

O'Neill Truckers Meet Governor

Owners and Operators Go to Lincoln to Seek Ban Lift

A delegation of O'Neill truck owners and operators met Tuesday afternoon in Lincoln with Gov. Val Peterson and State Highway Engineer F. H. Klietsch to protest present weight restrictions for trucks operating on North-Nebraska highways.

The O'Neill delegation was not alone, however. Earlier arrangements with civic groups in Scottsbluff, Chadron, Gordon, Alliance, Kimball, Wayne, Hay Springs, Valentine, Merriam, Bassett, Brewster, Harrison, Ord, Neligh, Rushville, Hyannis, Pilger, Royal, Orchard, Newport, Chambers, Stuart, Broken Bow, and other towns provided a delegation of 250 for the hearing with the Governor.

Gene Haylett, of Scottsbluff, was spokesman for the entire group. L. D. Putnam was spokesman for the O'Neill delegation.

Among O'Neillites at the hearing besides Putnam, were: D. E. ("Bud") Seger, Clarence Booth, L. M. Diehlman, Ned Porter, Robert Yantzi, H. L. Lindberg, V. E. Beckwith, John Turner, Donald Martin, James Fredrickson and Wayne Fox.

The protests failed to get the weight restrictions lifted immediately, but Governor Peterson told Klietsch to make a personal inspection of the highways, starting Wednesday, to "lift or ease restrictions on every mile you can."

All "blacktop" and gravel highways in North-Nebraska were posted with a 10 thousand pound per axle load limit by the highway department on Tuesday, March 15. Meanwhile, gravel roads have been removed from the restricted list along with two short bituminous sections, and the load limit was raised to 12 thousand pounds.

Governor Peterson declared, in answer to criticism, "We have imposed these restrictions in an honest attempt to protect our highways. Similar restrictions have been made in nearby states. If the law is wrong, repeal it. If it's right, then let's enforce it."

The Governor directed one remark to the truckers. He said: "I say if you want good roads, get behind some constructive program and get money enough to build good roads."

Board of directors of the O'Neill Chamber met in special session last week to draft a protest on the weight restrictions, wiring the Governor to say that the limit "threatened the economy of the region."

Steps were immediately taken to enlist interest of other civic groups.

O'Neill truck owners and operators met Monday morning to plan Tuesday's trip.

L. M. Diehlman, manager of Tri-State Produce Co. and one of the visitors at the hearing, indicated that "some good might have been accomplished, but I expect no immediate results until sometime Thursday."

State highway department officials were in O'Neill early Wednesday to carry out the Governor's instructions to make a special inspection.

O'Neill truckers were in unanimous agreement that the 10 and 12 thousand pound per axle restrictions were "too severe" but that the 18-thousand pound limit, provided by law, "should be enforced" in order to save the roads. They agreed that flagrant overloading was causing most of the road damage.

Elias Clark, Wife Married 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Clark, of O'Neill, Wednesday celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Clark is in ill health and Mrs. Clark has been an invalid for several years. They came to the O'Neill community from Hornsleville, N. Y., in 1906. They are the parents of 10 children. Mr. Clark will be 90 in June and Mrs. Clark has passed her 78th birthday anniversary.

Final Burial for Ernest Hrbek

LYNCH—Final funeral services were held Friday for Ernest Hrbek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hrbek, of Monowi, at the Mannen funeral home in Lynch. Ernest, a veteran of World War II, was killed on Okinawa April 29, 1945, where he served with the 17th Infantry division. Burial was held at Verdigris.

Shriners to Omaha — Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shriver will depart today (Thursday) for Omaha to witness an ice carnival. They will return on Monday.

O'NEILL WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Howard Perkins, 61, Succumbs Shortly After Entering Hospital

Death Saturday claimed the life of Mrs. Howard M. Perkins, 61, an O'Neill resident and a native of Holt county. About 5 p. m. Friday she became ill at her home here. Next day she was taken to the O'Neill hospital where she died about 1 p. m.—an hour after entering. A heart ailment was given as the cause of her death.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday in First Presbyterian church here with burial in Prospect Hill cemetery under direction of Rev. Ralph Gerber officiating. Biglin Bros.

Mrs. Perkins, nee Myrtle Zell Roby, was born November 25, 1888, near Ewing, a daughter of Frank and Mary Ettleman Roby.

A son, George James, also was born to the Robys at which time the mother died. Myrtle then was six-years-old. The two children were reared by their grandparents, George and Katherine Ettleman.

On September 18, 1904, Myrtle Zell Roby and Howard M. Perkins were married near Chambers.

