

STOCK CATTLE VALUE SET AT \$50

Cattle on Feed At 25% Less Than Market on April 1

ASSESSING BEGINS

Holt county assessors in an all-day meeting here Friday received supplies and instructions for the 1947 assessment, which began Tuesday.

At the meeting, which was conducted by County Assessor L. G. Gillespie, the assessors were issued valuation lists to be used in valuing cattle, hogs, horses, poultry, grain and other livestock and produce items. This schedule was generally agreed upon by the state association of county assessors at a state meeting held early in March.

Cattle will be valued in two classes. Purebred cattle will be valued at from \$15 for calves (up to six-months-old) to \$125 for bulls.

Stock cattle will be valued at \$60 and cattle on feed at 25 percent less than market value as of April 1. Horses will be valued from \$5 to \$50 and mules \$15 to \$50.

Poultry will be valued by the dozen, chickens at \$5 and turkeys at \$15.

Follow State Book

The value of cars, tractors, binders, combines, electric appliances and similar items will be valued according to a price book issued by the state.

The assessment schedules will be the same as last year, except for the business and professional schedules. These will be different only in that they will list more items of merchandise and equipment by name than formerly.

Minutes of the meeting follow: The meeting of the assessors of Holt county was held March 28, 1947.

Upon motion Floyd Keyes was elected secretary. Roll called and absentees noted. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following committees were appointed: livestock — McClurg, Winkler, Withers, Welton, Kilmer; farm machinery — Hanley, Rouse, Lieb, Urban; stock of goods — Dobrovoly, Keyes, Porter, Anson, Lockman, Tomlinson; hay, grain and seeds — Crumly, Martes, Hershiser, Rickard, Mitchell; real estate — LeMunyan, Troshynski, Schmidt, Dobrovoly, Grass; tractors, haybalers, etc. — Grutch, Bly, Thrasher, Serck, McClenahan.

Resolution was read from city and village schools. Committees reported as follows:

Use Own Judgment

We, your committee on tractors, haybalers, etc., resolved to adopt the prices set by the state and on other machinery to use own judgment, which motion was adopted.

We, your committee on real estate, recommend that the real estate be left the same as it was last year, and that additional improvements be added or deducted as the case may be to the extent of \$100 or more, which motion was adopted.

We, the committee on stocks

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4 O'Neill Winners in Scholastic Meet

Twenty-eight pupils from O'Neill high school and one from St. Mary's academy Friday attended the annual interstate scholastic contest at Kearney. The event was sponsored by the Kearney State Teachers' college.

Tests were given in the following departments: Fine arts — voice, instrumental, dramatics, radio announcing, one-act play, drawing, art judgment; commercial — typing, shorthand, book-keeping; history — world and American; mathematics — algebra and geometry; English — English usage, American and English literature, normal training.

Each person paid his own transportation and personal expenses. Those attending the contest were Staley Young, Wally Shelhamer, Alta Boatman, Donna Bauman, Helen Bowden, Guy Harris, Dick Connel, Jeanne Callaway, Gayl Widfeldt, Helen Johnson, Dorothy Hamilton, Billie Evans, Irene Kloepper, Jackie Vogt, Dolores DeBolt, Naomi M. Knepfer, Jean Calkins, Mabel Derickson, Irene Seales, Verna Pruss, Duane Borg, Doris Perry, Keith Anspach, Clayton Johnson, Evelyn Lindberg, Helen Burival, Arllys Weyman, Donna Whaley, and Concy Donlin. Three teachers sponsored the group, Miss Alice Kinier, Miss French and Mrs. Charlotte Resseggie.

Dolores DeBolt received first in wind instrument; Richard Connel third in voice and dramatics; Dorothy Hamilton, third in shorthand II; Alta Boatman, third in normal training.

Over 1300 pupils took part, representing 73 towns throughout the state.

National Recognition to Nancy Froelich for Writing Lyric

MY RAIN SONG

The rain song is my song
It has a swinging style.
I sing it, I hum it,
Nearly all the while

It haunts my brain,
That rhythmic rain
With its lilting melody
Every time you hear it,
I hope you'll think of me.

The rain song is cheery
Love-joy in symmetry
It's known to you,
It's known to me
As the rain song of the fall.

