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## SEEKS ACCOUNTING OF HUGE ESTATE

### Mallory Alleges Estate Shrinks from \$729,000 to \$198,000

### TO SIOUX CITY COURT

Lemuel C. Mallory, about 60, a Holt county resident who resides north of here near the Niobrara river, Monday started suit in district court at Sioux City for an accounting in the estate of his father, the late Lemuel W. Mallory, a well-known Sioux City wholesale grocer.

The suit is against Jack A. Mallory and Paul J. Osborne, executors and trustees of the estate; Rose Mallory, Bud B. Mallory, Lloyd W. Hirst, a trustee, the Pratt-Mallory company; the Hess-Mallory company, and the M & L Baking company, all of Sioux City, and the Artificial Ice company, of St. Louis, Mo.

### NEW UNIFORMS SEEN BY SPRING

There is a possibility that the O'Neill schools' band will be wearing new uniforms come time for the April music contest, it was announced today (Thursday) by Mrs. Harry Petersen, who is chairman of the band mothers group, sponsors of the movement for uniforms.

Colors chosen by the committee are French blue background, cherry red trim, and white accents.

Fifty mothers of the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy musicians gathered Friday at the band room in the public school to learn the progress of a fund-raising drive which will help purchase more than 90 uniforms. A petition was recently circulated by the group asking the city council to expend \$1,750 towards the uniforms. Seven hundred and fifty names were secured.

The public school board of education would match the city's figure, according to the band mother's proposal and the money raised by solicitation would round out the balance required.

The solicitation has been finished, but all returns have not been collected.

Members of the band mothers committee are Mrs. R. L. Bohde, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Mrs. Arlo Hiett, Mrs. Lloyed W. Brady, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, Mrs. Edward F. Gallagher, Mrs. P. B. Hart, Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham, Miss Bernadette Brennan and Mrs. M. J. Golden. At the open meeting of the band mothers Friday, four others were selected to function with the committee in completing arrangements. They are Mrs. W. H. Hart, Mrs. J. J. Berrigan, Mrs. D. D. DeBolt and Mrs. Harden Anspach.

### 11 Amputees Receive Autos from Uncle Sam

During the past 60 days, 11 Nebraska amputee veterans of World War II have received automobiles at Government expense, Ira M. DeWalt, Veterans Administration contact representative of Ainsworth, has reported.

An additional 75 Nebraska World War II veterans who lost or lost the use of one or both legs have been approved to receive free conveyances, but deliveries have not yet been made.

DeWalt said that \$1,600 is the maximum the VA can allow under the law for purchase of autos, tractors, or other conveyances for amputee World War II veterans.

### Lions Club Will Watch New Year

The Lions club will stage a New Year's eve party at the Golden hotel, it was decided at a recent meeting, and members of the Bassett and Neligh groups as well as former members of the O'Neill organization are being invited.

The affair will be a dinner-dance and a program will be included.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Duane H. Dorr, 21, and F. Lorraine French, 21, both of Page, December 7.  
Robert N. Sholes, 24, of Inman, and Marcella I. Johnson, 21, of O'Neill, December 7.



### AT 86 HEADS 5 GENERATIONS

This five generation group, headed by Mrs. Mattie Johnson (seated at right), posed for the photographer recently during their rare gathering. In the photo left-to-right are: Seated—Mrs. Christine Walters, of O'Neill, widow of the late William Walters and a daughter of Mrs. Johnson; Sandra Lee Long, three-months-old, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Johnson. Standing—Mrs. Noel Long, of Denver, the infant's mother, and Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Samuel Robertson, of O'Neill, who before her marriage was Miss Louise Walters.

Mrs. Johnson, 86, enjoys what her relatives describe as good health. She resides with her youngest daughter, Mrs. John Claussen, about one-quarter of a mile from the old Joy post-office. It was on this place that Mrs. Johnson and her husband settled after they came to Holt county. Mr. Johnson died 20 years ago.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## CORN HARVEST AT 70% MARK

### Farmers Racing Against Flying Snow; Reports of Dampness

Nearly 70 percent of Holt county's 1946 corn crop had been husked up until today (Thursday), it was estimated by County Agent A. Neil Dawes as the weatherman continued to favor the farmers, who are racing against the flying snow.

Reports indicate that farmers in the northwest section of the county are further advanced with their husking than in the east and south portions. The county yield is generally good with some exceptionally fine reports.

