-seekers, ran headlong into a hard rain here, and at the same time their visit conflicted with the Holt county fair in session at Chambers.

"In spite of the odds, the meeting was a success," declared J. J. Harrington, of O'Neill, chairman of the Holt county Democratic central committee. William G. Ritchie, of Omaha, chairman of the state Democratic committee, conducted the session at the courthouse, attended principally by precinct and township committeemen and committeewomen.

The lively cabinet dispute between Secretary of State Brynes and Secretary of Commerce Wallace, which has dominated the administration scene, since Wallace's surprise sounding-off last week, came to the fore during the meeting here. Mr. Harrington made a motion "approving and ratifying the policy of Secretary Brynes . . . in all respects." The motion carried unanimously. Wallace's name was not mentioned on the floor.

Included in the entourage were John E. Mekuta, of Create Demo nominee for the United States Senate; Stanley D. Long, of Grand Island, for Congress, Fourth district; Frank Sorrell, of Syracuse, for governor; Michael T. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, for attorney general; Tom Ingoldsby, public relations director for the state committee; Mrs. Clarence L. Clarke, national Democratic committeewoman, and Mrs. Mekota.

Receptions Disappointing One of the members of the party expressed his thought that the O'Neill meeting was one of the best thus far in the tour. There had been some disappointment in gatherings in northeast Nebraska, where only a handful of person turned out for a reception.

Mr. Harrington said a good meeting was held at Ewing prior to O'Neill visit. The caravan spent the night at the Golden hotel here, participating in a night meeting at Atkinson.

Mr. Mekota charged that Senator Butler "has not offered one constructive thing." Mr. Sorrell said that he would seek to bring back A. C. Tilley as state engineer if he were elected as the next governor.

The caravan reached O'Neill at the end of its third day. Coming into the heart of hay country, one spokesman said "they felt they were making political hay." The caravan stint is one of the most aggressive Democratic ventures in recent years.

Niobrara to Honor Mormon Trek of 1946

NIORBARA — The arrival of 200 Mormons at what is now Niobrara on September 20, 1846, will be observed with a three-day centennial celebration at Niobrara September 21 - 23. This band was a small portion of those who made the great Mormon exodus to Salt Lake City. They spent the winter at the Niobrara site at the invitation of the Indians.

John D. Forsythe, Niobrara's mayor, will give the Sunday afternoon address. A historical review of the Mormon church and the westward migration will be given. Services will be held at the monument at 4 p. m.

Achievement Day Program Held

CHAMBERS—An achievement day program of Silver Star junior and senior 4-H clubs was held held here in the basement of the Methodist church Saturday p. m. The program consisted of reading, musical numbers, judging, and individual and team demonstration. Each club member had a part in the program.

The juniors have completed a learning to cook project, and the seniors have finished project for young cooks.

NEW HOUSE BEGUN

A. E. Bowen has announced the beginning of construction on a new house on a lot southwest of Graton township library. He said the 20 x 20-foot three-room house would be rented to an ex-serviceman.

Miss Mary Cullen, of Boys Town, spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting friends here including the F. N. Cronin and Miss Anna O'Donnell.