

Soil Conservation Theme of Edition

Conservationist Hill Helps Frontier Staff Produce This Number

This is The Frontier's first annual Holt county soil conservation edition. The conservation theme is carried through most of this issue, and section 2 (consisting of pages 9-16), deals almost exclusively with the subject.

Great strides have been made in conservation work in recent years, and Holt county, thanks to longrange planning on the part of many of its farmers and ranchers and to leadership provided by the Soil Conservation Service, is one of the ranking counties in the western half of the United States in conservation progress.

C. R. ("Bob") Hill, Holt County Soil Conservation district technician, has gathered most of the data and worked closely with The Frontier in the production of the conservation section of this edition. Mr. Hill served as a B-17 Flying Fortress navigator during World War II and flew missions in the European theater. He attended Hebron junior college and graduated from the University of Nebraska college of agriculture.

Grass, the most important crop to the agriculture of north-central Nebraska and, particularly, Holt county, will be discussed Tuesday, February 28, at a district grassland meeting which will be held in the city auditorium at Stuart.

Grass Day is under the direction of the Holt county soil conservation district and its head, C. R. Hill.

The day-long activities will be highlighted by a panel discussion of "Profits from Grass." Many well-known Holt and out-of-county authorities on grass will participate.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 a. m. with the soil conservation district annual meeting. (See section 2 of this issue for the program of the day.)

Drinks Lye Water; Seriously Burned

LeRoy Moos, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moos, of O'Neill, is in an Omaha hospital undergoing treatment for internal burns.

The child suffered the injury when he drank a small quantity of lye water solution while his mother had left her work to answer the telephone.

His condition was considered "serious" and Saturday he was given a blood transfusion.

Dinner Planned For GOP Parley

A parley of Holt county Republicans and state GOP officials will be held in O'Neill on Wednesday, March 8.

According to Holt GOP Chairman Ira H. Moss, of O'Neill, the meeting has been called by Republican State Chairman David Martin, who will preside. Also present will be Mrs. Arthur Bowring, of Merriman, state vice-chairman; Mrs. Edna Donald, of Grand Island, national committeewoman; Joseph Wishart, of Lincoln, state finance chairman, and Bob Sanford, president of the Nebraska Young Republicans.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p. m. at the American Legion auditorium. Talks and an informal discussion will follow.

Moss said dinner reservations should be mailed to him before March 1.

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C. R. ("Bob") Hill . . . ex-air force flyer now works the soil. (Story at left)

CHAMP HEREFORD BULL HITS \$1,500

Registered Sale Grosses \$30,165; 57 Bulls Average \$446

An estimated 1,200 people attended the annual spring sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association held in O'Neill Saturday, February 18.

The 77 head of registered Herefords sold for \$30,165, or an average of over \$391 per head. Fifty-seven bulls averaged \$446 per head and 20 females averaged \$237. The top 10 bulls averaged \$746 and the top 40 bulls averaged \$516.

The grand champion bull, JR Eclipse Domino, was shown by Geo. Rowse & Son, of Chambers, and sold for \$1,500 to Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill—a new high for the O'Neill sale. The reserve champion bull, JRS Paladin, shown by Whitaker & Whitaker, of Chambers, sold for \$710 to Louis Juracek, of Niobrara.

The grand champion female, Empress 95th, shown by Geo. Rowse & Son, also sold for \$540 to Clarence Ernst. The reserve champion female, JRS Miss Militant, shown by Whitaker & Whitaker, was purchased by Nelson Bros., of Clearwater, for \$460.

Geo. Burke, of Ewing, purchased Mischief Domino shown by Harold Van Vleck & Sons, of Clearwater, for \$720, and F. Mischief, shown by Ray Hoffman, of Chambers, for \$710. Forrest Farrand, of O'Neill, paid \$700 for Proud Mixer J, the bull which stood third in the championship class. This bull was shown by D. E. Bowen & Son, of Page.

Max Williams, of Bonesteel, S. D., paid \$690 for Bocaldo Return, shown by Whitaker & Whitaker. Mr. Weber, of Royal, paid \$675 for Chief Domino 20th, shown by C. V. Robertson, of Chambers. Geo. Rowse & Son won the large trophy for the best pair, bull and female. This trophy was donated by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce and will become the permanent property of the breeder winning it 3 times.

Geo. Rowse & Son won the trophies for champion bull and champion female and Whitaker & Whitaker won the trophies for reserve champion bull and reserve champion female. These trophies were awarded by the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association.

