

2 Races Seen in Muny Election

Second and Third Wards List 2 Candidates For Council Positions

O'Neill voters will trek to the polls Tuesday, April 4, in a city and school election that promises to be only slightly more interesting than usual.

The city will vote on a mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, 3 councilmen, police judge and 2 members of the board of education. Eleven petitions were filed Friday—closing date for filing. Candidates, all petition candidates, are:

For mayor—Jack E. Davis.
For city clerk—O. D. French.
For city treasurer—John C. Watson.
For councilman, First ward—L. M. Diehlman.
For councilman, Second ward—Tony Asimus and Raymond Eby.
For councilman, Third ward—DeEtta Bellin and C. E. Jones.
For police judge—H. W. Tomlinson.
For board of education—L. A. Burgess and George Shoemaker.

Incumbent Mayor H. E. Coyne was not a candidate for reelection. A veteran of 18 years on the city council and a term of mayor in the 1930's, Coyne was "drafted" for mayor in an informal caucus in 1948 and was subsequently elected. He succeeded F. J. Dishner, who was ill.

Jack E. Davis's candidacy was solicited by several members of the present city council and a number of prominent citizens. He is junior partner in the Midwest Motor Co., Ltd.

O. D. French and John C. Watson, bank officers, are candidates for second terms as city clerk and city treasurer, respectively.

L. M. Diehlman, who came to O'Neill 2 years ago from Texas to become manager of Tri-State Produce, is the sole First ward candidate for council. The position is being vacated by James M. Corkle, who declined to run. Corkle, a hatchery man and feed store operator, has been heading the St. Anthony's hospital fund-raising drive and felt he could not spare the time to serve further on the city council.

Tony Asimus and Raymond Eby are the Second ward council candidates. A councilman will be selected to succeed Merle Hickey, who is not a candidate for reelection.

A woman has entered the picture from O'Neill's turbulent Third ward. Mrs. DeEtta (Charles) Bellin is a candidate for the post being vacated by James W. Rooney, who declined to run again this year.

H. W. Tomlinson is a candidate for a second term as police judge. During the past year the post has been burdened with considerably more court business than ever before in modern times.

All city vacancies are for 2-year terms. The voting on the school board members will be for 3-year terms.

L. A. Burgess, present chairman of the board of education, and George Shoemaker are candidates to succeed themselves.

O'Neill's municipal affairs are curious in the respect that formal caucuses are not usually held. Candidates' names appear on the ballot through the petition process.

Petitions bearing names of Davis, Diehlman, Asimus and Jones were circulated and filed simultaneously last Thursday and Friday. Earlier, petitions in behalf of French, Watson, Tomlinson, Burgess and Shoemaker were circulated and filed.

Petitions for Bellin and Eby were circulated and filed individually.

Polis will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Voting places are: First ward Holt county courthouse basement; Second—A. Marcellus garage; Third—City hall.

Final Hospital Sketches Arrive

Final preliminary sketches for St. Anthony's hospital reached O'Neill Wednesday.

Fund Chairman James M. Corkle said that the architect, Frank N. McNett, of Grand Island, had conferred Saturday in Denver, Colo., with Mother Erica, head of the Sisters of St. Francis provincial mother house, and her council.

Meeting of local, federal, state officials and Mother Erica has been scheduled for April 21 in O'Neill.

Construction is expected to begin by July 1. When finished the 40-bed hospital will cost in the neighborhood of 400-thousand-dollars.

8 - Shopping Days - 8 Until Easter



THE FRONTIER'S Spring EDITION - 1950

Spring... that magic season when Mother Nature comes forth with her welcomed "new look"...

In welcoming spring and the joyous Easter season, The Frontier, in cooperation with most of O'Neill's leading business firms, presents this week its annual Spring Edition. In it you will find 20 pages jam-packed with the latest news, features and pictures from all corners of the O'Neill region, you'll find all the latest shopping news with accent on the fashions.

