

Polio Drive Is Underway

O'Neill Contributions Hit \$600; Holt Goal Is \$5,000

As the March of Dimes fund raising campaign got underway throughout the nation Monday house-to-house canvass teams in Holt county towns started solicitations. Over three thousand contribution cards were sent to rural residents, according to John H. McCarville, publicity chairman.

On the "kickoff" day, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Holt county director, and Mrs. M. E. Jacobson, O'Neill director, gave the "Voice of The Frontier" listeners facts and figures about the campaign on the Monday morning broadcast.

The drive started Monday, January 16, and will last until January 31.

With the drive in its first week, Mrs. Jacobson announced that O'Neill advanced contributions to the campaign totaled \$600. The goal for the entire county is five-thousand-dollars.

In addition to the contribution cards sent to the rural residents, the Holt county superintendent of public instruction, Miss Elja McCullough, has informed all rural Holt teachers to give pupils March of Dimes contribution cards.

Meanwhile, American Legion posts in both Atkinson and O'Neill have completed arrangements for a President's ball. Simonson, post 93 here will sponsor a dance on January 26 featuring Skippy Anderson and his orchestra.

A "kigmy" (taken from the Lil' Abner comic strip) booth will be sponsored by the O'Neill chapter of the Lions club, according to D. H. Claussen, president. Weather permitting, a "kigmy" booth is to be placed on the Northwest corner of the main intersection and anyone who wishes to "blow off" steam can do so by donating 10 cents to the polio campaign and then "kick a kigmy." The booth is scheduled to be transported to the American Legion ballroom the night of the president's ball, McCarville said.

Although initial reports from the outlying communities have not been received, Mrs. Brown said door-to-door campaigns are being conducted in virtually every community to help swell the total contributions.

Mrs. Blake Ott, Amelia director, reported \$39 had thus far been collected there. Other directors in county communities are: Mrs. J. W. Walters, in Chambers; Miss Patricia McMahon at Inman; Miss Helen Martens at Emmet; Miss Frances Rotherham, of Ewing, and Mrs. Anton Nissen, of Page.

Aberdeen-Angus Sale Date Nears

Date for the fourth annual sale of the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association is Tuesday, February 7, and plans for the sale have been completed.

Sale will be held at the O'Neill Livestock Market beginning at 1 o'clock. In the morning—beginning at 10—there will be a show. Judge will be Charles Reece, of Simeon. Sale auctioneer will be Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers.

Forty-five bulls and 20 females are consigned. The consignors include: Leo T. Adams, of Chambers; Hugh Carr, of Amelia; Vernon Harmon, of Plainview; Lois Siders Juracek, of Orchard; E. L. Miner & Son, of O'Neill; Howard Pitzer, of Ericson; Harry E. Ressel & Sons, of O'Neill; E. J. Revell & Son, of Star; Sandhill Angus Ranch, of Atkinson; Ray Siders, of O'Neill; Roland Miller, of Middlebranch; For L. Knight, of O'Neill; Will Sitz, of Atkinson. In addition there will be 10 4-H club and FFA calves.

The Frontier this week delivered to the association 500 copies of a colorful 20-page catalog describing the offerings.

Meanwhile, a close-out farm sale is also booked on The Frontier's auction sale calendar. Cotton Wright and Ray Maguire are quitting the turkey farm business and selling their personal property on Friday, January 20, starting promptly at 1 o'clock. Included in the offering are 30 head of cattle and a complete line of farm machinery. Sale will be held at the place located 8 miles East and 2½ miles South of the O'Neill Livestock Market.

The Holt County Hereford Breeders' association has picked Saturday, February 18, for its annual show and sale to be held in O'Neill.

Guests Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gettert were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Farewell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gettert and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clyde and daughters, all of Atkinson.