Some farmers have completed the job, and much of the corn is being dried nicely, but there are continued reports of dampness.

County Agent Dawes pointed out that the excellent weather during the past two weeks has enabled the farmers to practically overcome the delay that had been enforced by the wetness in October and November. The Holt region, he said, is normally a week or ten days behind its neighbors in corn picking.

The week's weather summary, based on readings at 8 a.m. daily, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo
December 6	49	29
December 7	66	31
December 8	42	28
December 9	55	30
December 10	56	22
December 11	55	25
December 12	56	20

### ELA ALLEN DIES IN WASHINGTON

PAGE—Ela Allen, of Blaine, Wash., a former resident of the Page community, is dead. He is a brother of Harvey and E. E. Allen, both of near Page.

### O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES

Infant Harry James Sutherland, of Ewing, was admitted Wednesday and dismissed today (Thursday). . . Mrs. James Sobotka and infant daughter of Inman, were dismissed Sunday. . . Mrs. Dale Curran, of O'Neill, was dismissed Sunday. . . Mrs. John Shunk, of Atkinson, was admitted Saturday. Her condition is improved. . . Mrs. Earl Farr, of O'Neill, was dismissed Saturday. . . Mrs. Edward Cilhou, of Walnut, was admitted Monday and dismissed today (Thursday).

Mrs. W. J. Froelich and daughter Nancy, Mrs. Edward Campbell, Miss Marion Bosh, and Miss Rosalind Bosh, spent from Friday until Sunday in Omaha visiting relatives and friends.

Earl Bentz, of Norfolk, was a Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kersenbrock.

## MRS. BURSSELL, 80 DIES IN DAKOTA

### Mother of 15 Buried Wednesday, Chambers; Born in Michigan

CHAMBERS — Mrs. Rebecca Bursell, 80, a mother of 15 and a resident of Holt county for nearly 37 years, died late Sunday at the home of a son, Fred, in Vermillion, S. D. Relatives said that death was caused by influenza and a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at a Vermillion funeral home, followed at 3 p.m. with rites in the Baptist church in Chambers.

Interment was in the Chambers cemetery. The late Rebecca Shanks was born in Michigan. She came with her family to Holt county after first having settled in South Dakota. The Bursell family resided northwest of Chambers for many years.

They were the parents of 15 sons and daughters, 10 of whom survive their mother. Mr. Bursell died 20 years ago.

The survivors include Charles, of Chambers; Mrs. Ernest Armstrong, of Vermillion, S. D.; Mrs. Bert Farewell, of Chambers; Lyman, of Spencer; Willard, of Vermillion; John, of Burbank, S. D.; Fred, of Burbank, S. D.; Alfred, of O'Neill.

She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Glenn Baker, Mrs. John Matthews, and Mrs. Jane Hansen, all of Sioux City.

John Bauld, of Beatrice, arrived Monday and is visiting his brother Earl Bauld, and family, for several weeks.

## HOSPITAL DRIVE BEING PUSHED

The solicitors for O'Neill's new \$200,000 community hospital are busy at work this week in the revived drive for funds.

L. D. Putnam, Leo Moore and A. E. Bowen are canvassing the business district.

The general committee announced last week that word had been received from the Department of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, declaring that contributions for the nonprofit O'Neill community hospital would be "deductible from taxable net income."

The current drive is expected to gather more momentum during the remaining weeks of the year, a spokesman for the committee said.

### FULL HOUSE SEES PLAY

CHAMBER—The junior class of the Chambers high school presented the play, "Grand-Dad Steps Out," to a full house Friday evening. It was a hilarious comedy well presented.

### Ben Kuroki, American, Visits O'Neill

Ben Kuroki, "the boy from Nebraska," Wednesday visited in O'Neill. The Japanese-American, who fought World War II in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific and emerged as one of the Nation's best-known war heroes, stopped off here enroute to Neligh, where he lectured Wednesday night.

Kuroki is a farm boy, born and reared near Hershey, where he went to school, was vice-president of his senior class, and worked with his father and his brother at truck farming.

After Pearl Harbor he dove 150 miles to enlist in the Army, wangled his way overseas in August, 1942, when most Nisei were being left behind on KP jobs. A combination KP-clerk, he trained himself for a gunner's job on B-24 Liberator and on the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor he was flying in combat against the Axis.

