

City Council Calls Special Election

Officials Want People to Decide 'For' or 'Against' \$48,000 Water Expenditure

The city council in special session Monday night voted to place a thorny water problem squarely in the hands of the people.

The voters will be given an opportunity to decide "for" or "against" a 48 thousand dollar expansion of the municipal water system to meet the city's growing needs.

Coming on the heels of an expenditure of about 85 thousand dollars for water system improvements during the past 2 years, the council had little choice other than to refer the matter to the voters.

The long, complicated story of the water situation might be briefly summed up like this:

RIDGEWAY BODY ARRIVES IN U. S.

Final Burial Here for Holt County Soldier Killed on Leyti in 1945

The body of Pvt. Robert R. Ridgeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ross Ridgeway, arrived in the United States last week aboard the Army Transport Dalton Victory. The remains were forwarded to the American Graves Registration Distribution Center in Kansas City, Mo., and from there will be sent to O'Neill for final burial.

Private Ridgeway lost his life on Leyti on January 13, 1945, while in World War II combat with the 32d infantry division. He was 29-years of age at the time of his death.

The body was originally interred in a military cemetery in the Pacific theater.

Robert E. Ridgeway was born at Scottville, was reared and educated there. He was single.

He spent 4 years in the Army and almost 3 1/2 years in the Pacific area among the earliest troops sent to the Philippines.

Survivors include: Parents; sisters—Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, of Grand Island; Miss Margaret Ridgeway, of Santa Clara, Calif.; brothers—Wilfred and Charles, both of O'Neill; Joseph, of North Platte, and Donald, of Tacoma, Wash.

Arrangements for final burial are being made through Biglin Brothers at O'Neill.

Aboard the same ship—Dalton Victory—was the body of Cpl. Clayton J. Deseive, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deseive, of Atkinson. Corporal Deseive lost his life in a drowning accident. Burial arrangements are being made by the Seger funeral home at Atkinson.

Request Numbers to Feature Concerts

The band concerts for Saturday, August 21, and Sunday, August 22, will consist of request selections with the exception of the vocal and instrumental solos, according to Director Ira George.

He has announced that if any individual has a request, the band will be pleased to include it on one of these 2 programs provided the music is in the band's library.

Mrs. Carl Asimus, soprano will sing "Kiss Me Again," by Victor Herbert, arranged by Lake, at the August 21 concert.

The band has a busy schedule during the next fortnight. On Friday, August 20, the organization will appear at the 4-H fair at Spencer; on Wednesday, August 25, the band will play at the Old Settlers' picnic; on Saturday, August 28, will be the regular O'Neill concert; on Sunday and Monday, August 29 and 30, the group will appear at the Cherry county fair at Valentine; on Friday, September 3, the band has been booked for the Holt county fair at Chambers; on Saturday, September 4, there will be a marching demonstration on the O'Neill streets.

Already this month the band was heard at Atkinson on August 4 in connection with Hay Days; at the Burwell rodeo on August 12, and at a Crofton festival on August 17. These appearances were in addition to the regular Saturday night concerts.

ARRESTED AT DAM

Anton Hegberg, of Bristow, was arrested Monday, August 16, at the Spencer dam for taking minnows for bait with a device which the mesh was less than 1/4-inch square. He was arraigned before a justice of the peace and fined \$10 and \$4 court costs.

WORK PROGRESSES

LYNCH—Work is progressing on the Lutheran church being built in the west part of Lynch.

In recent years city officials have been aware that the existing water facilities were rapidly being outgrown. The water department counts about 170 new users added during the past 3 years. About 2 years ago engineers developed a plan to increase the water pumping capacity and thereby alleviate a fire hazard and at the same time assure most of the users an adequate water supply. This expansion program included the drilling of 2 new wells south of the city, installing new high-speed pumps, and linking the new equipment with the water system.

Meanwhile, sewer extensions were made, costing in the neighborhood of 65 thousand dollars. The sewer extensions reach many of the outlying residence previously without municipal water and sewer conveniences. A number of newly-built homes are now equipped for sewage but are without water. This condition is especially true in the southwest corner of the city.

The water department funds are now depleted by virtue of the expenditure on the new wells and pumps, and other steps will have to be taken if water is going to be made available to these dwellers.