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Fire Destroys Livestock Mart



This dramatic photograph of the O'Neill Livestock Market fire was snapped during the height of the blaze by The Frontier's staff photographer, John H. McCarville. Onlookers are silhouetted in the foreground.

O'NEILL TEACHERS GET PAY INCREASE

The 22-member faculty at the O'Neill public school Monday evening was reelected at a meeting of the O'Neill board of education. However, several of the teachers will not be eligible to enter into a new contract until August 1.

One hundred dollar annual increases were granted Supt. Ira George and 19 other members of his faculty. Two teachers — Principal Howard Dean and Miss Rosemary Vondracek, vocal music instructor — were voted \$200 annual increases.

Faculty members and the proffered salaries for the 1950-'51 term follow:

Ira George, superintendent and band, \$5,000; Howard Dean, principal and basketball coach, \$3,900; Beryl Gerdes, vocational agriculture, \$3,850; Marvin Miller, football coach and science, \$3,400; Beryl Damkroger, veteran's agriculture department (not paid by board); Miss Esther Kinnier, commercial, \$2,800; Miss Viola Haynes, science and visual aids, \$2,800; Miss Alice French, mathematics and library, \$2,800; G. R. Nicholas, English and speech, \$2,800; Miss Claire Tomjack, English and normal training, \$2,800; Miss Neta Bellinger, home economics, \$2,800; Miss Rosemary Vondracek, vocal music, \$2,800; Mrs. Catherine Fritton, first grade, \$2,050; Miss Loretta Enright, second grade, \$2,165; Miss Hilda Gallagher, \$2,165; Miss LuVerne Schultz, fourth grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Ray Battenhausen, fifth grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Emanuel Siegler, sixth grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Alice Fritton, seventh grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Leo Mullen, eighth grade, \$2,050; Mrs. Florence Schultz, special, \$2,050; Mrs. Harry Petersen, kindergarten (four-fifths time), \$1,660.



Next day the blaze was still smoldering. Origin of the fire is unknown. Only the pavilion (which housed the firm's office) was destroyed, pens, sheds and a nearby cafe were saved. Firemen battled the blaze for 3 1/2 hours. —The Frontier Photo.

COLLINS SALE TOPS CALENDAR

Machinery Auction To Be 'Biggest Ever'; 5 Farm Sales Listed

Probably one of the biggest machinery auctions ever to be held in Northeast Nebraska will be staged here Saturday, February 25, on the east outskirts of O'Neill under the sponsorship of Lloyd Collins Implements, of O'Neill.

This huge machinery auction tops the 6 sales listed this week in The Frontier's sale calendar. Mr. Collins says the sale will be held rain, snow or shine on the sale date.

There have been 30 new and used tractors lined up for this auction and a complete description of listings will be found on pages 18 and 19 in a big, double page advertisement in this issue.

Sale is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p. m., south of the Seger service station in East O'Neill. Mr. Collins says the sale has all the earmarks of being "bigger and better" than a similar auction that was held last November.

"The public has demanded another of these huge new and used machinery auctions," Collins said as final preparations were completed Wednesday.

Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, and Col. Clifford Nelson, of Oakland, are auctioneers and the O'Neill National bank will clerk.

Other sales on the Frontier's sale calendar are:

Friday, February 24: Verle David will hold a public sale of personal property. He lives 2 miles north and 2 1/2 miles east of Chambers or 14 miles south and 2 west and another mile south and west of O'Neill. He will hold a public sale of personal property, including 6 head of cattle, some farm machinery, 1,300 bushes of ear corn, 4 dozen mixed laying hens. The sale will start at 1 p. m. Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be the auctioneer, and Leo T. Adams, of Chambers, will clerk.

Friday, February 24: Col. Wallace O'Connell, of O'Neill, will auction the personal property of the John Krohn estate, located 3 miles northeast of O'Neill. Included will be 25 head (Continued on page 5)

Mullen Files For Treasurer

James Mullen, of O'Neill, a Democrat, filed this week for the post of county treasurer in the coming August primary elections.

Mullen was the only one who filed for a county post this week, according to County Clerk Ruth Hoffman.

J. Ed Hancock, Republican incumbent treasurer, filed earlier for the post. The number of persons who have thus far posted fees for the coming primary election now stands at 24.

O'Neill Firms To Stage Bargain Days

O'Neill merchants Saturday, February 25, are participating together in another bargain festival known as Bargain Days.