Fred Drayton, 70, Dies at Orchard

ORCHARD — John Frederick Drayton, 70, lifelong resident of the Orchard and Ewing communities, died Saturday about 3:30 p.m. He had been ill only a few days.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Masonic temple in Orchard and burial was in the Orchard cemetery.

The late Mr. Drayton's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John William Drayton, were among earliest settlers in this region.

Survivors include: Widow — Alma; sons — John, of Valentine, and Alfred, of O'Neill; brothers — Henry and T. A.; sisters — Mrs. Herman Link, of Chadron, and Mrs. Albert Johnson, of Denver, Colo.

MEUSCH FAMILY WINS CONTEST

\$1,000 Farm Improvement Award to Be Presented Monday Evening

The William J. Meusch farm family, living four miles East and 24 miles North of Atkinson, has been named Nebraska state winners in the 1949 farmstead improvement contest, cosponsored by radio station WNAX and the Nebraska agricultural extension service.

The selection of the Meusch farmstead as having the most improvement in efficiency and appearance over entries from 27 Nebraska counties carries with it an award of \$1,000 in merchandise.

Active in all of the community projects, the Meuschs have lived on their ranch for 15 years.

Improvements on the farm include: the completion of a full basement with the installation of a central heating plant, water and sewage disposal system, a hot water unit, a wash room and shower constructed in the basement.

The interior of the home was remodeled and a bathroom built. In addition, the house and farm buildings were wired for electricity and a 110-volt power plant put in a cement block house. Metal roofs were put on the farm buildings which were repainted. The yard was landscaped and an orchard planted.

An average of 150 to 200 head of livestock are raised on the 1,180-acre Meusch ranch. Of the total acreage, 260 acres are devoted to crops.

The Meuschs have three children, Evelyn, 19, Donald, 16, and Carmon, 8, and all are active in 4-H club work.

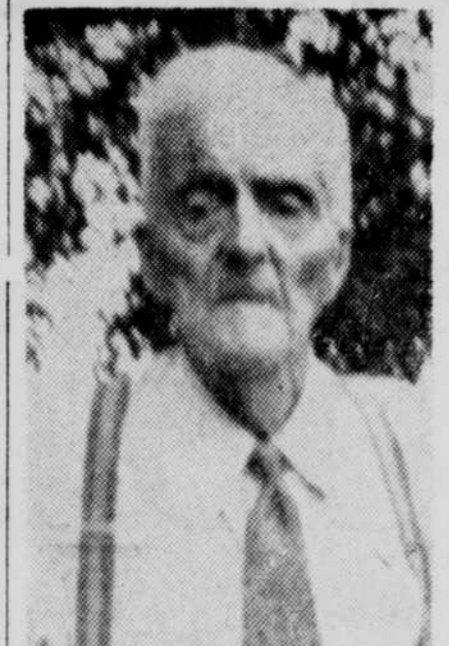
A presentation ceremony will take place Monday evening, January 23, at Slat's cafe in O'Neill, when WNAX will present the one-thousand-dollar merchandise award.

C & NW Seeks to Drop 2 Trains

The Chicago & Northwestern railroad has asked permission from the state railway commission to discontinue two trains—numbers 613 and 614—between Chadron and the Nebraska-Wyoming state line.

The request was one of two placed before the commission last week in Lincoln.

The C & NW claims it is losing 90-thousand-dollars a year because of a loss of traffic on the route.



FORMER RESIDENT DIES — Jason A. Gifford, 87 (above) died Saturday, January 7, in Omaha and was buried in Prospect Hill cemetery at O'Neill on Monday, January 9, following funeral rites at Inman. The late Mr. Gifford, survived by 5 sons and 4 daughters, came to the Inman community in 1906.



The Harry Page and Kurt Harpe families combine to make one big happy family. Left-to-right: Monica Harpe, 6½; Mrs. Kurt Harpe, 29; Maria Harpe, 5; Mr. Harpe, 41; Harry Page, David Page, 12 and Mrs. Page.—The Frontier Photo.