This big Spring Edition is entering more than 4,000 homes in the O'Neill trade territory—a warm

invitation to all to come to O'Neill... the Queen City of North Nebraska... the little city that offers the shopping advantages of a big city.

Virtually every rural boxholder in Holt and Boyd counties, as well as many in Knox, Antelope and Rock counties, will receive a copy of this issue—the compliments of the O'Neill business firms, whose advertisements appear, and The Frontier.

O'Neill stores today are bulging with bright new spring merchandise that has been painstakingly accumulated through the long winter months. Most of the merchandise was purchased last fall, shipped during January, February and early March.

Every member of the family will thrill in seeing what the advent of spring has brought to O'Neill stores and display windows.

The Frontier's Spring Edition is an interesting, entertaining preview of what's in store for you on your next trip to O'Neill. Consult its advertising columns as a guide to better buys for the Easter parade... for the kiddies' date with the bunny... for the table... for the home... for everything associated with spring!

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OUTLAW GROCERY ROBBERY SCENE

'Loss Heavy' as Thugs
Crack Safe and Take
Cash, Bonds, Jewelry

Thugs gained entrance into the New Outlaw Grocery sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning, cracked the safe, and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash, bonds, jewelry and some checks.

The robbers broke into the store by breaking a glass window near a rear entrance. Thus, they were able to unlock the door and march in.

Employees opening the store Tuesday morning discovered that a cash register had been rifled. Later, the cracking of the safe was discovered.

Phil Cohn, proprietor of the store, promptly notified authorities and finger print experts were called in from the Nebraska safety patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cohn did not disclose the extent of the loss but said it was "heavy."

Investigating officials were confident the safe-breaking was the work of professional thieves, who operated methodically. There has been a wave of similar crimes in North Nebraska in recent weeks, most of the jobs were west of here.

Attendants at the New Deal Oil Co. station nearby, manned night-and-day, were not aware that a robbery had taken place.

There was a strong wind and weather was raw, thus few persons could possibly have heard the commotion.

Mr. Cohn pointed out that much of the loot included checks that had been passed at the store during the weekend and on Monday. He said authorities would appreciate any information that might be gained from any "irregular" clearing of those checks. Stopping of payment of any of these checks would aid in the pursuit of the criminals.

Police Chief Chet Calkins said it appeared that safe had been forced with "bars and other professional tools."