Except for six years spent on a homestead near Crawford, Mrs. Perkins spent most of her life in Holt county. The Perkins family lived on a farm near Chambers until 1936, when they moved to O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Richard Earl Perkins, of Los Angeles, Calif., and DeWight D. Perkins, of Denver, Colo.; daughter—Mrs. Calmer Nielsen, of Gillette, Wyo.; brother—George James Roby, of Ewing; and six grandchildren.

PRIVATE FOX'S REMAINS ARRIVE

Final Burial Saturday for Holt Man Killed in Action of Leyte

The body of Pfc. James I. Fox, returned recently to the United States from the Pacific area aboard the Army Transport Sgt. Jack Pendleton, Friday will arrive in O'Neill.

Rites will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at Biglin Bros. mortuary and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Private Fox was killed in action on March 2, 1945, on Leyte. He had entered the Army on October 6, 1941, and spent three years overseas. He was 25 years old at the time of his death.

Survivors include: Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, of Emmet; brother—Richard; sisters—Mrs. June Newton, of Emmet; Mrs. Dorothy Kramer, of O'Neill. One infant brother preceded him in death.

Ernst and White Relected to Board

The annual meeting of the Holt county extension service was held last Thursday in the Holt county courthouse annex building. More than two hundred persons attended.

Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill, district 3 supervisor, and Glen White, of Amelia, district 5 supervisor, were relected to the board of directors.

Mr. Ernst showed a number of pictures which he had taken on his recent European tour and talked on conditions abroad. Lyle P. Dierks discussed "Farmstead Improvement." Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, of Page, co-chairman of the home demonstration council, reviewed project work during the past year, and A. Neil Dawes, Holt county agent, discussed 4-H activities. Mrs. Ray Siders told of some of the extension work accomplished during Operation Snowbound.

Pay Boosts for School Faculty

All members of the O'Neill public school faculty have been relected. Pay increases of \$200 per year will be granted to grade teachers, and \$100 per year boosts will be extended to high school teachers.

Sixteen of the teachers have until May 1 to accept their contracts. They are: Supt. Ira George, Principal Lloyd Sexton, Marvin Miller, Esther Kinier, Alice French, Claire Tomjack, Viola Haynes, George Nicholas, Loretta Enright, Hilda Gallagher, Eunice Sexton, Kathryn Fritton, Alice Fritton, LaVerne Schultz, Florence Schultz, Helen Donohoe and Grace Petersen.

Contracts with two other teachers do not expire until July 1, and contracts with three others, teaching on special permits, cannot be renewed until after August 1.

WESLEYAN CHORUS COMING

The 24-voice Nebraska Wesleyan university male chorus will make a public appearance in O'Neill at 8 p. m. Monday. The chorus, of a 2,500-mile Spring concert tour, will appear at the Methodist church here. Prof. Leonard Paulsen is the director. Dale Jarvis, of Atkinson, is a member of the chorus.

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WIFE OF CHAMBERS DOCTOR EXPIRES

Mrs. J. W. Gill, 72, Dies at Home After Return from Hospital

Pneumonia Victim

CHAMBERS — Mrs. J. W. Gill, 72, wife of a Chambers doctor, died Wednesday evening, March 16, at her home in Chambers. Death was caused by a heart attack, relatives said.

Mrs. Gill had been hospitalized at Norfolk with a seige of pneumonia, but had recovered sufficiently to enable her to be removed to her home.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Methodist church with Rev. Ralph Gerber, of O'Neill, officiating. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

Pallbearers were: J. W. Walter, Reed Bell, C. E. Tibbets, William Reninger, Walter Richards and Louis Neilson. Music was furnished by a quartette composed of Leo T. Adams, Mrs. Letha Cook, Mrs. Adams and Ray Hoffman with Mrs. Robert Turner at the piano. The quartette sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "Beautiful Valley of Peace" and "Blessed Be the Tie."

In charge of flowers were: Mrs. M. L. Sageser, Mrs. Vern Sageser, Mrs. C. E. Tibbets and Mrs. Reed Bell.

Bertha Marie Wetz, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wetz, was born at Warsaw, Ill., on April 9, 1877. Later, she went to Lincoln, where she was united in marriage to Dr. J. W. Gill on June 14, 1911. They lived in Lincoln and West Point for a short time and moved to Chambers in the Summer of 1912.

To this union four children were born — three daughters and an infant, who died at birth. Two daughters, Lorraine and Nadine, preceded their mother in death. The fourth daughter is Mrs. Melba Spath.

For a number of years, Mrs. Gill frequently assisted Doctor Gill at the bedside of his patients. She was a hombody and took pride in her home and flowers.