Harry Pages Open Home to DP Family

Kurt Harpe, Wife and 2 Daughters Come From Berlin

By a Staff Writer

Harry Page and his wife, who live on a modest 240-acre farm 3 miles North of O'Neill, believe in the Word written by St. Matthew that runs like this: Do unto others as ye would have done unto you.

That explains why Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Harpe and their two daughters, Monica, 6½, and Maria, 5, are making their home with the Pages in their small country dwelling.

You see, the Harpes are German Jews. Father, mother and the two little girls have spent their entire life in Berlin.

The vivacious little children belie the hardship and misery that had been their lot in Berlin from the day they were born.

When World War II ended the Harpes hoped and prayed for an opportunity to come to America. In 1946 they made an effort but were unsuccessful in finding a "sponsor" under the U. S. displaced persons immigration law.

The hardworking Pages, whose own five children are reared and away from home, often heard on the radio appeals from Dr. Mikkelsen, of the First Christian synagogue, of Los Angeles, Calif., urging folks to help transplant worthy European families to the USA. The Pages were touched.

They signified to Doctor Mikkelsen they wanted to help. Presently they were in correspondence with Kurt Harpe. This was in May, 1949.

There was an exchange of credentials, photographs, habits, likes and dislikes. Mr. Harpe, who had never even visited a farm in Germany, was willing to undertake anything to get his little family out of sick Europe.

They sailed from Bremerhaven with 1,300 other immigrants and arrived at New York City harbor on December 17. An American Santa Claus greeted them at the dock and Monica and Maria, along with hundreds of others, received a stocking filled with goodies.

Three days later they were comfortably located in the Page farm home, coming from New York City to O'Neill by rail.

The Pages have an adopted son, David, 12, and the overnight swelling of the family to 7 complicates living somewhat, but everyone seems perfectly happy.

David enjoys the girls and their German chatter, but he holds the key to English story-books, the ways around the barnyard, and the getting acquainted with animals.

The girls have enrolled in the first grade in district 15, taught by capable Twila Whaley. They romp down the road with David every morning. Monica had two months of formal schooling in Berlin.

Their mother, 29, who before the war aspired to be a lawyer, has made good progress in learning English and is passing her knowledge along to her hus-

band and daughters. She is, you might say, the spokesman.

But Kurt is coming along fast, too. His last Berlin job was in an employment office with the British in the British sector of Berlin.

Because of his Jewish blood Hitler's officers wouldn't have him in his army. He was forced to work in a factory where tools were made for the Wehrmacht. Kurt's job was that of a grinder on precision instruments.

Kurt's boss was a tobacco fiend and Kurt made private arrangements to keep a few cigarettes flowing to his boss regularly. Harpe is quite sure the bribery kept him out of a concentration camp.

Mrs. Harpe's father was a victim of Nazi brutality at

Auschwitz, one of the most infamous of all Nazi concentration camps. He perished there along with a few hundred thousand other Jews, French, Italians, Poles and Russians.

During the height of allied bombing of Berlin, Mrs. Harpe and her babies went to the country for several days at a time, fleeing the terror of the attacks. Once she was injured.

She brushed off the incident by saying: "That wasn't important." Describing Berlin assaults by American air armadas, Mr. Harpe groped for words but got his point across with aid of gesticulation: "Interesting but dangerous."

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David Page, 12, helps acquaint his new-found "sisters"—Maria Harpe, 5, (left) and Monica, 6½, with American story-books. The girls and their parents recently arrived in the U.S. from their native Berlin under the displaced persons act.—The Frontier Photo.

Kestenholtz Infant Expires Suddenly

INMAN — Eugene Charles Kestenholtz, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kestenholtz, died early Monday, January 16, in the O'Neill hospital. The child had been admitted to the hospital Sunday after taking ill suddenly.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church in charge of Rev. Roy M. Wingate, pastor, assisted by Elder Joseph Coon.

