

# Hereford Sale Tops Calendar

Collins, Jutte, Ernst and David Also List Sales With The Frontier

Next 10 days are jam-packed with sales ranging from a registered Hereford sale to a gigantic machinery auction and 3 farm sales in between.

First sale on The Frontier's sale calendar is the annual spring sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association to be held Saturday, February 18, at the O'Neill Livestock Market. Show will begin at 10 a.m. and the sale will start at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the offering, according to Sale Manager James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, are 57 bulls and 20 females. These include 4 aged bulls, 9 two-year-old bulls, 12 senior two-year-old bulls, 11 junior two-year-old bulls, 5 yearling bulls, 16 bull calves, 2 two-year-old heifers and 18 heifer calves.

These Herefords come from the following lines: Prince Dominos, Mischiefs, Thicksets, Regents, Anxieties, North Stars, Stanways, Paladins, Pioneers, Via Carlos, WHR's, Caspers, Lamplighters and Aladdins.

Charles Corke will be auctioneer and Emil Rezac, Tabor, S. D., is judge. Cattle will be judged but cattle lacking quality and breed characteristics will not be sold.

Breeders selling in the sale are: Francis Andrel, of Inman; D. E. Bowen & Son, of Page; Albert Carson, of Redbird; S. E. Dexter, of Amelia; Forrest Farrand, of O'Neill; Ray Hoffman, of Chambers; Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill; Emil Klaben, of Ewing; Edward Krugman, of O'Neill; Harlan Larson, of Ewing; Henry Miksch, of Stuart; Arthur H. O'Neill & Sons, of O'Neill; C. V. Robertson, of Chambers; Elwyn Robertson, of Chambers; George Rowse, of Chambers; George Rowse & Son, of Chambers; Zane Rowse, of Chambers; Vern Sageser, of Amelia; C. F. Small & Sons, of Amelia; Marvin Snyder, of Page; Ben Turek, of Amelia; Harold Van Vleet & Sons, of Clearwater; Joe M. Wadsworth, of Spencer; Whitaker & Whitaker, of Chambers and Henry Wood, of Ewing.

Five hundred 28-page 2-color catalogs were printed by The Frontier for the Hereford association. In addition, The Frontier has provided 2-color posters, radio and newspaper advertising in "package" form.

Laurence Butler and Hi Mackey will be fieldmen at Saturday's sale, which is expected to attract a large crowd.

Lloyd Collins Implements, of O'Neill, will hold another big new and used machinery auction on Saturday, February 25. Sale will feature 50 new and used tractors and hundreds of other miscellaneous items. (See advertisement on page 8 and news story elsewhere on this page.)

Three farm sales are booked on The Frontier's "package" sale calendar.

Ralph L. Ernst, who recently moved to Miltonvale, Kans., will sell his personal property at auction on Tuesday, February 21. Place is located 20 miles north of O'Neill on highway 281. Included is a complete line of farm machinery and some household goods. Col. Ed Thoren, of Chambers, is auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 6.)

William Jutte, well-known Chambers farmer, will hold a cleanup farm sale at his place, located 12 miles south and 2 miles west of O'Neill on Wednesday, February 22. Sale will begin at noon and lunch will be served by the Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Mr. Jutte will sell 45 head of Angus cattle. This herd has been culled for 37 years and consists of some of the finest big-boned Angus cows in the country. In addition, he will sell 8 head of horses, 17 head of shoats, some prairie hay, machinery and equipment and some household goods.

Thoren is the auctioneer and Leo T. Adams, also of Chambers, will clerk. (See advertisement on page 7.)

On Friday, February 24, Verie David will sell personal property at the place located 2 miles north and 2 1/2 miles east of Chambers. Offering includes 6 head of cattle, some practical new and some used farm machinery. David is moving from the farm into town. Colonel Thoren is the auctioneer and Mr. Adams will clerk. (See advertisement on page 4.)

**Red Cross Drive To Begin Soon**

EMMET—Mrs. Guy O. Cole, of Emmet, chairman of the Holt county American Red Cross drive for 1950, said Wednesday the drive would begin soon.