The above lyric has won for Miss Nancy Froelich, 16, recognition in the anthology for national high school poetry for private schools, it was announced this week at St. Mary's academy, where word of the honor has just been received.

Miss Froelich, a junior, has also composed a musical score for the lyric. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich.

Miss Gail Widfeldt, O'Neill high school junior, won similar honors last fall in the anthology for national high school poetry for public schools.

OLDTIME BASEBALL STAR SUCCUMBS

'Cotton Top' Albert Being Buried in O'Neill Today

Edward C. Albert, 69, one of the luminaries in northcentral Nebraska baseball history, died at 9 p. m. Monday at Norfolk. He was ill for three weeks.

The body was brought to Biggin Brothers here for funeral services which are being held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Kenneth J. Scott, church pastor, is officiating, and burial is in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The late Mr. Albert, who never married, was born at Ashland on September 3, 1877, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Albert, who had immigrated to America from Germany. The elder Mr. Albert operated a harness shop here for many years after the family came to Holt county in 1888.

Edward C. Albert, a veteran of many seasons of amateur and semiprofessional baseball in this region, was affectionately known by the sport fans as "Cotton Top" Albert. He was a catcher and his thatch of white hair easily identified him.

The pallbearers at the funeral were former ball players with whom Mr. Albert has formerly associated: Clayton Mesner, M. H. Horiskey, H. E. Coyne, Robert Ford, John Brophy, and Walter O'Malley.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Earl J. Fleming, of Omaha; one nephew, Earl Edwin Fleming, and one niece, Donna Jean Fleming.

One brother, Fred, died during the influenza epidemic following World War I.

J. B. GRADY NEW BANK CASHIER

Succeeds E. F. Quinn Who Resigned on March 1

J. B. ("Ben") Grady, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady and a lifelong resident of O'Neill, Tuesday was elected cashier of the O'Neill National bank at a meeting of the board of directors. Mr. Grady succeeds E. F. Quinn, who retired March 1 after serving on the bank staff for 35 years.

Mr. Grady has been an employee of the O'Neill National for 11 years, and in recent years has served as assistant cashier.

Dale French, son of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French, this week joined the O'Neill National staff. For the past seven months he has been working for the National Bank of Commerce at Lincoln.

HOLLY NAMED COACH

Stanley Holly, of O'Neill, has been named coach for the American Legion junior baseball team for the 1947 season. All prospective players, born not later than January 1, 1931, and other interested persons, have been invited to meet with Mr. Holly at the O'Neill public school at 2 p. m. Sunday. The meeting will be in the "old gymnasium."

CARNIVAL PLANNED

AMELIA—A carnival is being planned by the Amelia school. The event is scheduled for April 17.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes and Home Extension Agent Katherine Kirwe are attending a two-day extension housing meet today (Thursday) and Friday at Ord.

ONLY 244 VOTES CAST IN ELECTION

Armbruster, DeBacker, Ray New Councilmen; No School Change

GRADY RESIGNS POST

ELECTION AT A GLANCE: FOR CITY COUNCIL

Hugh Ray, First ward, 104.
R. E. Armbruster, Second ward, 53.
G. A. DeBacker, Third ward, 67.

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

WARDS—1st 2d 3d Tot.
George Shoemaker 71 47 34 152
L. A. Burgess 68 46 61 175
W. B. Gillespie 38 17 44 99

O'Neill's 1947 city and school election was little more than a formality.

From a lack of interest standpoint, it ranked second only to the 1945 election, which coincided with a freakish April snowstorm, thereby accounting for an all-time low in voting at the polls.

The only candidates for city council posts—Hugh Ray, First ward; R. E. Armbruster, Second ward; and G. A. DeBacker, Third ward—breezed through with virtually no write-in opposition.

The newcomers were named on petitions that were circulated two weeks ago.

The three-way race for two board of education posts saw L. A. Burgess and George Shoemaker, both incumbents, reelected. The third candidate, W. B. Gillespie, collected 99 voters as compared with Burgess' 175 and Shoemaker's 152.

Though the school ticket was three-cornered, there was no more interest manifest than in the city council ticket.

Trio Retires

Retiring councilmen are: John Melvin, First ward; M. J. Wallace, Second ward, and Frank Clements, Third ward.

