

Seek Signatures to Retain Diesel

Chamber to Circulate Petitions Among Power Users To Visit Columbus

A petition will be circulated among power users "within the next few days" and, when completed, will be submitted to Consumers' Public Power directors at Columbus. It will request CPPD officials to abandon plans for dismantling the O'Neill power plant. The petition will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

J. Leo Moore, president of the Chamber, has appointed James M. Corkle as chairman of a temporary committee to investigate the power district's plan to dismantle the O'Neill diesel generating plant and move it to Valentine.

When the job of securing signatures has been completed, Corkle and other members of a committee will go to Columbus to confer with the general manager of the state-wide Consumers power grid and members of the board of directors. L. C. Walling, manager of the O'Neill district, will accompany the group to Columbus.

The CPPD 1,000-kw plant which is threatened to be moved was installed new in 1937. Chamber officials are anxious to have the plant retained here for "standby purposes." In an emergency it could serve O'Neill and a number of other towns on a rationed basis.

Service interruptions have been frequent during the past winter, and in other post-war winters power conservation had to be practiced because of inadequate power coming from the hydro-electric sources.

At Atkinson and Bassett there is talk of municipal power generating and distribution. There has been no serious talk of municipal power today in O'Neill. Chamber officials, however, are anxious that the single-unit diesel plant be retained intact in O'Neill for "reserve" use.

Meanwhile, Walling says, Consumers is going ahead with plans to improve service throughout the O'Neill district, which includes 55 cities and towns and 13 counties.

Shortwave radio engineers were in O'Neill last Thursday mapping plans for broadcasting facilities. Two-way communications will be provided by the shortwave equipment.

The O'Neill headquarters will have instantaneous, direct wireless contact with Valentine, Creighton, Neligh, Ainsworth and Hartington when the radio equipment has been installed. In addition, there will be two-way communication with maintenance vehicles.

Walling points out that a big obstacle for maintenance crews during past electrical storms and during the late winter was lack of communications, making it impossible to determine the trouble spot without a reconnaissance of the lines.

Offers 40-Acre Tract to Scouts

Carl Asimus, well-known O'Neill businessman, has advised Boy Scout officials that he will deed 40 acres of land, adjoining the Elkhorn river, to the Scouts, provided the property can be accepted by the Scout organization.

The offer has been submitted to state Scout headquarters to determine whether that organization can accept it.

Ted McElhanev, of the Scout committee here, said "The offer is in keeping with the Asimus tradition of backing worthwhile projects in our community. We feel that a public acknowledgement of this generosity should be made."

If accepted, McElhanev said he'd suggest that the acreage be designated as Asimus park.

American Elms Planted in Park

PAGE — The Page Improvement club observed Arbor day in Page by setting out six American elm trees in the city park.

The origin of Arbor day was discussed. A talk was given on the beautiful state park and on Arbor lodge, at Nebraska City. Pictures of different scenes in the park were shown. Facts were told about J. Sterling Morton, the originator of Arbor day.

Mrs. R. D. Copes recited a poem on "Trees."

Mrs. John Lamason and Miss Hatty Ann Kahler accompanied their first four graders of the Page school and the children sang several songs as each tree was placed in position.

Sister Dies — Judge and Mrs. D. R. Mounts left Sunday for Tonkawa, Okla., to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Erma Chenaweth, who has been ill. Word was received Monday that Mrs. Chenaweth died. Funeral services were held Wednesday.



M. E. ("Jake") Jacobson

Formal Opening Saturday for New Jacobson Store

Formal opening of Jacobson's appliance store in O'Neill is set for Saturday, April 30. The store on Douglas street is located directly South from the Golden hotel.

M. E. ("Jake") Jacobson, the owner, came to O'Neill in March and took over the store previously operated by Beha Electric in the Beha building. The formal opening was delayed until now to enable the firm to exhibit to its visitors an all-electric kitchen in complete operation.

Mr. Jacobson says that the appliances on display "approximate actual home conditions." The store features the Hotpoint line of home appliances.

Mr. Jacobson's original home was in Morningside, a Sioux City suburb. After serving in Europe during World War II, he established his residence at Norfolk, working for his brother, Victor, owner of Jacobson's Appliance Store of Norfolk.

Mr. Jacobson's wife and their son, Paul, will move to O'Neill as soon as housing arrangements can be completed.