The city council took a dim view on issuing revenue bonds to finance water extensions because future water department revenue would be "tied-up" under such an arrangement.

Two years ago engineers recommended plans to alleviate the present approaching crisis. Six months ago, when the pumps and wells were completed, the engineers reassured the officials that the water department was heading into difficulty because the system wasn't being expanded fast enough to keep pace with the growing city.

The city officials, on the other hand, with limited resources, chose to increase the water pumping capacity first, because the present users were already overtaxing the existing facilities.

The matter came to a focus this week when a petition bearing 125 signatures was placed before the council. Most of the signers were residents of outlying sections who are anxious for the water service.

The petition, however, did not call for a special election; rather wanted "action" be taken.

September 16 has been set as the date for the special election.

The committee supervising the water department is composed of Councilmen James W. Rooney, James M. Corlke and Merle Hickey, O. D. French is water commissioner.



SOLDIER BURIED . . .

The body of Pvt. John E. Binkerd, who was killed near Metz, France, on November 12, 1944, was given final burial Saturday afternoon at the Dorsey cemetery. Carroll-Binkard post of the American Legion at Lynch was in charge. The auxiliary served dinner in the Legion hall to relatives. Survivors include: Widow—Mrs. Melvin Spangler, of Ewing; son—John; daughter—Joan; mother—Mrs. Benton Binkerd, of Lynch; 1 brother and 4 sisters. His brother, David, and sister, Nina, were unable to be present.

WETNESS DAMAGES SMALL GRAIN

Delay in Threshing Is Proving Costly as Sprouting Begins

Hail Hits Northeast

The delay in threshing operations, imposed by frequent rains, is beginning to be costly to many Holt county farmers. Sprouting and growth damage are cutting into the yields. In some instances the damage is estimated at over 25 percent.

Rainfall during the past 7 days has totaled .64 of an inch here.

Northeastern Holt county was subjected to hail Saturday. There were reports that corn was stripped in the Star vicinity, and one Middlebranch resident reported hail stones that pounded through the roof of an automobile. Hail was also received last week in the Sunshine Bottom vicinity near Lynch.

Redbird received over 6 inches of rainfall during the week, August 8-14. A 4 1/4-inch rain fell last Thursday evening.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour readings at 8 a. m. daily at the government weather station here, follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist
August 12	86	63	.07
August 13	86	58	.21
August 14	83	64	
August 15	85	60	.36
August 16	88	63	
August 17	92	66	
August 18	91	61	
Total			.64

Youth, 5 1/2, Breaks Arm; He's Fearful Injury Will Deny School Start

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Lillie Butterfield and 3 children visited at the Frank Koppke home at Opportunity on Sunday. While there their son, Gene, 5 1/2, was playing on a wagon and fell in such a manner as to fracture his right arm above the elbow. He was taken to O'Neill where Dr. O. W. French reduced the fracture. The injury, the doctor said, is doing nicely.

Young Gene is fearful the injury will prevent him from starting to school in September.

Former Resident Dies in Omaha

EMMET—Mrs. Cal Tenborg received word Friday morning of the death of her brother, William Malloy, of Omaha.

The late Mr. Malloy was a former resident of Emmet. He was a mail clerk for a number of years on the Chicago & North Western railway until his retirement several years ago.

Francis Tenborg, a nephew, attended the funeral which was held Monday in Omaha.

Old Settlers' Picnic Date Again Changed

The officials of the Old Settlers Picnic association refuse to change their date again.

Twice they have fixed dates for the 1948 picnic in the Elmer Devald grove, north of O'Neill, and twice they have been obliged to change plans because of a conflict with another affair.

Originally scheduled for Thursday, August 19, the picnic was postponed to avoid conflict with the 4-H fair at Spencer.

A new date—Thursday, August 26—was adopted, but this week the officials decided to change again—this time to avoid conflict with an affair at the American Legion club in O'Neill. The Legion several weeks earlier had signed the WNAX entertainers for a program and dance on that date.

Preston Jones, secretary, said Monday that the picnic will definitely be held on Wednesday, August 25.

80-Year-Old Returns to Wyoming

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullens, 80, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky since August 1, returned to her home in Manderson, Wyo., Monday.

