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Laurence Haynes (left) and Wallace O'Connell... examine autographed baseballs sent by Johnny Hopp. O'Connell will auction balls at all-star benefit game tonight.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

Throng Expected for All-Star Tilt

Near-Record Crowd May Be on Hand for Hospital Benefit Game

Last-minute preparations have been made and all is in readiness for the St. Anthony's hospital benefit all-star game to be played here tonight (Thursday). Outstanding individual performers from each team in the North-Central day and night league will form an East team and a West team for the all-star exhibition in Carney park.

The contest is scheduled to get underway at 8:30 p. m. Players representing all the teams in the league will be on hand to participate in the fracas.

Stuart, Atkinson, Valentine and Ainsworth comprise the West team with August Troshynski, of Atkinson, as manager. Dick Tomlinson, tutor for the East club, has under his experienced wing players from O'Neill, Page, Ewing and Chambers.

Players representing the East all-stars are: From Ewing—Clem Schrad, Vic and Richard Bollwitt, Smith and Dunaway as alternate; from Chambers—Fauquier, Walters, Les Oetter, Lambert and Kenny Oetter as alternate; from Page—Cunningham, Kenny and Darrel Heiss, Trowbridge and Asher as alternate; from O'Neill—Wolfe, Tomjack, Meserve, Graham and McKay as alternate.

The all-stars from the West are: From Valentine—Sharp, Schmidt, Hahn, Wilson and Young as alternate; from Atkinson—Mancuso, Pat Miller, Scott, Jerry Troshynski and Judge as alternate; from Stuart—Bill and Howard Tielke, King and Gene Hoffmann as alternate; Ainsworth—Beebout, Sperman, Rudnik, G. Richardson and Clark alternate.

Umpires for the tilt will be Art Tomlinson, of Inman, and Albert Carl, of Ewing.

"Both teams are eager to get underway," Dick Tomlinson said, "to determine which half of the league is the stronger!"

Monday Tomlinson received half a dozen autographed baseballs from Johnny Hopp, of the Pittsburgh Pirates. These regulation National League baseballs, signed by every member of the Pirate team, will be auctioned off by Wallace O'Connell during the seventh inning stretch.

Hopp is a former Hastings resident who has been playing in the major leagues for a number of years.

A 12-car booster delegation left here at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday evening for Emmet, Atkinson, and Stuart selling tickets to the contest.

Boy Scouts of troop 210 will act as vendors at the ballgame, with the Merri Doctor Pepper Bottling Co. donating soft drinks.

The Catholic Daughters of America will be in charge of the State Parley.

the hot dog concession with the Wonder Bread furnishing the buns free of charge. O'Neill business firms contributed money to buy the weiners. The hot dogs will be kept warm at the Harding Creamery. The city has donated the use of the field and lights free of charge for the contest.

Advanced sales of tickets have been good, according to Laurence Haynes and Matt Beha, who are helping with arrangements.

All proceeds will go to the building fund of St. Anthony's hospital.

Admission to the all-star game is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for the children.

3 HOLT MEN ON BASIN BOARD

Batson Predicts Niobrara Project to Be Part of Missouri Plan

"The full potentialities of the Niobrara river basin are now being investigated and plans are beginning to crystallize," according to Regional Director Avery A. Batson, of the U. S. reclamation bureau. Batson predicted, in a speech at the annual meeting of the Niobrara River Development association Friday in Ainsworth, the Niobrara basin would be brought into the Missouri river basin plan.

Among the newly-elected directors from the O'Neill region are John F. Dick, of O'Neill, and Walter Ries, of Atkinson. Carroll ("Cal") W. Stewart, of O'Neill, publisher of The Frontier, was named one of the three newly provided for directors-at-large.

E. A. House, of Ainsworth, was re-elected president with Lyle Dierks, of Ewing, re-elected vice-president.

Sixty-seven thousand acres in the O'Neill-Atkinson-Stuart localities are considered "irrigable in the class I category," according to the proposed plan.