For the formal opening, Jacobson's are presenting gifts to the ladies and balloons to the children.

(For details see double-page advertisement on pages 2 and 3 in section 2.)

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 90 DEGREES

Temperature Varies 56 Degrees During 4-Day Interval

Temperatures varied 56 degrees during a four-day period recently. Early Saturday the temperature skidded to the 34-degree mark—within two degrees of freezing. On Monday afternoon the mercury mounted to 90 degrees—the high for the year.

Showers threatened at least three during the past seven days, but on only one occasion—Monday evening—was the precipitation worthy of note. The shower that evening totaled .08 of an inch, was accompanied by an electrical storm and high winds of short duration.

Meanwhile, farmers are at work in earnest in the fields after a costly winter and a spring which succeeded in setting them several weeks behind with their work.

Farmers are still planting oats and they hope that they're not too late. Subsoil moisture tests are very encouraging but already the top soil is drying out because of the wind.

Outlook for wild hay and alfalfa is excellent except for winter damage and pasture is short but making good progress.

Week's weather summary:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 21	58	47	T
April 22	68	45	T
April 23	68	34	
April 24	78	38	
April 25	77	40	.08
April 26	90	43	
April 27	75	44	

11 Tractors Turn-Out for Road Building

There was an 11-tractor "turn-out" Tuesday as neighbors joined to help build a two-mile grade of a four-mile extension of the new mail route between the Opportunity and Star postoffices on the O'Neill-to-Star route.

The neighbors were helping Roy Alder, road overseer in Steel Creek township. Among the patrons to be benefitted by the new route and who helped with their tractors were: Roy Alder, John Alder, Ray Siders, Frank Koptjka, Robert Sholes, Glen Knight, Forrest Farrand, Harold Krugman, Marvin Richter, Howard Oberle, Will Pinkerton, Alfred Linquist and Albert Steffer.

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RECOGNITION TO 48 RURAL WOMEN

Project Leaders from 8 North-Central Counties Convene Here

Style Show Feature

Forty-eight rural farm women attended a leadership recognition program here Wednesday at the American Legion auditorium. The affair was under the sponsorship of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Nebraska agricultural extension service.

The honored rural homemakers represented Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Wheeler, Garfield, Loup and Holt counties.

Meeting began with registration at 10:30 a. m., followed by coffee and a shopping hour. A luncheon began at noon, followed by a style show, which was the highlight of the day.

Mrs. May Yard, president of the women's division of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly. Mrs. Clara Newlee Leopold, of the agricultural extension service introduced the Omaha-bound delegates.

The guests included rural homemakers, extension and demonstration club presidents, and county delegates selected for rural leadership.

The style show was under the direction of Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher and Mrs. Harry Petersen. Musical background was furnished by the girls' chorus from St. Mary's academy and O'Neill high school. Specialty numbers included: "School Days," by Kay Martin; "Washing Dishes," by Bernadette Hynes; "Easter Parade," by Miss Margaret Goldsmith, accompanied at the piano by Miss Esther Kinrier.

Stores represented were J. M. McDonald Co., J. C. Penney Co., Apparel Shop, Osborne Shoe Store, McIntosh Jewelry, McCrary Jewelry, Lee Store, Tiny Town and Gambles.

Ladies who modeled for these stores and shops were: Mrs. W. C. Artus, Mrs. H. F. Mullen, Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. A. P. Jaszkiwaki, Mrs. Dean Reed, Mrs. E. L. O'Donnell, Mrs. John H. McCarville, Mrs. J. B. Grady, Mrs. P. J. Golden, Mrs. H. O. P. Condon, Evelyn Stannard, Mrs. C. M. Dale and Mrs. N. O. McCrary.

Young ladies who modeled were: Shirley Brandenburg, Eva Coker, Suzanne Moss, Mary Jo Hynes, Catherine Ann Golden, Barbara Bennett, Phyllis Harmon, Mary Ann Gallagher, Betty Johnson, Jenine Jones, Nancy Beha, Catherine Judge, Ivalyn Brady, Wauweta Anspach, Mary Faulhaber and Patricia Brennan.

Children who modeled were: Paula Reed, John Kurtz, Roy Bridge, Jean Lohaus, Larry Daves, Diana Gillespie, Danny McCrary, Kathleen Weir, Rosemary Lyons, Gary Roy Skulborstad, Ann Saunto, Kay Martin, Yvonne Steele, Curtis Larson and Dean Larson.