Mrs. Mullens came to Holt county for Hay Days. An early settler she lived in the Atkinson territory before Atkinson received its name. She is in "good health" and still has dark hair with only a few threads of silver.

Californian Visits Here

Charles Yarnall, of Linwood Calif., arrived Monday to visit friends and relatives.



Bill Caywood . . . couldn't afford to make mistakes while riding the turf with the best of them. (Photo taken in 1903.) (Story at right)

Bill Caywood Rode Turf with the Best 52 Years Ago; Still Seeks a Winner

"Racing has sure grown since my day." It was Bill Caywood speaking, now a public horse trainer at Washington Park, Chicago, Ill., but 52 years ago a jockey who rode on many of the American tracks and who later went to Europe to ride for the Czar of Russia.

Bill Caywood is known in O'Neill as a brother of Mrs. Roy Lowry and Charles Caywood.

Caywood rode in his first race 61 years ago, and continued to ride at the small tracks in Iowa until he was 16. Then Dr. John Wilson, of Palatine, Ill., took him to Chicago and had him ride at the Roby track at Hammond, Ind. That was in 1894. The next year he worked at Roby, Hawthorne and Washington Park, all near Chicago.

Caywood wasn't what the sport scribes called a whiz, but he possessed a fine competitive spirit. Asked to compare present day riders to his day, he chuckled:

"Sure, Eddie Arcaro, Earl Sande, Johnny Longden, the late George Woolf and Johnny Adams are good and can be called tops.

"But when I rode against Tommy Burns, Tod Sloan, Isaac Murphy, Snapper Garrison

and a few others I couldn't afford to make mistakes. "I'd say the riders I named both then and now were about equal in ability. Burns might have an edge. He was the greatest rider I ever saw or rode against."

Caywood rode for the Czar of Russia in 1902. With fair success the next year he not only rode but trained Russian horses. Jack Keene and Ray Coble were other American trainers there.

He finished the 1905 season with 87 winners to lead the Russian campaign, then decided to come home.

To Caywood the late Sam Hildreth was the best trainer he ever knew but a hard man to work for.

The veteran horseman is as enthusiastic today as he was in the old days. He's always found at barn 25, Washington Park.

He's still looking for what horsemen call a "runner" and hopes some day to own one. Right now he's trying to develop Mrs. William Harris' "Diderod," which is the star of the 3-horse stable in his care.

Bill's brother and sister in O'Neill, as well as all his childhood friends, regard him as a lifelong horseman. Horses have been Bill's life and they predict he'll stay with them until his last living day.

Nellie B. Anderson Dies in Oregon

PAGE—Mrs. Nellie B. Anderson, Mrs. Laura Walker, of Page, and M. O. Howard, of O'Neill, have received word of the death of their sister, Mrs. Nellie B. Anderson, at Eugene, Ore., on Wednesday, August 14.

Funeral services and burial were at Corvallis, Ore., on Monday, August 16.

Mrs. Anderson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Howard. She came with her family from Hamilton county, Nebraska, to Page in 1884 where the Howards homesteaded. Nellie Howard was married to Charles Anderson and at the time of her husband's death 5 years ago she was living at Corvallis. She had made her home since that time with her daughter.

Survivors include: Sons—Raymond and Charles; daughters—Irene and Doris; sisters—Mrs. Laura Walker, of Page and Mrs. Florence Tucker, of Central City, and brother—M. O. Howard, of O'Neill.

Derailment Ties Up C & NW Traffic

Train service on the Chicago and North Western railway was interrupted for about 8 1/2 hours Sunday because of a derailment near Inman.

The derailment occurred at about 9:30 a. m. when one car on an eastbound freight train jumped the tracks but did not topple over. About three-fourths of a mile of track was damaged as a result of the derailment.

The cargo of grain was unharmed. A wrecker was dispatched to the scene from Norfolk and the car was rerailed in about 3 hours. Service on the mainline was resumed at about 6 p. m.

Visiting in Petersburg

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutz and family are vacationing this week at Petersburg with Mrs. Stutz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Oik.

250 Take Part in Annual 4-H Club Achievement Day Program Here

About 250 members of 4-H clubs took part in the annual club 4-H club achievement day program in O'Neill on Friday, August 13.