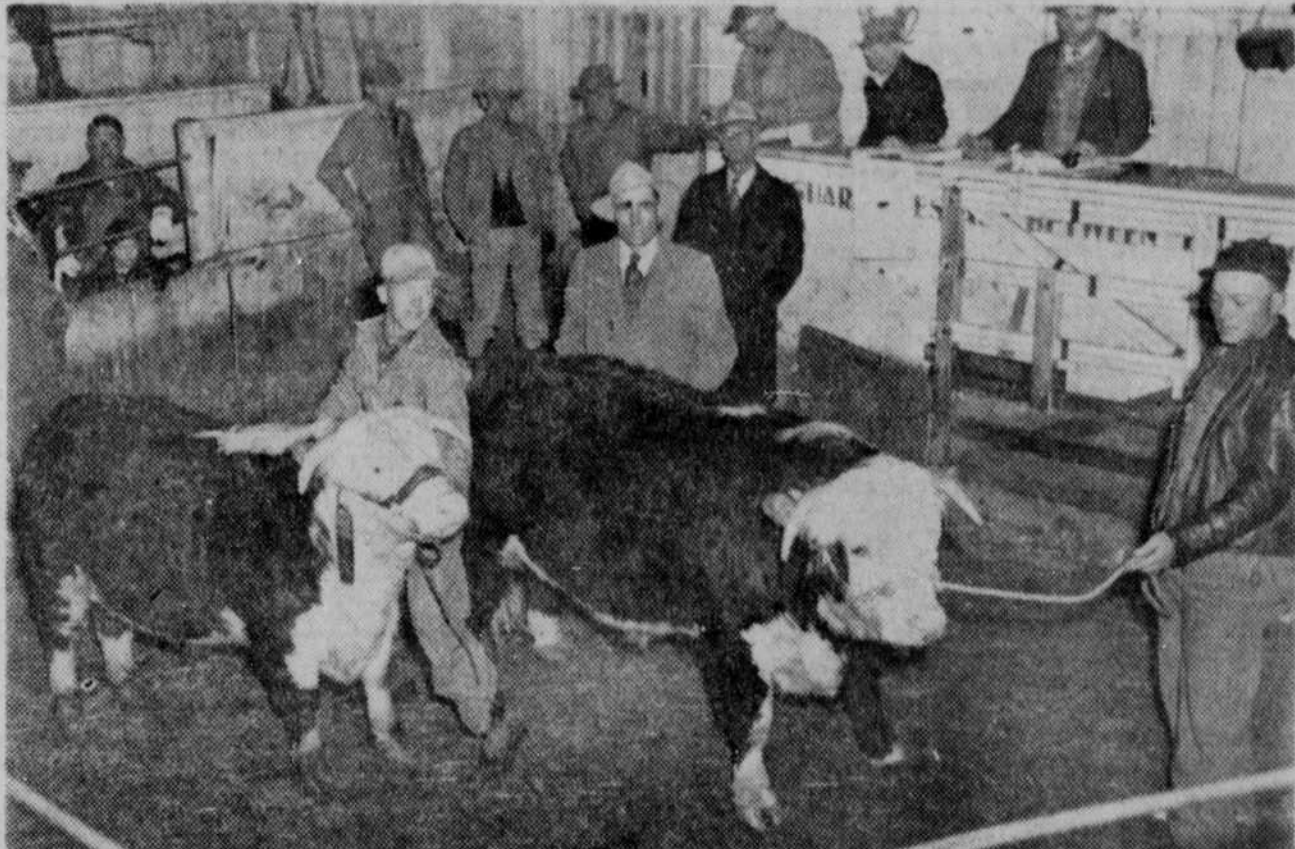
25 O'Neill High Students To Attend Meet—

Twenty-five O'Neill public high school students will participate in an academic, music and speech contest at Kearney Friday, March 31. The students will be under the supervision of Supt. Ira George.

The academic contest is based on fundamentals of basic high school courses. Music contest will feature vocal as well as instrumental divisions, for seniors only.

Go to Omaha—

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray went to Omaha Sunday.



BUTTE CHAMPIONS... There was a double top price of \$675 for the grand champion bull and reserve champion bull in Saturday's Niobrara Valley Hereford association sale at Butte. One of the Fritz Bros., of Niobrara, exhibits the champ, Sheridan Paladin 35th (at right) and Fritz Lechtenberg, of Anoka, displays the reserve, LH Invader. Other consignors were: Albert Carson, of Redbird; C. J. Dopheide, of

Butte; A. M. Engelhaupt, of Butte; E. M. Engelhaupt, of Butte; C. H. Fisher, of Spencer; Louis Juracek, of Niobrara; Marvin Larsen, of Butte; E. J. Lechtenberg, of Butte; Joe Lechtenberg, of Butte; L. J. Lechtenberg, of Butte; Henry Miksch, of Stuart; Riverview Hereford ranch, of Butte; S. R. Robertson, of O'Neill; and Walter G. Sire, of Butte—Raymer Studio Photo for The Frontier.

After Aerial Tour of South America and Caribbean, Dennis Murphy Quits Flying

Dennis F. Murphy, 59, O'Neill farmer, late Monday returned from a flying trip—literally—to South America.

Mr. Murphy left O'Neill the first of March for a visit with a nephew, Donald Goff, 34, at Texarkana, Tex. Mr. Goff, who has visited here several times, is pilot of a huge passenger aircraft. He induced his grey-haired uncle to accompany him on a tour of South America.

Goff set the big plane down at many points—"so many places I can't remember them," explained Mr. Murphy.

The Holt farmer was given an aerial glimpse of the mouth of the Amazon river, which he described as several miles in width. They made several stops in Brazil.