Inman high school girls sang three hymns and four high school boys, Ronald Cadwallader, Douglas Butterfield, Harland Morsback, and Lawrence Sholes, acted as pallbearers. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery at O'Neill.

Survivors include: Parents; sisters—Louise and Carol Ann; grandfather — Harry Kestenholtz, of Inman; grandmother — Mrs. Robert Heck, of Inman.

Return from Coast—

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Fisher returned Friday from a visit to California over the holidays. In San Mateo, they visited their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Dahms and infant daughter. They also visited in Los Angeles at the home of Dr. Fisher's mother, Mrs. Henry Fisher.

Visit Atkinson— Mrs. Charles Havranek and Dottie Lou visited in Atkinson last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Barrett and at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Havranek.

1950 Holt Fair Dates Are Fixed

CHAMBERS — Officers of the Holt County Agricultural society met in their first 1950 session Friday at the Odd Fellows hall and, among other things, fixed the dates for the 1950 exposition.

The fair this year will be held during the week corresponding with last year's fair but will start one day earlier. The dates: August 29, 30, 31 and September 1.

Officials discussed the possibility of holding a livestock sale in conjunction with the fair. Sale would enable owners and exhibitors to sell cattle that will not be entered at Ak-Sar-Ben livestock exposition or any other shows. Nothing definite was decided upon because there is ample time to develop the idea if the officers decided to go ahead, they said.

SENTENCED

District Judge D. R. Mounts Monday sentenced Edward Everett, 49, of O'Neill, to one year in the state prison after he was found guilty of writing a "no-fund" check on a bank at Ewing. Everett, a farm laborer, had previously served a term in prison for forgery the records show.

Returns from NYC—

Robert Pappenheimer returned Wednesday, January 11, from New York City where he visited for three weeks.

Norris W. Coats Unicum Candidate

Norris W. Coats, Stuart merchant, Friday filed as candidate for the Nebraska unicameral legislature from the Twenty-eighth legislative district. He is the third to enter the senatorial race.

Earlier Sen. Frank Nelson, of O'Neill, the incumbent, and Fred Jungman, of Atkinson, filed their entries. Nelson is completing his first term.

Two highest vote-getters in the August primaries will be opposed in the November general election. January 17 — John Kershenbrock, of O'Neill, Democrat candidate for Holt county sheriff; January 17 — William W. Griffin, of O'Neill, Republican incumbent, candidate for county attorney.

NEW SECTION BOSS

ATKINSON—Carroll Holmes, of Snyder, has been appointed to take the post formerly held by Herman Schrader, sr., as foreman on the C&NW railroad section crew. Mr. Holmes came to Atkinson Sunday but his wife and family will remain in Snyder until living quarters can be obtained.

To Move Soon—

William J. Beha spent Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11, visiting his family here. He will move his wife and three daughters to Sioux Falls, S. D., at the end of the month. Mr. Beha is a nurse at the Veterans' hospital in Sioux Falls.

Lutherans Mourn Dr. Maier's Death

Missouri synod Lutherans in the O'Neill region are joining millions of other persons of all creeds throughout the world in mourning the death of Dr. Walter A. Maier, 56, of St. Louis, Mo., one of the best-known Protestant church leaders.

Doctor Maier died at 12:55 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12.

Doctor Maier earned world fame as founder and principal speaker on radio's International Lutheran hour broadcast. It has been variously estimated that Doctor Maier's radio sermons reached 50 million or more listeners every week.

Memorial services were held Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran church at Chambers, Immanuel Lutheran church at Atkinson, and elsewhere.

At Chambers a special collection was taken to help provide a memorial for the radio pastor. Rev. Clyde O. Cress's sermon at Immanuel Lutheran church in Atkinson dwelt on Doctor Maier's influence on Christendom.