Dick and Ries succeed Tony Asimus, of O'Neill, whose term expired, and Ed J. Matousek, of Atkinson, who resigned.

O'Neill delegates at the meeting included Melvin Ruzicka, Chamber of Commerce president; James W. Rooney, Harry Ressel and District Judge D. R. Mounds.

Visitor Dies Here Late Tuesday

William A. Cordes, 82, grandfather of Mrs. Roy D. Johnson, of O'Neill, died "about" midnight Tuesday after suffering a heart attack here. Funeral services will be held in Chicago.

The late Mr. Cordes and his wife had been visiting the granddaughter and her husband here since June 11.

Mr. Cordes, a retired Chicago streetcar motorman, was born in Germany in 1866 and came to the United States in 1881. He had lived all his life in Chicago, retiring in 1942.

Besides his widow, he is survived by sons—Fred, George and Thomas; daughter—Mrs. Hazel Heid. All children are residents of Chicago.

The late Mr. Cordes' first wife and a son preceded him in death.

ELECTRIC STORM DISRUPTS LINES

Prolonged Heat Booms '49 Corn Crop but Rain Is Needed

Prolonged hot weather continues to boom the 1949 corn crop in the O'Neill region.

Some of the corn planted on schedule already is shoulder high and beginning to tassel.

Highest temperature during the past seven days—92—was recorded Sunday afternoon.

Haying in Holt county is just getting under way, County Agent A. Neil Dawes said, but it is early to determine the yield or the number of acres that will be harvested.

The 1948 records show that 372,940 acres of hay were harvested, representing 247,510 tons that were valued at \$2,836,460.

Holt county farmers are now in the midst of the second harvest of the alfalfa, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

Aside from the crop picture, a light rain started falling about 11:30 p. m. Tuesday night and continued long enough so that .12 of an inch fell.

There is a definite need for rain in the North and Northwest section of Holt county, most observers report, but in the Southern part, mainly along the Elkhorn river, the farmers claim they have had plenty of moisture.

During the Tuesday night severe electrical storm, Consumers Public Power district said that not a single lineman was out in the O'Neill region as a result of the storm. The automatic switches were handling the reaction each time lightning struck power lines.

The telephone company reported Wednesday that four lines were down as a result of the storm Tuesday evening.

A line South of Atkinson was out of order and three lines in the Stuart area were down, according to officials of phone company here.

Some trouble on the long distance wires in O'Neill was reported.

This week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily follow:

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
July 16	82	62	
July 17	88	68	
July 18	92	60	
July 19	88	57	
July 20	89	65	.12

P-TA Offers Scouts Building Site

At the regular weekly meeting held Wednesday evening of troop 210 of the Boy Scouts, Bennett Gillespie and Verne Beckwith made a formal offering of a building site in Ford's park for a Scout meeting place.

The offering was in behalf of the entire Parent-Teacher association.

Meanwhile, M. E. Jacobson, troop committee chairman, said Wednesday that he had more investigation to do on the cost of the proposed building.

The second lesson on first aid was administered at the meeting by William Beha, registered nurse, of O'Neill.

Father Kaup Returns

DELOIT—Rev. C. J. Kaup, of St. John's parish, returned Saturday from a two-weeks' fishing trip to Richmond, Minn.

Mrs. Davidson: 'Auxiliary Mother'

Mrs. Anna Davidson, of O'Neill, has been selected as the "Nebraska Auxiliary Mother of 1949."

This honor was bestowed upon her in Omaha Monday evening during the annual American Legion auxiliary banquet held in conjunction with the annual statewide auxiliary convention.

Mrs. Dorothy Sutter, department secretary, made the announcement to 400 delegates attending the banquet. Mrs. Davidson was presented with an orchid corsage and an auxiliary emblem.