The bargains will be good for Saturday only and the bargains are bigger than ever before! Consult page 4 of this issue for a guide to best bargains.

Because of the fire (see other story elsewhere on page) at the O'Neill Livestock Market, The Frontier has foregone its regular weekly run of star specials.

SPENCER FOUNDER DIES IN OMAHA

Henrietta Alida Woods, 90, And Husband Among Firstcomers

SPENCER — Mrs. Henrietta Alida Woods, 90, who with her late husband, James T. Woods, had the honor of helping found the town of Spencer, died Wednesday, February 15, in Omaha.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Jones funeral home. The pallbearers were G. E. Couch, Vac Sedivy, Paul Woidneck, Joseph Fiala, Joseph Nemecek and Dr. J. M. Pucelik.

The late Mrs. Woods was born in DeKalk, Ill., on March 19, 1859. When a young girl she moved with her parents to Cape Cod, Mass. From there she returned west, settling at Madelia, Minn., where her parents were among the earliest settlers.

They came to Spencer and helped establish the town. One of her sons founded the Spencer National bank.

Survivors include: Son—Lynn A. Woods, of Omaha.

Larger Pavilion Will Be Built on Old Site; Sales Are Interrupted

Volunteer firemen battled for 3 1/2 hours a blaze of undetermined origin that destroyed the O'Neill Livestock Market. Flames broke shortly before 11 p. m. Saturday and in a short time flames enveloped the frame structure.

Loss was variously estimated from 10- to 15-thousand dollars, and it is partially covered by insurance.

There will be no sale in O'Neill today (Thursday) but the regular Thursday auction is expected to be resumed a week from today—Thursday, March 2, according to Leigh and Verne Reynoldson, the co-managers. (Details will be announced on the regular "Voice of The Frontier" radio programs.)

Meanwhile, workmen are clearing away the debris in preparation for construction and temporary sale arrangements.

A special meeting of the O'Neill Civic club, owners of the market, was held Monday night. A committee was appointed to inspect other pavilions and make plans for a new, enlarged arena. Cochairmen of the committee are C. J. Gatz and J. Leo Moore. Other members are H. L. Lindberg, M. J. Diehlman, H. J. Lohaus, C. E. Lundgren (alternate). Already they have inspected several pavilions including Atkinson's.

Physical construction of the new plant will begin in "just a few days," spokesmen said.

No one was injured and no livestock was lost as a result of the fire. Several hours earlier the pavilion had been the scene of the annual spring show and sale of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association, which attracted about 1,200 persons.

O'Neill volunteer firemen battled the flames for 3 1/2 hours in early morning frigid temperatures. The structure, firemen reported, was halfway destroyed when they arrived shortly after 11 p. m. Fire Chief G. E. ("Hap") Miles said the fire originated in a shed over the scales on the south side of the frame structure. He believed faulty electrical wiring or a discarded cigar or cigarette could have caused the fire.

Charles Fox, jr., 22, of O'Neill, turned in the alarm at 11 p. m. after he saw the blaze from highway 20, about a mile east of the pavilion.

Fox said, "The flames had reached 8 to 10 feet high" and added he thought the fire had been raging approximately 20 minutes when he discovered it.

Miles said the fire department ran a big hose to the Burlington railroad turntable house, about a quarter of a mile north, for an increased supply of water to aid in battling the blaze. This, he said, was the only thing which saved a cafe located 40 feet northeast of the burning pavilion. Pens immediately south of the sale barn were slightly damaged.

Verne and Leigh Reynoldson, lessors of the pavilion, said Sunday between 25 and 30 head of livestock were in the pens at the time of the fire. Ten were registered Herefords left there Saturday after the sale. All escaped unscratched.

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Not long ago the area shown (above), on the E. J. Revell place, 26 miles northeast of O'Neill, was a deep, barren ravine that was ravished by soil erosion. Two spawning ponds have transformed the scene. Mr. Revell uses

the spawning ponds to restock a larger artificial lake on his place. In the photo are H. A. Miller, former district conservationist, Mr. Revell, and L. F. Bredemeier, of Valentine, former work unit conservationist here.



George Rowse, of Chambers, (right), is receiving a silver loving cup from President Melvin Ruzicka of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce for showing the grand champion bull in the annual Hereford show and sale here. Ruzicka helps Rowse suspend the cup and Chuck Apgar is describing the proceedings for the "Voice of The Frontier's" radio audience. Program was recorded and played-back. Prize-winning pair is shown at right.—Frontier photo.