Returns from Rochester—Dr. W. F. Finley spent several days last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Don Miller, and Mr. Miller, of St. Paul, Minn., enroute from Rochester, Minn., where he had been a patient for several weeks in a hospital.

Fishers Return from Hawaii

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher last Thursday returned to O'Neill after a month's vacation which included a cruise to Hawaii. They were accompanied on the cruise by their daughter, Miss Mary Ann, of Denver, Colo.

The Fishers left O'Neill on March 18 and went to San Francisco, Calif., where they were joined by their daughter.

They sailed from Frisco on March 21 aboard the Matson Lines luxury liner, Lurline. The Fishers were traveling with dozens of Denver residents who were on a tour arranged by Mary Ann Fisher, a Denver travel agent.



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CAPTURED FOLLOWING MANHUNT... Charles Bowden (right, wearing handcuffs) was captured at 1:30 a. m. last Thursday on a farm near Verdel following a manhunt that began the day before.

Bowden was said to be an escapee from a state prison at Atlanta, Ga. Patrolmen are Curtis Cochran and Corp. Willard Teachman.

MOTHER OF 15 DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary Head, Native of Austria, Bedfast Since August

ATKINSON — Mrs. Mary Head, 76, a native of Austria and a resident of Nebraska since she was eight-years-old, died late Tuesday in a Norfolk hospital. She had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day.

Mrs. Head had been bedfast since August, 1948, suffering a lingering illness. Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Friday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson with Rev. A. A. Lehmann officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Born March 14, 1873, she came to Nebraska a year after coming to the United States. Her husband, Adam Head, died about a decade ago. The heads lived on a place six miles west and three miles south of Atkinson. They became the parents of 15 children, four of whom are deceased.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Charles (Lucille) Brewer, of Omaha; Mrs. Charles (Anna) O'Leary, of Sioux City; Sister Philomena (Martha) of Sterling, Colo.; Miss Barbara, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Leona, of Stuart. Sons—Albert, of Sioux City; August, of Bellevue; Alex, of Omaha; Louis, of Sioux City; Peter and Paul (twins), both of Stuart. The deceased, all sons, are Adam, a World War I veteran; John, who was killed in a highway accident; David and Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kratochvil and son, Terry, of Osmond, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Naprstek.

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July 4th Date for Jubilee Event

The Fourth of July has been established as the date for the Diamond Jubilee celebration in O'Neill. On that day the city will commemorate the arrival of the first colonists under the guidance of Gen. John O'Neill.

First settlement reached the present site of O'Neill in May, 1874. J. Leo Moore, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said committees for the celebration will be appointed this week.

THRONG EXPECTED AT HIGHWAY MEET

Representatives from dozens of cities and towns dependent upon highway 281 are expected in O'Neill tonight (Thursday) for a meeting of the Nebraska chapter of the Highway 281 association. Meeting place is the American Legion club. A dutch lunch will begin at 7 o'clock followed by the business session at 8 o'clock.

Earl Carpenter, of Red Cloud, president of the Nebraska chapter, will preside. Business will include amending bylaws.

Virtually all Nebraska communities on or near the North-South highway 281 have been contacted to send representatives to the O'Neill party. The O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, the host to the meeting, successfully contacted all towns from Greeley on North to the South Dakota line and five communities in South Dakota as well.

By Wednesday noon Bonesteel, S. D., Spencer, Greeley and Chambers had indicated sent.

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FUGITIVE TAKEN NEAR VERDEL

Georgia Prison Escapee Flees to Timber on Missouri

VERDEL — Charles Bowden, escapee from a state prison at Atlanta, Ga., was captured about 1:30 a. m. last Thursday by state patrol and other authorities while in the back seat of a car with his 16-year-old wife on a farm near Verdel.

Corp. Willard Teachman of the state patrol, Norfolk, reported that Bowden, who worked for the telephone company at Verdel the last month, was taken after a manhunt that started Wednesday afternoon, April 20.

Informed by authorities at Lincoln, where Bowden formerly lived, that he was wanted as an escapee, Patrolman Otis Knotwell, Plainview, and Knox County Deputy Sheriff Ed McQuistan, Center, went to Verdel to get Bowden.

Bowden, according to Corporal Teachman, learned that he was wanted and fled to the timber toward the Missouri river.