**NEW PATROLMAN**  
A new Nebraska safety patrolman has been assigned to O'Neill. He is Patrolman Frank Dineen. He will serve with Patrolman Faye Robeson, who has been stationed here for several years.

## August Primary Filings Continue

August primary election filing continued this week as 3 more people posted their fees.

The new filings are: Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, incumbent registrar of deeds, Republican, filed February 21.

Andy Clark, of Grattan township, incumbent, supervisor from the Third district, posted his fee February 9.

John Grutsch, of O'Neill, filed February 10, for county clerk, Grutsch filed on the Democratic ticket.

Filings have mounted to 23 with this week's entries.

Thus far 7 have filed for county sheriff—4 Republicans and 3 Democrats; 2 have filed for supervisor from the Seventh district—a Republican and a Democrat; 3 have posted their fees for the state legislature (28th district); 1 has filed for county attorney on the Republican ticket; 4 have posted their fees for assessor—2 Democrats and 2 Republicans; 1 besides Grutsch has filed for county clerk, on the Republican ticket; and 1 each, Republican, for county treasurer and clerk of the district court.

## EDWARD STRACKE STROKE VICTIM

**Stuart Man, 63, Dies At The Wheel Of a Pickup Truck**

STUART — Edward Stracke, 63, died Monday morning about 11:10 o'clock while driving a pickup truck into Stuart. His brother, George Stracke, was with him.

Mr. Stracke, who lived in Stuart, had gone to the ranch about 2 miles from Stuart to feed cattle and was returning from the country when the heart attack occurred. He had been "ailing some" recently, relatives said, and "was not feeling well" earlier in the morning. He retired from the farm and moved into town about 5 years ago.

A rosary service was held Monday evening at the Coats funeral chapel. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in St. Boniface Catholic church and burial was in St. Boniface cemetery. Rev. Urbanski, of Emmet, officiated in the absence of Rev. A. J. Paschang, who is in a Yankton hospital.

**Survivors include: Widow; daughters — Mrs. George (Mary) Wallinger and Mrs. Stanley (Charlotte) Cobb; son — LaVern, all of Stuart; brothers—George and Fred, both of Stuart.**

The late Mr. Stracke was born in Rock county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stracke. He was reared in Rock county. His widow is the former Ethel Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cobb were enroute home from Chicago, Ill. when Mr. Stracke was struck. They learned of the death upon their return to Stuart.

## Collins Schedules Machinery Auction

Lloyd Collins, head of Lloyd Collins Implements in O'Neill, as announced that he will conduct another big new and used machinery auction. Date set is Saturday, February 25.

Sale will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be held at the east edge of the city on highways 20 and 275.

Mr. Collins said he arranged for the sale in response to many requests. In November, Mr. Collins ran a similar sale that was acclaimed "a great success." Billed as a pre-inventory sale, the event attracted buyers from several states.

"Next week's sale promises to be as big, if not bigger," Mr. Collins said Wednesday while making final arrangements with The Frontier for handling all the advertising. This includes huge posters, newspaper and radio announcements.

Many O'Neill merchants are joining in a bargain day promotion for that date—Saturday, February 25—coinciding with the Collins sale. Full details, including a listing of all the machinery and farm equipment and scores of bargain day specials, will be found in the February 23 issue of The Frontier.

**80 Names Drawn By Board**  
The Holt county board of supervisors recently drew 80 names from which will be selected the March district jury panel, according to District Judge D. R. Mounts.

The jury term is scheduled to get started March 6, Mounts said. The panel members must be chosen 10 days prior to the beginning of the term.

## 11 INCHES SNOW BLANKETS HOLT

**Contains Much Moisture; Crews Clear Highways And Streets**

Scenes reminiscent of the blizzards of 1948-'49 blew into Holt county and the O'Neill region Saturday and Sunday. Some roads were partially blocked and some communications were disrupted.

Balmy, springlike temperatures disappeared Saturday afternoon about 1:30 when snow began to fall. Snow fell almost continuously until early Monday morning. During that time the O'Neill region received approximately 11 inches of snow. Other parts of the county reported from 9 to 11 inches of snow. The Celia community, north of Atkinson, reported about a 10-inch snow with no drifting.