The title went to the O'Neill woman, widow of the late James Davidson, sr., for having the largest family of American Legion and auxiliary members—totaling 31.

These include five sons, one son-in-law and three grandsons, all Legionnaires; three daughters, six daughters-in-law and two great-grandchildren.



Jim Harty... becomes manager of Osborne's Shoe Store.

Harty Appointed Osborne's Manager

James ("Jim") Harty, 34, has been appointed manager of Osborne's Shoe Store here in O'Neill by John Daly, present manager, and D. M. Osborn, owner.

Daly has been assigned to a new Grand Island branch and will assume his duties about September 1. Mr. Daly will open the Grand Island store around October 1, according to D. M. Osborn.

Mr. Harty, a veteran of World War II, has extensive training in merchandising. He has spent the past two years with Gambles here in O'Neill, as manager of the soft lines department.

Prior to that he was with the J. C. Penney Co. here as assistant manager. Before the late war he spent six years in Portland, Ore., with the Meier & Franks and Lipman & Wolfe department stores.

Married, he is the son of Mrs. W. H. Harty and the late Mr. Harty, a longtime family here.

LONGTIME HOLT RESIDENT DIES

John Wright Hitchcock, 72, Settled with Parents on Homestead

ATKINSON—John Wright Hitchcock, 72, son of a pioneer Holt county couple, died at 11:45 p. m. last Thursday in Our Lady of Loretas hospital at Norfolk. He had been ill several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Methodist church with burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. W. C. Birmingham officiated.

The late Mr. Hitchcock was born in Illinois on October 25, 1876, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie Hitchcock. The family came to Holt county in 1882 and settled on a homestead eight miles East of here.

Though most of his life, the late Mr. Hitchcock was in the cattle and horse business. For a time he operated a livery stable here.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Jasper and George, of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. Roy (Irma) Greenfield, of Stuart, and Mrs. Ralph (Evadean) Shald, of Stuart.

Halvas Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halva, of Lynch, were Friday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva.

INCREASE IN TAX LEVY IS PROPOSED

Hearing on 1949-'50 Holt Budget Set for Next Wednesday

A hearing on the proposed 1949-'50 Holt county budget will be held before the county board of supervisors on Wednesday, July 27, according to J. Ed Hancock, county treasurer and budget authority.

There is a proposed increase of .22 of a mill in the levy to meet, principally, the estimated rising cost of unemployment relief and the increasing amount expected to be spent from the bridge fund.

The 3.76 mill levy represents \$3.76 per \$1,000 assessed valuation of real and personal property in the county. A mill is equal to one-thousandth of a dollar or one-tenth of a cent.

The actual expenditure of the county unemployment relief during the fiscal year ending June 30, was \$9,489.53 with the proposed 1949-'50 relief fund set at \$14,600—\$14,048.06 of the total to be raised by taxes during the new fiscal year. This represents an increase of .36 mills.

Another increase in the mill levy for the next fiscal year is in the bridge fund.

The proposed hike is .66 of a mill. This increases the estimated expenditures for the 1949-'50 fiscal year for the bridge fund to \$65,600. Actually spent for the fiscal year ending June 30, was \$37,718. It is estimated that \$47,382.97 will be raised in taxes by the proposed hike in the mill levy for the bridge fund.

The general fund proposed mill levy will take a considerable dip. It is proposed to go down from last year's two to 1.20 mills for the 1949-'50 fiscal year.

The actual expenditures from the general fund for 12-month span ending June 30 amounted to \$85,985.74 with the estimated expenditures for the 1949-'50 fiscal year set at \$97,146, with approximately \$30,602.39 to be raised via taxes.

The proposed mail route fund would take a sharp increase over the last fiscal year actual expenditures.

It is estimated that \$78,000 will be spent during July 1 to June 30, 1950, as against \$39,015.02 that was actually expended during the past 12-month period ending last June 30.