Mr. Knotwell then called for assistance and the following joined the hunt: Corporal Teachman, Patrolman F. A. Robeson and Game Warden Sam Grasmick, O'Neill; Patrolman Donivan Lacy, Norfolk, and Patrolman James Kontos, Laurel.

Corporal Teachman said residents near Verdel helped the officers in the search, and in the meantime Bowden went to a farm home, but wouldn't go inside the house.

Bowden, who was armed with a rifle, was joined by his wife, and the couple decided to spend the night in the back seat of a wrecked car behind the garage at a farm home, Corporal Teachman said.

It was there the officers surrounded the car and jerked Bowden from the machine in the dark.

Corporal Teachman quoted Bowden to the effect he was married last October at Eagle, Bowden, who was brought to the Norfolk jail, was serving three to seven years in prison on a nine-count forgery charge.

Patrolmen Curtis Cochran and Willard Clark started for Lincoln with Bowden to lodge him in the penitentiary until turned over to Georgia authorities.

Weight Restrictions Removed Wednesday

Effective at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday, the 12,000-pound per axle weight restriction on vehicles traveling certain Nebraska highways was lifted. The ban had been in effect since March 19.

Among highways in the O'Neill region affected by the restriction were: U. S. highway 20 from the East edge of Stuart to the Danceland junction of highways 20 and 281; highway 20 East from the junction of highway 275 to Plainview.

The state highway department ordered the restriction to "save roads from deterioration" during the Spring thaw.

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DAN CRANDALL, 59, DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Well-Known Chambers Resident

Funeral Held Sunday

CHAMBERS — Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist church in Chambers for Daniel Crandall, 59, who died Wednesday night, April 20, at his home following a heart attack.

He had descended the stairs in his home when the heart attack occurred about 10 p. m.

Rev. Ward Smith, of Chambers, officiated. A quartette composed of Mrs. Letha Cooke, Leo T. Adams, Mrs. Adams and Robert Turner, sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "Sometime We'll Understand" and "When We Walk the Last Mile of the Way." Mrs. Robert Adams was pianist.

Palbearers were: Wm. Reninger, Chet Fees, Eric Dankert, Clair Grimes, Dr. Van Horn and Hiram Hubbard. Interment was in the Chambers cemetery.

Daniel Ensley Crandall, son of Albert and Lenora Crandall, was born at Gallands Grove, Ia., on December 23, 1889.

He was baptized and became a member of the Latter Day Saints church at Gallands Grove when he was a boy. He worked on his father's farm until a young man. At the age of 18 he went to Emmet where he was employed by his uncle, Alex McConnell, who now lives in Emmet.

In 1913 he settled on a farm North of O'Neill and on October 8 of that year he was united in marriage to Louise Pruss at Atkinson. Three children were born to this union. In 1926 the family moved to O'Neill where he was employed by the state. He was transferred to Chambers in 1932 where he lived until his death. His death came as a shock to Mr. Crandall's family and friends as he had been in "fairly good" health until this time.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son,



Dan Crandall

Calvin, who was killed at Cassino, Italy, in World War II.

Survivors include: Widow — Louise; daughters — Luella, of Oceanide, Calif., and Mrs. Charlotte Smith, of Chambers; two grandchildren; brother — Frank Crandall, of Dunlap, Ia.; sisters — Mrs. Henry Pruss, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Charles Hansen, of Missouri Valley, Ia.; uncle — Alex McConnell, of Emmet; several nieces and nephews.

Among the out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were: John Martfeld, Elaine and Dale, of Longmont, Colo.; Frank Crandall, of Dunlap, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen and Keith, of Missouri Valley, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Caster, of Norfolk; also many relatives and friends from Stuart, Atkinson, Emmet, Burwell, Inman and O'Neill.

Extens'on Board Reelects Officers

Officers of the Holt county extension board were reelected Monday following an all-day session at the assembly room in the courthouse. Officers are: Ora Yarges, of Stuart, president; Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill, vice-president; Charles Mulford, of Stuart, treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Hammerberg, of Atkinson, secretary.

Members of the fiscal committee are Yarges and Mulford. Other members of the board are George Rost, of Page, and Glen White, of Amelia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Marcellus, of Stuart, Ia. and Mrs. L. Cosner, of Fort Riley, Kan., were also guests.