J. D. Osenbaugh, resident engineer for the state department of roads and irrigation, said Monday that drifting had occurred along all main highways. Maintenance crews worked Sunday and by Monday at 9 a.m. highway 20, west of O'Neill, was open to Valentine. East of O'Neill on highway 20, snow clearing crews had some difficulty before they conquered an 18-inch drift about a half-mile long. The drift started at a point 3 miles east of O'Neill. Highway 20 east was opened by noon. Osenbaugh said.

Highway 281 north and south of O'Neill had minor drifts on it but traffic was not delayed on those roads.

Some new drifting occurred Monday night but by Wednesday evening maintenance crews had cleared all main highways and secondary roads.

**Spokesmen for bus companies running in and out of O'Neill reported that most buses were running behind schedule Sunday and Monday with 4 runs being cancelled.**

Sunday evening and Monday morning runs to Sioux City and Norfolk were cancelled. However, all buses are now on schedule.

Chicago & North Western railroad officials said both passenger and freight trains were running slightly behind schedule Sunday evening and Monday morning.

City crews have been clearing snow from the city streets.

Some rural schools did not hold classes for the day and various clubs and groups were forced to postpone meetings because of the adverse weather and road conditions.

## Orchard Man Creates Violin

ORCHARD — Phil Burton, of Orchard, has made for himself a violin on which he already has played several "concerts." The crude instrument was fashioned from an abandoned apple crate. He is using conventional violin strings and a regular bow.

By MRS. R. J. HERING, Special Correspondent  
ORCHARD — Valentine displays in shop windows is a challenge to youngsters and teenagers to remember loved ones, friends and sweethearts.

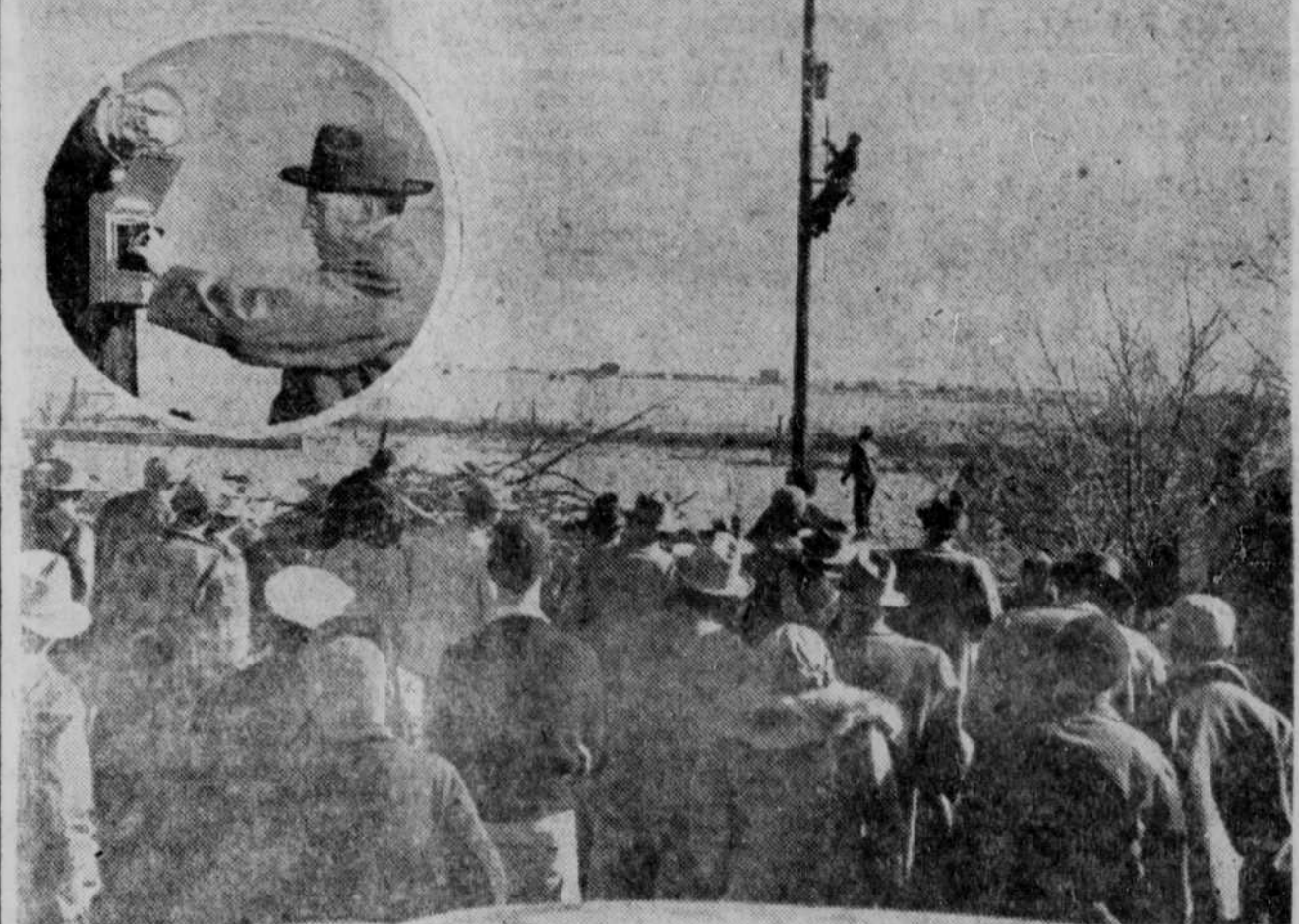
But Valentine's day, 1950, brought memories to Mrs. Dora Walmer, now in her 78th year. Turning the pages of the old Bible, a gift from her parents on her wedding day 55 years ago—May 12, 1895, Mrs. Walmer found two yellowed envelopes. Tucked away in each was a lacy Valentine in pink, white and blue. One bore the inscription "From John to Dora," and the other "From Dora to John," each dated in 1895, 3 months before their marriage.