Survivors include: Widower; daughter—Mrs. Frank (Melba) Spath, of Chambers; granddaughter — Elaine Spath, of Chambers; sisters—Mrs. George Thomas, of Seward, and Mrs. Frank McBain, of Morehouse, Mo.

Her brother, William Wetz, preceded her in death. Out-of-town people attending the funeral were her sisters, Mrs. George Thomas, of Seward; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McBain, of Morehouse, Mo.; Mrs. Dean Bachelder, of Seward; Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Gill and Gretchen, of Tekamah, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gill, of Omaha.

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LUMBERMAN DIES

BASSETT — Harry Gallagher, 75, veteran Bassett lumberman, will be buried today (Thursday) at Bassett. He died Monday after being ill for three years. Survivors include two daughters and two sons, Thomas, of Bassett, and Norm, of Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross and son, of Atkinson, Sunday visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manford Ross.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Bobby Joe Rodgers, 20, of Clearwater, and Gyva Rebecca Ziegenfand, 23, of Clearwater, March 22.

Auction Calendar

The Frontier's combination auction sale service has the following sales listed:

Friday, March 25—Will Sitz Angus dispersion sale, one mile East and 15 miles South of Stuart; Ed Thorin, auctioneer.

Friday, March 25—Tom Chiquist close-out sale, three-fourths of a mile East of Inman; George P. Colman, auctioneer.

(The combination auction sale service includes radio and newspaper advertising, handbills, and free listing in this calendar — a "package" offer assuring maximum results at a minimum cost.)

JOHN S. KIRWIN DIES IN BOISE

Former O'Neillite, Native of Ireland, a Veteran Idaho Builder

John Sarsfield Kirwan, 88, retired Boise, Ida., builder and a former O'Neill resident, died Saturday, March 5, at his home in Boise, 1912 North 11th street.

He was a son of early Holt county pioneers. Mr. Kirwan went to Colorado from O'Neill and about 40 years ago moved from Colorado to Boise. Until his retirement he was active in construction work. He was born March 8, 1861, in County Tipperary, Ireland.

He was an active member of St. John's Catholic Cathedral parish and the Boise council of the Knights of Columbus. Burial was made at Boise.

Survivors include: Widower; Mrs. Anna Kirwan, of Boise; Sons—Phil Kirwan, of Boise; Daniel, of Chicago, Ill.; and Paul, of Burlingame, Calif. Daughter—Josephine Kirwan, of San Francisco, Calif. Brothers—Phil, of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Edward, of Fairfax. Grandchildren—Shirley Dawn and Mary Jo Kirwan, both of Boise.

O'NEILL NATIVE DIES IN WEST

Raymond J. McBride, 49, Graduated from St. Mary's Academy

A former O'Neill resident, Raymond J. McBride, 49, died recently in San Francisco, Calif., following a lingering illness.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McBride, deceased pioneer O'Neill residents, he was born in O'Neill, graduating from St. Mary's academy. He later attended the Colorado School of Mines and was a World War I veteran, having served with the army.

Mr. McBride left O'Neill as a boy, moving with his family to Butte, Mont., later going to Los Angeles and San Francisco, where at the time of his death he was employed as an adjuster by General Motors Corp.

Survivors include: Widower; Mary, of San Francisco; sister; Florence, of Los Angeles; brothers—John G. of Superior, Wisc., Leo F. of Mankato, Minn., and William P. and Leonard H. both of Los Angeles.

Funeral services were held in San Francisco where Mr. McBride was buried in Golden Gate national cemetery.

Mrs. Cowperthwaite Succumbs Monday

Mrs. Arthur Cowperthwaite, 69-year-old O'Neill woman, died Monday at 4 p. m. at her home here following a lingering illness.

The body was shipped from O'Neill to Omaha on Wednesday by Biglin Bros. for rites at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mrs. Cowperthwaite's maiden name was Minnie Lorena LeZotte. She was born at Beaver Crossing on February 18, 1880.

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ATKINSON SCENE OF SPEECH MEET

Pupils to Converge for Class 'A' and 'B' Competition

O'Neill Plays Entered

ATKINSON — Supt. John Ward and Atkinson high school Friday will host to the district III class A and B high school speech meet. More than 60 pupils will participate.

Judges for the program of individual readings and one-act plays will be D. S. Williams, of Lincoln, faculty member at the University of Nebraska, and Dean F. Graunke, of Norfolk, faculty member at Norfolk junior college.

Schools to be represented are Class A (with over 151 average daily attendance) — St. Mary's of O'Neill, O'Neill high, Ainsworth and Valentine; class B (with up to 150 average daily attendance) — Atkinson high, St. Joseph's of Atkinson, Keya Paha county high school, Stuart and Long Pine.