Services were not held at Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill last Sunday because the church auditorium was "too cold," but a memorial service for Doctor Maier will be held here on Sunday, January 22. Other Missouri synod churches in the area are: Immanuel, at Spencer; Concordia, at Clearwater; St. Paul's, at Orchard; and Immanuel, at Venus.

O'NEILL PCA NOW MEMBER-OWNED

Only 3 of 28 Original Incorporators Present For Celebration

Members of the O'Neill Production Credit association Saturday afternoon, January 14, celebrated reaching a 16-year goal—complete member-ownership of their credit association.

The association's 16th annual meeting featured the final retirement of the last block of government-owned capital stock.

A \$5,000 check, measuring 2 feet by 4 feet, was signed by James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer, and presented to Herman W. Frerichs, treasurer of the Production Credit corporation, of Omaha, by D. C. Schaffer, president of the O'Neill association. Mr. Schaffer, in turn, received a "certificate of complete member-ownership" in behalf of the association.

The association was organized in February, 1934.

Schaffer explained that original capital was provided by the government, through investing 120-thousand-dollars in the association's stock. As farmers and stockmen borrowed to finance their farming and livestock operations, they invested in the association's capital. This permitted gradual retirement of the government-owned stock.

Members now own all the capital stock—amounting to \$72,825. Reserves total \$87,089, giving members a total equity of \$159,914.

Mr. Frerichs lauded the association's members for their progress in retiring government-owned capital stock. He said that when the Production Credit system was established "in those dark days of 1934" the aim was to provide a source of credit that could serve the sound operating credit needs of farmers and stockmen "in all kinds of economic weather."

In his annual report, Secretary - Treasurer Rooney gave some idea of the size of the association the members own.

Since organization the O'Neill PCA has loaned over \$10,300,000 to farmers and stockmen in Holt, Boyd, Wheeler and Garfield counties, he said.

Loans closed in 1949 totaled more than \$1,616,000. As the association's members take over full ownership, the co-op has \$577,000 in loans outstanding.

In his remarks, Mr. Rooney referred to the 23 original incorporators who met in O'Neill on February 8, 1934, with a vision that has now become a reality. Incorporators were:

John Schmidt, Spencer; J. B. Ableidinger, Spencer; A. J. Fink, Anoka; Frank F. Weber, Butte; A. U. Dix, Butte; K. A. Clifton, Butte; W. J. Fusselman, Anoka; E. W. Moss, Burwell; F. W. Chatfield, Burwell; H. H. Fransen, Burwell; Frank Stanek, Burwell; Ray E. Nelson, Burwell; A. E. Jenks, Burwell; Gerald T. Dye, Burwell.

George Weber, Stuart; D. C. Schaffer, O'Neill; Warren Gilman, Amelia; Harry Ressel, O'Neill; R. H. Leinhardt, O'Neill; J. A. Beck, Atkinson; Andy Clark, O'Neill; H. C. Mignery, Elgin; Chas. J. Bartak, Ewing; A. L. Bishop, Bartlett; Warren C. Savage, Ericson; Richard F. Lehman, Ericson; Leo Clouse, Ericson; Frank Kaiser, Spalding.

Of the 28 incorporators a number have died, some have moved from the territory and only D. C. Schaffer, Andy Clark and Harry Ressel were present at the meeting.

More than 160 farmers and stockmen and their wives attended the O'Neill association's "celebration" meeting, which was held in the Golden hotel.

They re-elected Ott Oberg, of Ericson, to the board of directors for a three-year term. Other directors are: C. F. Clark, of Burwell; Otto Krupicka, of Spencer; Ray Siders, of O'Neill, and Mr. Schaffer.

2,339 Purchase

1950 License Plates— Up to noon Wednesday, 2,339 owners of motor vehicles in Holt county had purchased their 1950 license plates, according to J. Ed Hancock, treasurer. There is no penalty involved if owners purchase 1950 plates after February 15—the deadline. However, owners are subject to arrest and fine if found driving on old license plates after that date.