The new city council went into session Wednesday night and accepted the resignation of J. B. Grady as city clerk and city water commissioner. Grady's term as city clerk would have expired in April, 1948. His resignation as clerk will become effective April 30; as water commissioner, effective immediately. He had held the clerk's post for four years.

Mayor F. J. Dishner appointed Dale French to succeed Grady in the dual role.

At Wednesday's session the council approved three applications for "on-and-off" liquor sales, for "off" sale liquor, and six applications for selling of beer.

The licensees: "On-and-off" sale liquor—P. B. Hartly, Ralph McElvain, Richard Tomlinson; "off" sale liquor — C. E. Stout; beer—Robert Moore (new application), Claude Hamilton, Stanley Soukup, Anna Gatz, Ralph McElvain, and Matt Hynes and J. M. Langan.

Orchard Voters See Blank Ballots

ORCHARD — Voters drew blanks at Tuesday's village election—blank ballots, that is.

There were no nominees for any of the positions at stake. The polls were open as customary, but the voters stared at ballots without names.

Sister of O'Neill Woman in Crash

Miss Frances DeWolfe, of Gordon, sister of Mrs. Allan P. Jaskowiak, was a passenger in an aircraft that crashed Sunday at Gordon.

Miss DeWolfe was thrown clear of the wreckage but the pilot, with whom she was riding, was trapped inside the plane. Miss DeWolfe, who suffered a head shock and bruises, helped free her companion before the plane was destroyed by fire.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Rev. Earl D. Dix, returned African missionary, will have charge of worship services Sunday at Paddock Union church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Slides will feature the evening service.

Selective Service Office Closing; Sent 1,510 Men Off to the Wars

There were plenty of ex-GIs in these parts who at midnight on Monday night were ready to tear up the little white pieces of paper they have been carrying for many months.

The provocation for such a demonstration was simple: the selective service act, which hustled 1,510 Holt county registrants off to the wars in all corners of the globe, died a natural death. It officially expired at midnight on March 31.

With the expiration of the act, the Holt county selective service office in the courthouse here is preparing to close. Plans for the liquidation of the offices provide for record depositories to be established in several states. These will be designated as the office of selective service records.

All Holt records will be forwarded April 30 to Lincoln and the office here will be closed completely, effective May 1, according to Mrs. Mabel McKenna, chief clerk.

A total of 5,601 Holt men were registered since October 9, 1940, when the act went into effect. Inductions, however, were made from the first 3,228 registrations, and no inductions were made from the fourth—and last—registration, which numbered 1,673.

A total of 1,510 registrants served in the forces and 1,157 have been separated. Three hundred and 53 registrants, both draftees and enlistees, remain in the service.

Members of the original Holt county draft board were District Judge D. R. Mounds and Frank J. Biglin, both of O'Neill, and B. C. Engler, of Stuart. By special arrangement with Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, state selective service chief, the Holt board was expanded from three-

Students Arriving for Easter Holidays

Most O'Neill college students will wind their way homeward this weekend to spend the Easter holidays in their respective homes.

Among them are:
From Creighton university, Omaha — Robert Allen, George Peden, Edward Campbell, James Golden, George Hammond, George Janousek, James Merriman, Robert Wallace, Stephen Wallace.

From St. Benedict's, Atchison, Kans.—Jack Hartly and Dan DeBacker.

From the University of Nebraska, Lincoln — John Allen, John Baker, Warren Burgess, Donna Gallagher, Della and Helen Hagensick, Fred Halva, Gene McKenna, Fred Osenbaugh, Larry Schaffer, Wiley Vogt.

From the University of Nebraska college of medicine, Omaha—Keith Vincent.

From Rosary college, Chicago, Ill.—Patricia O'Donnell.

From Barat college, Lake Forest, Ill.—Mary Louise Birmingham.

LARGE CROWD AT VAUGHN RITES

Leo Jurden Vaughn, 85, Buried Tuesday at Scottville

SCOTTVILLE — Leo Jurden Vaughn, 85, a longtime resident of the Scottville community, was buried at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Scottville cemetery following funeral services at the Dorsey church.

Rev. J. M. Cummings, of O'Neill, officiated.

Mr. Vaughn died Friday at Coleridge, where he was residing in a private old peoples' home. The body was taken to O'Neill by Biehn Brothers.