Let us peep inside the lacy cover to see what young men of a half-century and more ago were thinking:

LOVE  
I need not declare it, already you know.  
I love you, I love you!  
For joy or for woe.  
For joy if you love me,  
O idol of mine;  
For woe if you leave me  
In anguish to pine.

And since we have dared to read this tender message, we shall be bold enough to read the message from Dora to John.

TRUE LOVE  
I love you with a fond love,  
I give you my first vow,  
I'll never love another,  
If you forsake me now.  
Ah! No; if you desert me,  
'Tis the end of joy for me;



Andy Schacht, of O'Neill, (on pole) and Thomas Courtney, of Lynch (at base of pole) are shown "tying-in" the Mrs. Alice Matthews farm for electricity from the REA lines. President William Blakkolb, of Naper, president of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, is shown (inset) connecting the meter. Ceremony marked beginning of rural electrification in Holt county. (See story below.)—The Frontier Photos.

## CHAMBER HEARS MAIL REPORT

Survey Satisfies Postal Official Who Will Recommend Delivery

The Chamber of Commerce in regular monthly session Tuesday noon at Slat's cafe heard a report from A. E. Bowen, member of the Chamber's mail delivery committee.

Bowen pointed out that a partial house-to-house and business-to-business survey showed an "overwhelming desire" for mail delivery service in the city.

Three hundred and fifty family heads and firm heads have indicated a desire for this service, Mr. Bowen said.

J. C. Shoep, of Norfolk, postal inspector for this region, will recommend to the postmaster general that mail delivery be provided in O'Neill, Bowen reported.

Meanwhile, citizens wanting service will have to provide their own mail boxes, mark their own houses with numbers, the city will have to mark streets, etc.

"This will take considerable preparation and planning," Mr. Bowen reported.

Mail delivery as it is planned will not embrace the entire city, Mr. Bowen said. The service will be provided in the business district and 2 blocks south of Douglas street from one end of the city to the other. Service will extend 3 blocks north of Douglas street except in the Ford's park area, where it will be discontinued on page 4)

## Valentine's Day Brings Memories

My first love, and my last love,  
All! All! I give to thee.  
Beautiful words were these  
and the sincerity implied was  
never to be doubted for the marriage  
endured for almost 50 years.  
John died two years prior to the golden wedding date.