The morning program, beginning at 10 o'clock, follows: Original oratory: Class A — Ila Carter, St. Mary's; Eugene Harnish, Ainsworth. Class B — Bonnie Dickau, Atkinson; Bernard Troshynski, St. Joseph's.

Radio newscasting: Class A — Robert Spearman, Ainsworth. Interpretive oratory: Class A — Roberta Lawiiss, Valentine; Stanley Price, St. Mary's. Class B — Rose Osborn, Atkinson; Lucille Mitchell, Stuart; Bradley Lear, Keya Paha.

Extemporaneous: Class A — Robert Spearman, Ainsworth. Class B — Vallee Cook, Keya Paha.

The afternoon program, beginning at 1 o'clock, follows: Humorous: Class A — Wilma Schneider, Ainsworth; Phyllis Seger, O'Neill; Helen Connors, Valentine; Patricia Cain, St. Mary's. Class B — Marlene Brooke, St. Joseph's; Robert McCoy, Keya Paha; Shirley Withers, Atkinson; Vesta Mitchell, Stuart.

Dramatic: Class A — Alice Scofield, O'Neill; Shirley Heerman, Ainsworth; Dorothy Iler, St. Mary's; Joan Chicoine, Valentine. Class B — Sue Nuenswander, Atkinson; Mary Mock, Keya Paha.

The one-act play contest will begin at approximately 3:50 p. m. Program follows: Comedy: Class A — O'Neill, "First Dress Suit," cast—Donna Crabb, Dwayne Borg, Marilyn Holsclaw, Donald Wagon. Class B — Long Pine, "Sod," Atkinson, "Giant Stair," cast—Jean Humphrey, Joan Jarvis, Douglas Rossman, James White; Stuart, "Comin' Around the Mountain," cast—Loretta Berry, James Batenhorst, Mildred Kaup, Roland Kunz, Joan Steinhauer, Laura Mulford, Marvel Jean Johnson and John Obermire.

Dramatic: Class A — St. Mary's, "Dust of the Road," cast—Gerald Wills, Janice Jarnen, Jack Carney, John O'Neill; Valentine, "Cornhusked Doll."

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John Deere Day Program Here Friday

Lloyd Collins Implement company is sponsoring a John Deere day entertainment here Friday. Program will begin with a free lunch at noon at the American Legion hall.

Highlighting the program will be the film, "The Sugar Plum Tree," starring Billie Burke and Don Wilson. In addition there will be several "interesting and educational pictures on John Deere equipment and modern farming practices," Mr. Collins said.

The program originally was planned for January but had to be postponed because of bad weather.

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SNOW AND RAIN VISIT REGION

First Day of Spring Is Ushered in by Rain Turning to Snow

Spring—at last—has come. This year it follows a Winter of suffering and hardship—one that will not soon be forgotten.

Early Monday a light drizzle turned into snow, which melted as soon as it touched the earth, and that is how Holt county welcomed the Spring of 1949.

Intermittent precipitation during the past seven days has netted nearly a half-inch of moisture.

Most observers report that the Holt soil is in "excellent condition for Spring work." The orderly run-off of most of the snow has been a godsend, they say, and there seems to be an abundance of moisture in the ground.

Country roads, unattended for many months because of the heavy snow, have been torn and chewed by bulldozers, tractors and other types of vehicles. In some instances flood waters have been damaging. Most roads are virtually impassable.

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L. R. Tompkins, Wife Married 40 Years

INMAN — Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tompkins went to Norfolk Tuesday, March 15, returning Wednesday. The Tompkins were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary which occurred on March 17. They were married in the Norfolk Methodist church in 1909 by the late Rev. Charles Wayne Ray.

Mrs. Tompkins was Miss Ethel Doughty, of Norfolk.

John and Ralph Davidson departed Monday for Arizona and Southern California, where they will spend about six weeks.

Over 700 at Dance — More than 700 persons attended the St. Patrick's dance at the American Legion ballroom last Thursday night.

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Mother of 13 Outlives 9 of Own Children; Born in New York

Takes Vows in 1872

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This nonagenarian, also one of Holt county's oldest, succumbed at 4 a. m. on Sunday following a lingering illness. She had been seriously ill for two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Methodist church at Page with Rev. T. O. Brownfield, church pastor, in charge. Burial was in the Page cemetery.

Mrs. Townsend, nee Ida Farr, was born at Malone, N. Y., on July 27, 1856. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Farr.

When she was eight years old her parents moved to Wisconsin. On November 9, 1872, she was united in marriage to Waldron C. Townsend and to this union 13 children were born; nine having preceded her in