Mr. Vaughn was born at Unionville, Mo., on February 27, 1862. He came to Holt county as a young man and for many years worked for the Wilson family in the Scottville community. He was never married.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Keeler, and Mrs. Alice Machado, both of Los Angeles, Calif.

The church was overflowing with persons who gathered for the funeral rites. Mrs. Elsie Wilson, of Fairbault, Minn., was among those coming from a distance.

Chamber to Elect Officers, Directors

Three officers and two directors will be elected at the next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at 6:45 p. m. Tuesday at the Golden hotel dining room.

The members will vote on a president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, and two members of the board of directors.

Those whose terms expire are: C. E. Lundgren, president; Henry Lohaus, first vice-president; R. E. Armbruster, second vice-president; J. B. Grady, treasurer; Ralph Rickly and W. T. Speits, members of the board.

New officers will be elected for one-year terms; directors, for three-year terms.

MOTHER DIES

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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CHAMBERS YOUTH KILLED IN CRASH

James O. Adams, 18, Suffers Skull and Neck Fracture

BURIED ON MONDAY

CHAMBERS — James O. Adams, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adams, of Chambers, was killed and William Midner, of Wayne, was injured about midnight Friday night when their car left the road north of Wayne.

Young Adams was thrown onto a pile of crushed rock. He died almost instantly of a skull and neck fracture.

Midner was driving the car which belonged to his father, F. A. Midner, of Wayne.

Both Adams and Midner were Wayne college freshmen. The injured Midner was unable to give a clear account of what happened.

Funeral services for the Chambers youth were held Monday at the Methodist church here with Rev. George Basil Anderson, of Norfolk, in charge. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

John O'Neal Adams was born on a farm northwest of Chambers on October 2, 1928. He attended Chambers high school where he won recognition in music and athletics, graduating in 1945. After completing high school he was employed in the Chambers State bank until the summer of 1946 when he enrolled at Wayne State Teachers' college.

25th Death in March

Adams' death was the 62nd in Nebraska this year and the 25th in the state for the month of March.

The church was decorated with more than 40 floral offerings. In charge of the flowers were Jean Wandersee, Marilyn Harley, Deloris Albers, Mrs. Max Farrier, Chloe Ellen Harley, and Mrs. Ralph Cooke.

Music was furnished by a male quartette composed of Dave Burke, Ralph Cooke, Robert Turner, and Stanley Lambert, with Mrs. Robert Turner as piano accompanist.

Pallbearers were Donald Gartner, Leslie Gartner, Richard Harley, Gordon Harley, Ray Grubb and Max Farrier. Ushers were Melvin Bell, Delbert Robertson and Richard Farrier.

Survivors include the parents: one brother, Robert; two grandmothers, and other relatives.

Among those from a distance attending the rites were 23 students from Wayne college.

Morning Passenger Now Hour Earlier

Effective Sunday, both east and westbound Northwestern passenger trains are operating on earlier schedules, according to A. B. Neuenswander, station agent here for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company.

The Chadron-to-Omaha train, number 14, now reaches O'Neill at 12:18 a. m., instead of 12:29 a. m., and the Omaha-to-Chadron train, number 13, now reaches O'Neill at 6:30 a. m., instead of 7:30 a. m.

Postmaster Agnes E. Sullivan said that the earlier arrival of the westbound train has resulted in improved mail service for city and rural patrons at the postoffice here. Rural mail carriers are being dispatched earlier.

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All of the board members served without compensation and it was, for the most part, a thankless job.

Mrs. McKenna served as chief clerk since October 17, 1940. During the intervening period she had a number of office assistants.

Forty registrants with the Holt board have been declared dead officially, but Mrs. McKenna said that from 20 to 25 others are believed to have lost their lives, but official confirmation has not yet been received through the selective service system.

Telephone Strike Threatens Tie-Up

Prize-Winning Publishers Here

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Lawrence, editors and publishers of the Heron Lake (Minn.) News, were Saturday guests of The Frontier and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll W. Stewart.

In 1946—the Lawrence's second year in Minnesota — the Heron Lake News won first prize in the national better-weekly newspaper contest sponsored by the National Editorial association. The association issued two awards—one to papers in towns under 1,500 population and one to papers in towns over 1,500. Heron Lake has less than 1,000 population.

Mr. Lawrence, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, is a native of Ft. Collins, Colo. Mrs. Lawrence's parents reside at Laurel.