Her parents left the farm later on and moved to O'Neill when she was 15-years-old, said Mrs. Walmer. She entered school and it was there she later became acquainted with the young man, her brother's friend, who was to become her husband.

Mrs. Walmer's father, George Jones, operated a livery barn in O'Neill for several years.

Recalling her wedding day, she stated that she was married on May 12, 1895, at high noon in the Methodist church, Rev. E. E. Hosman officiating. Her brother, Charles Jones, and Mr. Walmer's sister, Lou (now Mrs. Charles Kinman, of Colorado Springs, Colo.) were witnesses.

Her husband had the home ready and it was there the bride party went for dinner.

## Rural Power Comes to Holt

A brief, simple ceremony at 11 a.m. last Thursday, February 9, marked the coming of rural electrification to Holt county.

Setting was the Mrs. Alice Matthews farm, 1 1/2 miles northwest of O'Neill.

Two REA linemen accomplished the "tie-in" of the Matthews farm to the REA line that passes the Matthews place. A "step-down" transformer was hooked up, reducing the high voltage to 110-volts for domestic use.

At the same time, President William Blakkolb, of Naper, president of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, connected the meter in a symbolic gesture. About 40 persons witnessed the ceremony, which was arranged by Ed Wilson, Niobrara manager.

Several O'Neill appliance dealers were on hand at the Matthews farms with electrical displays.

Several members of the Niobrara board of directors—including Carroll O'Neill, of O'Neill; Vern Sageser of Amelia, Joseph Roche of Spencer; Harry J. Ressel, of O'Neill; Charles Mulford, of Stuart and John T. Murray, of Spencer, attorney—were present for the informal ceremony.

Eventually, officials said, they hope to have a "majority" of Holt county farmers energized by REA.

which he eventually traded for a store in Orchard which was known as Walmer's general merchandise store. Still later, and within the memory of most folks in the Orchard community, the Walmer operated a bakery in Orchard where Mrs. Walmer plied her culinary skill in mixing up pie dough and batches of cookies and cakes too numerous to mention.

She recalls one afternoon when she made 27 pies. "I was so tired of pie I never wanted to see another one!" she explains.

In later years the Walmer greenhouse attracted widespread attention. The construction of the building was most unique and was effected by using glass from the doors and windshields of junked cars.

In speaking of this last venture, Mrs. Walmer said, "I planted 48 peach trees. At the end of 5 years we gathered 20 bushel of beautiful fruit."

Mrs. Walmer's husband died in 1943. Then she disposed of the greenhouse to Mr. and Mrs. Venticher, who operate it.

Mrs. Walmer has 6 children: Mrs. Rollie (Blanche) Brittain, of Keystone, S. D.; Mrs. A. L. (Lila) Hamilton, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; John, of Royal; Homer, of Spencer, Ia.; Mrs. Gordon (Doris) Blenderman, R. N., of Sioux City; and Laurence, of the army, stationed in Washington, D. C. She also has 10 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. (Continued on page 10)

## JOHN KROHN, 62, FARMER EXPIRES

Funeral Delayed 24 Hours Because of Weather Conditions

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Biglin Bros. funeral home here for John Krohn, 62, a farmer. Rev. V. R. Bell officiated and the body was taken to Elgin for burial.

Originally the services had been scheduled for Monday morning, but because of adverse weather conditions, the rites were delayed for 24 hours.

Mr. Krohn died early Friday morning at a hospital here.

Survivors include: brothers—Chris Krohn, of Portland, Ore.; Harry Krohn, of Madison, Ky.; of Norfolk; sisters—Mrs. Carrie Harbottle, of Albion, and Mrs. Gratha Kinky, of Norfolk.

## Z. G. Butterfields Wed Half-Century

VENUS — Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Butterfield, of Venus, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, February 26.

A dinner will be served at 12 o'clock noon to the children, brothers, sisters, and other near relatives.

Between 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and between 7 and 10 o'clock in the evening the Butterfields will observe open house.

The Venus couple has two children: Elven A. Butterfield, of Neligh who is Antelope county attorney, and Mrs. Frank Reed, of Lincoln.