For nearly three years Ben waged a personal fight against the Axis that took him on 29-high level bombing missions in the European theater during a period when the life expectancy of a gunner was roughly 12 missions. In addition, he volunteered for duty on the now-famous low-level attack on the Ploesti oil fields in Roumania on August 1, 1943. His was one of two bombers in a flight of nine that returned safely to its base in the Libyan desert. Ben's 30-ton bomber had flown so low it brought back corn-stalks in the bomb-bay.

Over Munster, Germany, a chunk of German flak knocked off his earphones and medical officers promptly grounded Ben and sent him to the States. He had had more than the authorities agreed that any one man could take.

Back in the States in early 1944, Technical Sergeant Ben Kuroki was a hero. He sold war bonds and he spoke in many States. His principal address was at the Commonwealth club in San Francisco, Calif., a group which had heard every president since Andrew Jackson.

The war went on and Ben grew discontent with his dull Army life in the States. He violated military regulations and called upon Nebraska Congressman Carl T. Curtis. Ben wanted to help finish the war against his ancestors—the Japanese. Curtis fixed things with the War Department and Ben turned up a few weeks later in Saipan with a B-29 outfit. There Ben finished the war, bringing his grand total of operational missions to 58.

## Displaced Workers Returning from West Coast, Steffen Says

During the past 30 days the No. 10 office of the Nebraska State Employment Service has been taking work applications from an increasing number of men and women who have been returning to the state from the West coast and from other metropolitan industrial areas, it was stated this week by Walter A. Steffen, manager.

Many of the displaced workers report a loss of job opportunities and state that they are unable to pay the high living costs prevailing in those areas.

Holt is one of eight counties served by Steffen's office. Meanwhile, the trend toward unemployment in November is "far more serious than it has been in recent years," Steffen declared. During the last 20

## POLIO EPIDEMIC IS ON DECLINE

### Clinton Belknap Talks Here; Chairman 1947 Drive Named

Clinton Belknap, of Lincoln, head of the Nebraska chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, Wednesday night told an audience here that the recent polio epidemic in the state has reached its peak and is now on the decline. The occasion for Belknap's appearance here was the annual meeting of the Holt county chapter. He said that polio was its worst since 1916 in Nebraska.

Mrs. Cletus Sullivan, of O'Neill, will head the Holt county infantile paralysis drive in 1947.

Officers of the Holt county chapter are: Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, chairman; E. F. Quinn, treasurer; James W. Rooney, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Mrs. Ralph Rickly, and Miss Elja McCullough, all members of the board; and Dr. J. P. Brown, medical adviser. All are from O'Neill.

Holt county had two residents stricken with infantile during the past year. They were Don Lindquist, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Lindquist, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Lloyd Clemens, 25, of Amelia, a mother of three children. Mrs. Clemens is still in an Omaha hospital.

### KIN IS ILL

PAGE — Mrs. Kenneth Bradlock, accompanied by relatives from Brunswick, and her father, F. F. Heiter, of O'Neill, left Sunday night for Kimball upon receiving a message that an uncle, Jake Heiter, was seriously ill and not expected to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan P. Jaszowiak and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden spent Tuesday in Sioux City.

## SPENCER OUTPUT TO BE UPPED

### Consumers Plan New Hydroelectric Generator

### WILL COST \$137,000

Plans for a new 2,000-KVA generator and a new, improved 2,200-horsepower water wheel to be installed at the Spencer hydroelectric plant, were approved recently by the board of directors of the Consumers Public Power district.

The move to almost double the Spencer power output has been made to meet the rapidly rising power requirements, which are up 26 percent over the first eight-month period last year.

Manager L. C. Walling, of the Consumers headquarters here, said that the expansion at the Spencer dam would cost the district approximately \$137,000. He pointed out that the increased output would be achieved "with the same volume of water that has been used with the 1,140-KVA unit currently in operation."

Earlier the directors had authorized an expenditure of \$20,000 to convert the transmission line between the Spencer plant and O'Neill and improve substation facilities to accommodate the increased power supply.

This additional power, which will be fed into the network at O'Neill and will be distributed throughout the area, will be a "big help in meeting the consumption requirements and in improving the service," officials said.

### Revenue Experts to Assist in January

In order to be of most service to Holt county taxpayers, a deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the following places on the dates specified:

January 2 and 3—O'Neill, zone office; 9—Chambers, bank; 9—Atkinson, post office; 10—Chambers, bank; 10—Atkinson, post office; 11, 13, 14, 15 — O'Neill, zone office.