An increased 4-H club enrollment was evident in the number of exhibits in all projects, particularly exhibits in garden, rope and bird clubs. Nineteen demonstrations, 15 in home economics and 4 in agriculture, were presented.

Placings in judging, demonstrations and dress revue follows:

JUDGING

Homemaking: Blue—Jeanene Doolittle, of Amelia, and Beverly Small, of Amelia. Red—Veta Marie Weichman, of Stuart; White—Lucille Mitchell, of Stuart, and Holly Smith, of Stuart.

Foods: Blue—Darlene Grimmes, of Chambers. Red—Mary Taggart, of Chambers. White—Shirley Ann Kaiser, White—Corene Sweet, of Stuart.

Clothing: Blue—Alice Whaley, of O'Neill. Red—Lorraine Coates, of Stuart. White—Twila Whaley, of O'Neill, and Ardeth Ruroede, of Ewing.

Livestock: Blue—Donald Ressel, of O'Neill. Red—Ronald Ressel, of O'Neill, and Velma Abney, of Ewing. White—Tommy Ressel, of O'Neill.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Homemaking: Blue—Team demonstration, Beverly Small and Maxine Peterson, both of Amelia. Blue—(Individual)—Glencie White, of Amelia, and Lucille Mitchell, of Stuart. Red—(Individual)—Jeanene Doolittle, of Amelia; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill, and Shirley M. e Slack, White—(Team)—Arday Barnett, of Amelia; Caroline Backaus, of Amelia. White—(Individual)—Barbara Hungerford, of O'Neill.

Foods: Blue—(Team)—Margaret Taggart, of Chambers, and Darlene Grimmes, of (Individual)—Twila Whaley, of O'Neill, and Joan Adair, of Amelia. Red—(Team)—Myrtle White, of Amelia, and Carol Burge, of

Rural Youth to Be Heard in Broadcast

Chris Mack, farm service director of radio station WNAX, Yankton, S. D., presented a program consisting of colored slides and an explanation of the agricultural research in Guatemala at the O'Neill Rural Youth group's regular monthly meeting Friday evening.

In his discussion, Mr. Mack explained how a highly-cultured race of people can become a backward race of failure to conserve natural resources, especially the soil. His main theme showed the research being done in Guatemala by agricultural experiment stations on the production of new corn hybrids, a research that may produce drought-, disease-, and insect-resistant corn hybrids in the near future.

Mr. Mack made a recording over radio station WNAX with several members of the Rural Youth Group. Those who took part were: Dick Clark, Buck Watson, Tillie Peter, Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor, and the Holt county agents.

A large group of visitors was present. They included: Mary Lou Sholes, of Inman; Mildred Derickson, Maxine Shaw, Betty Thomas, and Mary Devine Brennan, all of O'Neill; Barbara Trowbridge and Dale Stauffer, both of Page; Walter J. Schmoer, of Emmet; Robert Fleming, of Ewing; Margaret Nigra, of Spokane, Wash.; Twiley Roth, Robert Mellor and Humphrey, Benton Mellor and LeRoy Roth, all of Atkinson; and Rev. V. R. Bell, of O'Neill.

Blue ribbon demonstrations that will represent Holt county at the state fair will be Twila Whaley's demonstration, "The Miracle of Freezing," Beverly Small and Maxine Peterson's demonstration on "Framing a Picture," and Benton and Murray Mellor's demonstration on "Spraying with DDT."

"School Days" served as the theme of the 4-H style revue. Holt county will be represented at the state fair by Lorraine Coates, of Stuart, who received a blue award in the winter wardrobe entry, and Twila Whaley, of O'Neill, who received a blue in the summer wardrobe division.