In South America he encountered a brother of Charley Peterson, Atkinson rancher. A tourist, Mr. Peterson had left his car in Texas. Later, Murphy and Peterson reunited in Texas and drove to Holt county together.

When Goff visited O'Neill about 3 years ago he persuaded his uncle to "take a hop"—the first flight for Mr. Murphy.

"It was a wonderful trip," Mr. Murphy says, "but it's my last. No more flying for me!"

While he was in the sunny clime, Mr. Murphy read of the Hurricane Blizzard of March 7. Despite the extraordinary publicity, Mr. Murphy said he was proud to point out that the

town pictured on the front page of the newspapers was "the place where I was born."

Mr. Murphy said he was "surprised to find Brazilian people so highly civilized."

Goff's mother is the former Leonor Murphy, who was also reared at O'Neill.

Enroute back across the Caribbean sea, the party stopped briefly in Florida. Mr. Murphy said he had always heard a great deal about Florida cattle, but the milk cows he saw were small—"I could lift one under my arm."

"They can have all of South America, I'll take Holt county." That's the way Mr. Murphy appraised the country he saw on a hurried tour of the Western hemisphere.

300 Attend Music Clinic—

PAGE — Approximately 300 people attended a high school music clinic here in preparation for a North-Central Nebraska music contest that is scheduled to be held at Norfolk the second week in April.

Clinic critics were Miss Rosemary Vondracek, Miss Esther Kinner, Miss Alice French and Supt. Ira George, all of the O'Neill public schools.

Frontier for all kinds of printing... prompt deliveries... reasonable prices.

THEO. THORSON, FARMER, DIES

Heart Attack Fatal To
Holt Resident of
31 Years

Theodore Thorson, 82, a resident of the O'Neill community for over 30 years, died Tuesday at 8 a.m. at his farm home 11 miles north of here.

Thorson died suddenly of a heart attack. He arose and came downstairs for breakfast and complained of feeling weak. He died immediately.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 31, from the O'Neill Methodist church. The rites will begin at 2 p.m. and Rev. V. R. Bell will officiate. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The late Mr. Thorson was born October 19, 1867, at Sandnes, Norway. About 1898 he came to the United States.

On July 9, 1898, he married Cora E. Thorson in South Dakota and to them 3 children were born. It is customary in Norwegian families for the sons to change their names. They add the suffix "son" to the surname of their father. Thorson's father's first name was Thore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorson came to Holt county from Meckling, S. D., during 1919 and have lived here since.

Survivors include: widow; daughter — Mrs. Harold (Elvora) Hunt, of La Mesa, Calif.; sons — Orville, of O'Neill; and LaVerne, of Vermillion, S. D.; 1 grandchild and three sisters.

Drives Motorcycle From California—

S/M Ronald Reed Tomjack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjack, arrived Saturday from the Oakland naval hospital, Oakland, Calif., to spend a 30-day furlough with his parents. Tomjack hadn't seen his parents in 23 months.

He was accompanied by a friend, Daniel Mackall, of Johnstown, Pa., who was recently discharged from the navy after having served six years. The boys travelled all the way on their motorcycle. They encountered snow in Wyoming and had to push the motorcycle three miles.

They visited Reed's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tomjack and A. E. Ponton, in Ewing Sunday.

MARKET'S FORMAL OPENING TODAY

O'Neill Merchants Array
Prizes to Be Given
In Novel Manner

Formal opening of the O'Neill Livestock Market's new sales pavilion today (Thursday) will be heralded with a special livestock sale and with a shower of prizes that will be given to farmers, ranchers and stockmen attending the sale.

Over 70 prizes were donated by O'Neill merchants to lend color and enthusiasm to the first sale to be held in the new pavilion.

Distribution of the free gifts will be on an alarm clock basis, according to a spokesman for the business firms.

The alarm clock will be set at various intervals throughout the sale. When the alarm rings a free gift certificate is to be awarded. Certificates with the firm name on them will be exchanged for a prize the merchant has made available. Selection of recipients will be done on a novel, spontaneous basis.