The Butterfields still reside on the place they brought in the spring of 1900 when they were married. They have resided there continuously.

## Benefit Basketball Games Tonight

Two benefit basketball games are on tap tonight (Thursday) in the O'Neill high school gymnasium. Games are under the sponsorship of the Lions club.

In a preliminary, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the O'Neill Irish seconds will tangle with the Clearwater Towners. In the main event, beginning at 8:45, the O'Neill Irish, speedy amateur outfit, will entertain the Winner (S.D.) Aces.

Two more benefit games, also Lion-sponsored, are set for Sunday, February 19. The O'Neill Irish will meet the Atkinson Towners at 2:30 p.m., and the Irish seconds will square off against the Lynch Towners at 3:45 p.m. (For further details see advertisement on page 12.)

## CHURCH FILLED FOR FUNERAL

Burial at Bassett for Mrs. Fredrickson, 35, Mother of 4

An overflow crowd of relatives and friends Sunday gathered at the Methodist church to attend funeral services for Mrs. James G. Fredrickson, 35, O'Neill housewife and mother of 4 children.

Mrs. Fredrickson was found dead in the basement of the family home on East Douglas street when children returned from school Thursday afternoon, February 9. She died from self-inflicted shotgun wounds.

County Attorney William W. Griffin, acting as coroner, investigated. He said Mrs. Fredrickson had left a note and announced there would be no inquest.

Rev. V. R. Bell, Methodist church pastor, officiated in the 2 p.m. funeral rites directed by Biglin Bros. Despite the heavy snowfall, the church could not accommodate the persons who came to pay final respects.

Reverend Bell said "Mrs. Fredrickson was a kind and loving mother and her departure is a severe loss to the family. She will be missed by a large circle of near relatives and friends."

Burial was in the Bassett cemetery. Pallbearers were: Harry Gorbal, of Bassett; Gene McDermott, of Long Pine; Arthur Rurode, of Ewing; Earl Bauld, William Brewster, Virgil Laursen, Lee Blake and George Layh, all of O'Neill.

The late Mrs. Fredrickson, daughter of Frank and Eric Fern Moore, was born at Newport on January 9, 1915. She was reared at Newport and graduated from the Rock county high school at Bassett.

On June 15, 1932, she married James G. Fredrickson in a nuptial rite that took place in O'Neill.

They became the parents of 4 children: Geraldine, Gene, Carol and James Allen. The family lived at Bassett for several years during which time the 3 oldest children were born.

In the spring of 1946 Mr. Fredrickson moved his family to O'Neill where he assumed management of the livestock market, which he designated as the Fredrickson Livestock Commission company. On December 1, 1949, he relinquished management of the market and prepared to move to a ranch near Newport.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Geraldine and Carol; sons—Gene and James Allen; mother—Mrs. Frank Moore, of Bassett; brothers—Glenn Moore, of Mariaville; Dean Moore and Hugh Moore, both of Newport; sisters—Mrs. Robert (Elva) Clausen, of Omaha, and Mrs. Walter (Grace) Johnson, of Newport.

She was a member of the O'Neill Methodist church, having transferred her membership from the Bassett Methodist church in December, 1946.

Mr. Fredrickson had taken Mrs. Fredrickson's mother, Mrs. Moore, back to Bassett the day of the tragedy and he had not returned when it occurred. Mrs. Moore had been at the Fredrickson home for several days.

On Saturday, January 14, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson became the parents of a son, James Allen, born in a Bassett hospital.

## Efficient Firemen Prevent Big Loss

CHAMBERS — The Chambers fire department was called to the Wayne Smith home 1 mile south of Chambers last Thursday evening, February 9.

Mr. Smith had taken a lantern and placed it on the ground several feet from the oil barrels, from which he was getting tractor fuel and putting into the tractor. Another barrel, which had not been in use since last summer, suddenly exploded.

The fire caught in the trees near by and also along the corncrib near the barrels. The corncrib was burned on one side.

The quick work of the fire department, which was on the scene in a matter of minutes, saved the family serious loss.

Go to Omaha—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne departed early Wednesday for Omaha where they will attend a state hardware dealers convention.