Total estimated expenditures for Holt county is \$377,282. This estimation for the 1949-'50 fiscal year is \$56,093 more than was actually spent during the 1948-'49 12-month period.

Actual expenditures for the 1948-'49 fiscal year totaled \$321,189, with the estimated money needed to run the county set at \$381,580 for the same period. This should leave a balance of \$60,391 of the 1948-'49 funds in the Holt county treasury.

According to the proposed budget figures, there will be an estimated \$98,050 raised by taxes this next year.

Return from Iowa—Mrs. Bennie Hill and sons returned Friday from Iowa City, Ia., where they were called by the illness of Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. Anna Bowers.

Mrs. Bowers is "somewhat better," although she is still on the "critical list."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes, of Page, were Sunday dinner guests of their son and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Haynes, Linda and Lonna Haynes accompanied their grandparents home.

Man Arraigned in Tavern Robbery

James D. Brickley, 26, of 6437 South Mullen, Tacoma, Wash., has been arraigned in county court on charges of breaking and entering the Matt Hynes tavern here on Sunday, July 10, according to W. W. Griffin, Holt county attorney.

Preliminary hearing was held in the county court Tuesday afternoon. Brickley plead guilty to the charge and was immediately bound over to district court with bail set at \$500.

Brickley and an accomplice were picked up in Oklahoma City, Okla., by police officers and allegedly confessed to the O'Neill charge.

However, the federal authorities are holding the accomplice, John G. Davis, on charges of violating the Dyer act, (driving a stolen vehicle across a state border).

Brickley was exonerated of Dyer act charges, as he allegedly claimed he did not know the car in which he was a passenger was stolen.

According to Fay Robeson, state highway patrolman, Davis is picked Brickley up East of Cheyenne, Wyo., on July 9, and arrived in O'Neill around 11 a. m. the morning of the robbery.

Val Darling and Robeson returned Brickley here early Tuesday morning.

Matt Hynes, owner of the tavern, said there had been an undetermined amount of cigarettes, candy, beer, and a \$20 and \$25 taken.

Robbers had gained entrance to the tavern through the back door transom around 10 o'clock July 10.

SKULL FRACTURE, YOUTH, 15, DIES

Harold Kaup, Youngest of 14 Children, Falls from Horse

STUART—Funeral services will be held at 9:30 today (Thursday) in St. Boniface Catholic church here for Harold R. Kaup, 15, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaup.

He died early Tuesday from a skull fracture as a result of a fall from a horse at the Kaup place, a mile Southeast of Stuart. The youth had mounted a horse about 6 a. m. to bring in the cows.

Returning to the house, he discovered he had overlooked one cow.

Upon returning to the pasture, the horse is believed to have been attempting to round a corner in the lane at a fast pace, was unable to make the turn, stopped abruptly and threw the youth against a tree root.

Those who reached the scene first thought the youth had died instantly.

The youth, youngest of 14 children was to be a sophomore at Stuart high school.

A rosary service was held at the Seger funeral home in Atkinson Tuesday evening. The body was removed to the Kaup home Wednesday afternoon and a rosary service was held there Wednesday night.

Classmates will be pallbearers: Richard Kaup, Kenneth Batenhorst, Henry Murphy, Ivo Shald, Richard Hytrek and Robert Tielke.

Rev. Joseph Kaup, of Omaha, cousin of the accident victim, will officiate.

Harold Robert Kaup was born April 4, 1934 at Stuart. One sister, Mrs. Ernest Smith, preceded him in death. She died in 1946 at the age of 19.

None Injured As Autos Collide

CHAMBERS—An accident involving two cars occurred Sunday evening on the corner two miles North of town Stanley Elkins, who was alone, was driving North to get his wife and boys at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lela Grubb.

Mrs. Le Roy Holcomb and two boys were coming from the West, where they had been visiting in the Floyd Whitaker home.

The cars jammed together, causing considerable damage to both. None of the occupants was injured.