Individuals other than farmers may make a new estimate on or before January 15, 1947, either increasing or decreasing the estimate filed before March 15, 1946.

Farmers may file an estimate on or before January 15, 1947. They may also file the final return on or before January 15, 1947, paying all the tax due for the year.

Farmers filing estimates on or before January 15, 1947, will not be required to file the final return on or before March 15, 1947.

The internal revenue office does not have the personnel to assist all farmers between January 1 and 15, according to G. W. O'Malley, of Omaha, collector of internal revenue in this district, and for this reason the Holt schedule was devised.

### ATTEND STATE MEET

The 52nd annual convention of the Nebraska Association of County Officials is being held in Omaha. The meeting began Wednesday and closes tomorrow (Friday). Most of the Holt county officials concerned are attending.

Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky returned December 4 from Sioux Falls, S. D., where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude Johnson, and family for several weeks.

### Future Subscribers



COLMAN — Mr. and Mrs. George Colman, of Chambers, a son, weighing nine pounds, born Thursday, December 12, in the O'Neill hospital.

HILL — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill, of O'Neill, a son, born Thursday, December 12, in the O'Neill hospital.

KIRSCHMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kirschman, of Ewing, a daughter, weighing seven pounds, born Thursday, December 12, in the O'Neill hospital.

LUND — Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lund, of St. Paul, a son, Larry Robert, weighing seven and one-half pounds, born Sunday, December 8. Mrs. Lund was formerly Miss Dorothy Gray, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray, of Page.

KROPP — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kropp, of Ewing, a son, weighing eight pounds, born Wednesday, December 11, in the O'Neill hospital.

HUTTON — Mr. and Mrs. Graddon Hutton, of O'Neill, a daughter, Mrs. Hutton is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Russ, in O'Neill. The father is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutton, of Inman.

### FLIP DECIDES ASSESSOR RACE

A flip of a coin gave William Hanley the victory over Marvin Clouse in the race for assessor in Grattan precinct.

Theirs was the only contest affected by the official canvass of the general election ballots. The canvass, completed last week, disclosed an equal number of votes in Grattan for both Hanley and Clouse.

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman explained that the laws of the state provide that in the event of a tie, "lots should be drawn." Mr. Clouse was ill and was not present when the coin was flipped in the presence of the canvassing board.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace were in Grand Island Wednesday on business.

## FUEL SHORTAGE EXTENDS VACATION

### Apprehension Lingers at Public School Despite Strike Settlement

John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers trudged back to the coal pits this week and their production is nearly back to normal. But apprehension lingers at the O'Neill public schools where a dwindling coal supply may yet require emergency action.

Supt. Ira George said that, according to present plans, the Christmas vacation will be extended to a full-two weeks, and classes dismissed on December 20 will be resumed January 6 on a limited schedule, which has already been in effect for two weeks. Most extra curricular activity has been curtailed.

Meanwhile, efforts are being made to replenish the supply so that it will not be necessary to take further school.

The public school is the only principal building in the city where conservation steps had to be taken.

As the miners went back to their pits, the Government's parcel post and freight embargoes were lifted, and the Christmas rush is now in full swing.

Most transportation in the O'Neill region was quickly restored to normal.

The coal dealers here have not yet received fuel mined by the retuned strikers, but several carloads of coal from independent Oklahoma mines have been received recently. Fuel is still being rationed by the Moore-Stable Lumber & Coal company, but the crisis is over, according to Leo Moore, manager.

### Brennan to Captain Army's Soccer Team

Cadet Jack Brennan, of O'Neill, has been elected captain of the 1947 soccer team at the United States Military academy at West Point, N. Y.

The 21-year-old O'Neill youth, who never played soccer until he turned out for the cadet squad last Spring, distinguished himself last season by playing every minute of a 13-game schedule.

### EFFECTS SOLD

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. James McMahon spent last week at Lyons where they helped with the sale of effects belonging to Mr. McMahon's father. Among those from Inman attending the sale held Friday were Mr. and Mrs. George Coventry and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith.

### 9 MORE EX-GV'S

The following Selective Service registrants have been released here this week: William J. Langgan, Spencer; Clarence E. Ward, O'Neill; Roy W. Landis, O'Neill; Irvin E. Gaughenbaugh, Atkinson; Gerald E. Lewis, O'Neill; Walter J. Fuelberth, Stuart; Raymond A. Estes, Stuart; Daniel E. Murphy, O'Neill; David J. Wagner, Star.