In addition to the livestock sales promotion, O'Neill merchants are holding a bargain day merchandising event. Bargains galore are offered by O'Neill firms. (See page 18 for bargain day advertisements.)

Although livestock sales were resumed on Thursday, March 23, the formal opening of the pavilion was held up until construction of the new frame structure was completed. The original pavilion was destroyed by fire February 18.

The new, 50- x 75-foot frame structure has an increased seating capacity of approximately 300 more persons. The old pavilion's seating capacity was near 650.

New auctioneering vantage point has been moved to the center of the south wall, between the livestock in-and-out doors. Formerly the stand was on the east side of the sale ring.

Office, permanent wiring and some inside cement work was completed this week, according to Leigh and Verne Reynoldson, the managers of the market. Shingling and siding also began this week.

Contributing firms and prizes are:

McIntosh Jewelry, alarm clock; J. M. McDonald Co., meat hat; Speltz-Ray Lumber Co., 1 gallon of yellow enamel; Biglin Bros., bed lamp; McCauley's necktie.

Shelhamer Foods, 50-pound bag flour; Montgomery's Hardware, 2-calf-eteria weaner pails; New Deal Oil, five 10-pound pails of gun grease.

Lohaus Motor Co., spring auto cleanup kit; Coyne Hardware, \$5 in trade; Green Arrow, \$5 in trade; Apparel Shop, 3 pair nylon hose; O'Neill Photo Co., 6 rolls black and white film and 1 roll colored film; Union store, gallon canned cherries.

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Expect Good Cattle, Hog Run for Sale

Verne and Leigh Reynoldson, comanagers of the O'Neill Livestock Market, said Wednesday they expect the usual "strong run" of hogs and some outstanding packages of cattle for the formal opening sale today, (Thursday).

Already, several nice consignments of steer calves, heifers and short yearlings are in. Five registered, coming 2-year-old bulls have been consigned by the C Bar M Hereford ranch south of O'Neill. These bulls are of the popular blood lines.

Also to be sold, are a 4- and 5-year-old Domino and registered Hereford bull, respectively. The sale will get underway at 12:30 p.m.

Man, 70, Assaulted with Gun

William ("Bill") Cuddy, about 70, a longtime resident of O'Neill who moved to Sioux Falls, S. D., about 10 years ago, was slugged with a pistol barrel in a \$180 holdup at Sioux Falls on Tuesday night, March 21.

A 26-year-old Tallahassee, Fla., man later confessed to police that he had committed the robbery at the Cecil Pfeiffer liquor store where Cuddy was a clerk.

Clemons T. Davis is held on a first degree robbery charge. Cuddy said the man accosted him in the store shortly after 7 p.m., grabbed a fistful of bills from the cash register and forced him to walk into a parking lot behind the building.

The intruder enforced his order by waving a .45 Colt automatic. While outside Cuddy was hit on the head and dazed. That

was the last he saw of Davis until recognizing him at the police station.

Mrs. Joe Maddox, of Sioux Falls, entered the store as Cuddy came back in with blood streaming down the side of his head. She called police and Cuddy was treated at a hospital.

Davis had his gun in his pocket when the notion to hold up the liquor store overtook him. "I forgot what words I used when I went in the place," he said. "I let him (Cuddy) know it was a stickup."

A man came in the store while Davis was stuffing currency into his jacket pocket. Davis pretended to be a "partner" standing by while the visitor made a purchase. Keeping his weapon out of sight, he cau-

tioned Cuddy "not to say anything."

When the man was gone, Davis directed Cuddy through the back door. As he raised his gun, Cuddy begged, "Don't hit an old man and let him lay in the alley."

"I said 'Okay,'" Davis told detectives, "but I hit him twice."

Mr. Cuddy's wife died about 2 years ago. His daughter, Mrs. John Jensen, resides near O'Neill.

Mrs. Charles Shatto and 2 children flew from their home in Pennsylvania to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shatto's mother, Mrs. Bridget Carr. Another daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Sutcliffe, of Rapid City, S. D., also attended the funeral.