HOSPITAL FUND UPPED \$1,754.55

Grand Total Now \$82,278; Varied Activity Helps Movement

As hospital benefit auctions, games and food sales increase the St. Anthony's building fund swelled \$1,754.55 for the week ending Wednesday, July 20.

Total amount of the funds that have been popularly subscribed to the building fund now stands at \$82,278.55. It leaves \$17,721.45 to be donated before physical construction can get underway on the 300-thousand-dollar Sand Hills area health center.

The benefit spotlight centers tonight (Thursday) on the North-Central league all-star benefit game at Carney park here. (See columns 1 and 2.)

Saturday night an auction was held on the corner of Fourth and Douglas street, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America. A cake and its tray brought \$125.50 after it had changed hands 10 times. The cake, furnished by Mrs. Oliver Ross, and the tray, by Jonas Furniture Exchange, were bought successively by Herman Janzing, Bill Derickson, Axel Borg, Harry Ressel, Paul Shierk, William McIntosh, James Fredrickson, Henry Martin, G. E. Miles and Harry Sullivan.

A chair donated by Jonas sold to Larry Bourne, with ice cream donated by Fox's Ice Cream parlor selling to Bill Derickson. Axel Borg and James Corlke bought hair permanents, one from Margaret Clauson and the other from Alma Evans.

A desk light that was donated by Jonas, was purchased by Fred Heerman. Mrs. Jig purchased a wagon load of groceries. The wagon was donated by Jonas and the groceries by the Council Oak store.

R. V. Lucas, owner of the Ben Franklin store, donated two lamps. Earl DeLong bought one while Hubert Underwood purchased the other.

In addition to the auction sale, a bingo game was also held during the evening.

The Starlight extension club Saturday held a benefit food sale at Shelhamer's that totaled \$70.32, which was donated to the building fund.

The O'Neill extension clubs will hold a benefit community food sale Saturday, July 23. The food sale will be held in the Hoffman Electric building and will begin at 9 a. m. and continue until 9 p. m.

Donations to St. Anthony's hospital fund from July 11 to July 16, 1949:

L. A. Simonson, O'Neill	15.00
LeRoy Dobrovolny, Atk	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Connor, Orchard	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arbuthnot, O'Neill	50.00
S. W. Schaff, Atkinson	5.00
R. B. Mellor, O'Neill	10.00
J. D. Walker, Ewing	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly, Atkinson	50.00
A. E. Ponton, Ewing	5.00
Frank Peter, O'Neill	250.00
Mrs. Lloyd Gibson, O'Neill	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Determan, Atkinson	10.00
Wm. Kipple, O'Neill	5.00
Catholic Daughters, O'Neill	250.00
Yvonne J. Sirek, Chicago	25.00
Girl Scout Troop 1, O'Neill	38.25
John Weichman, Stuart	1.00
Henry Murray, O'Neill	25.00
Edw. Kramer, Atkinson	1.00
William P. Morgan, Atk	1.00
Elmer C. Ailyn, Stuart	10.00
Atkinson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pease, Catholic Daughters, O'Neill	176.00
Elja McCullough, O'Neill	20.00
John Kennedy, O'Neill	10.00
L. A. Roberts, Stuart	10.00
Golden Rule Club, Page	5.00
Total	1,042.25

Total todate: \$81,208.55.

Ratigan Rites Friday at Stuart

STUART—Funeral services for Virgil Ratigan, 48, who died early this week at Casper, Wyo., will be held Friday at St. Boniface Catholic church here. Rev. A. A. Lehmen, of Atkinson, will officiate in the 9 a. m. rites.

The late Mr. Ratigan, who suffered a heart ailment, had been living in Casper. He was a son of Mrs. John Ratigan, of Stuart, and the late John Ratigan.

The remains reached Stuart late Tuesday.

Survivors include: T w o daughters, mother.

J. J. Hanaberry, of Holly Rood, Kans., arrived Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.