CLARKE-M'NARY TREES SHIPPED

Holt County 'Tops' All Other Counties for Seedlings

Shipments of more than one million Clarke-McNary trees to Nebraska farmers and ranchers, including more than 80,000 to Holt county land operators, were begun this week from Fremont and the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey.

The evergreens are grown at Halsey and the broadleaf at commercial nurseries for the agricultural extension service, which distributes the trees annually.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said that Holt county's bid for trees "probably tops all other counties in the state."

Extension Forester Earl G. Maxwell, of the University of Nebraska, has pointed out that the stock to be distributed this year is of high quality.

Conditions for planting in Holt county are excellent, Mr. Dawes said, and he urges farmers and ranchers to plant the trees as soon as they arrive. It will take about two weeks to complete the shipping.

At the same time, the Holt Soil Conservation district has orders for 70,000 seedlings on which shipment is expected soon.

Persons who receive trees are urged to remove the trees from the packages immediately and "heel" in the ground, covered with moist dirt.

The Holt district received a shipment of 2,000 evergreens Wednesday and expects 14,000 cottonwood trees to arrive here today (Thursday).

F. I. Moses, of Wayne, visited his brother, H. S. Moses, and Mrs. Moses here Monday.

EARLY IMMIGRANT EXPIRES AT 77

John Fredrick Borgelt, Cherry Homesteader, Dies Here

John Fredrick Borgelt, 77, who was born at Hanover, Germany, and homesteaded in Cherry county, died Sunday at 7:30 a. m. at his home here.

He came to the United States at the age of 14 and spent most of his boyhood at Exeter in Fillmore county, Nebraska. On February 11, 1890, he was married to Ellen Geris at Exeter. They became the parents of nine daughters and one son.

The family homesteaded in Cherry county, later moving onto a farm two miles north of Ewing where they resided until 1934 when they moved to O'Neill.

Funeral services were held at St. Peter's de Alencra Catholic church at Ewing Tuesday at 9 a. m. Rev. Joseph Rose, of Wisner, officiated in the requiem high mass, and Rev. Peter Burke, of Ewing, delivered the funeral sermon. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery.

Survivors include the widow—daughters—Josephine and Nellie, of O'Neill; Lizzie, of Wisner; Mrs. Georgia Failing, of York; Mrs. Catherine Hemenway and Rose, of Norfolk; 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions: March 31 — Paul Morrison, of Spencer, tonsillotomy; Mrs. Elzina Good, of Spencer, medical. April 2 — Mrs. Fern Michael Boyle, of O'Neill, appendectomy; Jaynella Ford, of O'Neill, medical.

Dismissals: March 27 — Richard Marcellos, of O'Neill, condition good; Mrs. Avey Gaddie and baby, of Chambers; M. S. Lloyd Gillespie, of O'Neill, condition improved. March 28 — Garnett Gillogly, of Ewing, condition good; Eugene Janzing, of Emmet, condition good. April 1 — Mrs. Kenneth Scott, April 2 — James Morrison, of Ewing, condition improved.

Mrs. Josephine Crumley, of Page, condition good.

CALENDAR —of— COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 7—Sale of farm buildings, John Miller place; J. B. Ryan, owner; Keith Abart, auctioneer.

Thursday and Friday, April 17-18 — District high school music contest, O'Neill.

17 Operators Here Belong to Union in Dispute

MEETING AT LINCOLN

The scheduled widespread strike of union telephone employees, which threatens a crippling effect on the Nation's communications, may tie-up the rural as well as metropolitan communities, according to indications early today (Thursday).

A lack of progress at every level in negotiations between management and employees brings nearer the zero hour, which is scheduled for 6 a. m. Monday according to the various time zones.

Harry Peterson, manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at O'Neill, said Wednesday that 17 operators and three linemen at the Northwestern exchange and toll center here are members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Governor Steps In

At Lincoln, Gov. Val Peterson has attempted to enter the controversy in an effort to settle the dispute between Nebraska's two major telephone companies and their workers. He invited representatives to meet at a conference in his office at 10 a. m. today.

"My purpose," the governor said, "is to protect the public."

Meanwhile, in Washington, D. C., another step in averting the strike was taken when the House banking committee approved a bill designed to give the government power to head-off or stop a widespread telephone strike.