Other awards were:

Aprons: Blue—Evelyn Weichman, of Stuart; George Koerwitz, of Stuart. Red—Evelyn Weichman, of Stuart. Pinafores: Blue—Alice Whaley, of O'Neill. School Dresses: Blue—Twila Whaley, of O'Neill; Doree Pierson, of O'Neill; Vanda Thomas, of O'Neill; Betty Thomas, of O'Neill. Red—Genelle Parks, of Page. Sport dresses: Blue—Lorraine Coates, of Stuart. Betty Simmons, of Page. Party dresses: Blue—Twila Whaley, of O'Neill; Lorraine Coates, of Stuart. Red—Betty Thomas, of O'Neill; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill. Street: Blue—Twila Whaley, of O'Neill; Mary Ann Shald, of Stuart. Red—Helen Thomas, of O'Neill; Alice Whaley, of O'Neill; Twila Whaley, of O'Neill. Formal: Blue—Lorraine Coates, of Stuart. Pajamas: Blue—Shirley Roth.

2- to 15-Years on Rape Charge

Richard W. Myers, 26, Ewing railroad section laborer., was sentenced to from 2- to 15-years in the state reformatory for men by Judge D. R. Mounds here Friday in Holt county district court.

Myers pleaded guilty to a charge of "assault with intent to commit rape" brought by County Attorney William W. Griffin. A 14-year-old Ewing girl figured in the assault incident which took place on the night of August 5.

Myers was given a preliminary hearing in Holt county court before Judge Louis H. Reimers and was bound over to district court. The attorney for the defense was John R. Gallagher, of O'Neill.

JOHN T. WALKER BURIED AT PAGE

Homesteaded with Parents in Holt County at the Age of 10

Page Civic Leader

PAGE—John T. Walker, 81, a Holt county resident since a lad of 10 and a veteran Page resident and civic leader, died at 1:15 a. m. Monday, August 16, at his home here. He had been critically ill for 2 weeks.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Methodist church and burial followed in the Page cemetery. Rev. T. O. Brownfield, church pastor, officiated in the rites.

John Taylor Walker, son of John and Lavina Williams Walker, was born on a farm near Collins, Ia., on July 23, 1867. When he was 10-years old he moved with his parents to Holt county, and they homesteaded in the Middlebranch community.

On December 7, 1893, he was married at Sioux City to



JOHN T. WALKER

Laura Erma Howard. To this union was born 6 daughters.

The late Mr. Walker spent virtually all of his married life in the Page community. He was a member of the Methodist church, Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges and was engaged in several types of business during his life here.

Survivors include: Widow; daughters—Mrs. L. A. (Hazel) Burgess, of O'Neill; Mrs. Henry (Nellie) Fowler, of Enid, Okla.; Mrs. Howard (Ethel) Miller, of North Platte; Mrs. Leonard (Margaret) Crandall, of Fremont; Mrs. Edward (Mildred) Bright, of Orchard; Mrs. R. W. (Dorothy) Johnson, of Hyannis; brothers—D. W. Walker, of Vineland, N. J., and E. A. Walker, of Page; sister—Mrs. Clara Hartford, of Oakland, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, and other relatives.

The pallbearers were: Oscar Reed, Hal Farnsworth, John Russell, Lewis Burnholtz, John Lamason, Clarence Stevens, Theodore Kemper and Richard Asher.

The honorary pallbearers were: Munton Stuart, John Gray, Alan Haynes, O. B. Stuart, Dr. E. J. Bild, Roy Waring, Clinton Townsend and Sam Coover.

Biglin Brothers, of O'Neill, were in charge of arrangements.

WNAX Entertainers to Be at Legion Ballroom

The WNAX entertainers, from the Yankton, S. D., radio station, will appear at the American Legion club here on Thursday, August 26, presenting a show and providing music for a public dance.

The cast will be headed by Ben and Jessie Mae, assisted by the Kactus Kids, the Singing Texan, Billie Dean, a nd other entertainers.

The Legion club is now air-conditioned. An air-conditioning unit was presented to the club by the Asimus Brothers, operators of the Outlaw Stores in West O'Neill.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lyle G. Hanna, 43, of Elgin, and Elsie M. Rieck, 37, of Bartlett, August 14.

New Postmaster

CHAMBERS—Mrs. L. V. Cooper has received the temporary appointment as postmaster at Chambers to replace Clair Grimms. She will hold office until the civil service examination is given and a permanent postmaster is supplied.

Arrives from Evanston

Mrs. Loretta Doyle, of Evanston, Ill., arrived Wednesday afternoon, August 11. She plans to visit for several days with her father, J. B. Ryan, and other relatives in O'Neill.