

Election Nears, Interest Mounts

Unicam, Sheriff's Races Are Attracting Most Attention

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Another Nebraska primary election is at hand. Holt countyans will trek to the polls on Tuesday, August 8, to exercise their great American privilege—voting.

Interest has been mounting during the past week as the red letter day approaches. Most of the interest centers around local contests and, of these, the unicameral race and the wide-open sheriff's melee predominate.

Two of 3 candidates for the 28th district seat in the state legislature will vie in the general election. Seeking the nominations are Frank Nelson, of O'Neill; Norris Coats, of Stuart, and Fred J. Jungman, of Atkinson. This is a non-political race and Nelson is the incumbent, having served a term.

Nelson is an O'Neill farmer living north of town. Jungman is an Atkinson stockman and Coats is a Stuart businessman and former publisher of the Stuart Advocate.

Curiously, all 3 unicam candidates are Holt countyans. The district embraces 4 counties—Holt, Boyd, Rock and Keya Paha.

The Republican race for the county sheriff nomination revolves around Glea H. Wade, A. B. Hubbard, Ben Oetter, Lawrence Haynes and D. S. McCage, all of O'Neill, and Lawrence Hamik, of Stuart.

The Democratic chase for the nomination for sheriff is almost as interesting. Candidates are John Kersenbrock, Leo S. Tomjack and Bob Tomlinson, all of O'Neill, and Thos. J. Davis, of Inman.

Another attention-compelling race is between Incumbent Ruth Hoffman and Esther Cole Harris for the Republican nomination for county clerk. Mrs. Harris presently is register of deeds, but in anticipation of consolidation of the 2 offices, by virtue of Holt's declassification because of population loss, Mrs. Harris filed for the clerk's post. Miss Hoffman has been clerk for 5 years, originally appointed by the board of supervisors to fill a vacancy.

On the state level, Gov. Val Peterson, who is endorsed by the Republican state convention, is opposed on the Republican ballot by A. B. Walker and Ernest A. Adams.

On the Democratic side, Walter R. Raecke and Frank B. Morrison both enjoy party endorsements with Henry L. Fillman, Harry R. Swanson and Terry Carpenter other candidates.

(* denotes incumbent; ** denotes endorsement by state convention of party.)

Other Republican candidates include:

STATE TICKET

For lieutenant-governor: Charles J. Warner** and An- (Continued on page 4.)

July Moisture in Holt 4.25-Inches

The final week in July was dry compared to the other 3. A shower on Monday, July 24, netted .29 of an inch and no traceable moisture has fallen since.

Precipitation for the month was 4.25 inches, according to Government Observer Elmer Bowen. Prolonged wetness made it a notable month in history.

First few days of August were cool. Mercury dipped to 50 degrees early Wednesday.

Summary based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p. m. daily follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
July 24	78	55	.29
July 25	88	60	
July 26	81	58	
July 27	82	57	
July 28	78	58	
July 29	88	60	
July 30	84	68	
July 31	82	70	
August 1	78	68	

13 HANDS NEEDED

ATKINSON — Thirteen hayfield workers are needed at Atkinson to supply the demand, according to Claude Humphreys, volunteer farm placement representative for the Nebraska employment service.

TOWER GETS PAINT

O'Neill's municipal water department tower (standpipe) this week is receiving a coat of paint inside and out. This accounts for low water pressure.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes visited Patrick J. ("Patty Joe") Rotherham in a Norfolk hospital Monday.



Jimmy Davidson... plumber, heating expert, fisherman and fireman.—O'Neill Photo Co.

JAMES DAVIDSON EXPIRES IN OMAHA

O'Neill Man, 45, Member of Pioneer Firm; Rites Thursday

James E. Davidson, jr., 45, member of a pioneer O'Neill business firm, died about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, July 30, in St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha, where he had been a patient since January 14.

Mr. Davidson was a victim of cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock today (Thursday) in the Methodist church in O'Neill.

The body lies in state at Biglin Bros. mortuary until time for the funeral.

Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor, officiated and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. Members of the O'Neill volunteer fire department, an organization to which Mr. Davidson belonged since 1925, will act as pallbearers.

The late James E. Davidson, jr., affectionately known to hundreds of people in the O'Neill region as Jimmy Davidson, was born in O'Neill on June 8, 1905, a son of James E. Davidson, sr., and Anna Hansen Davidson.

He was educated in the O'Neill public school and upon leaving high school he joined his father in the Davidson plumbing and heating firm. The late Jimmy Davidson was a fixture in O'Neill community life and always was very active in his field, in the fire department and in community events.

The late Mr. Davidson never married and always resided in the parental home.

Jimmy was an ardent fisherman and all of his leisure hours were spent fishing in numerous lakes and streams in this territory, and many homes benefited from his fishing success.

The grave will be near that of the late James E. Davidson, sr. His father, the founder of the Davidson firm a half-century ago, died in 1942.

Three sons have carried on the plumbing and heating business — Jimmy being in charge of the service department.

Survivors include: Mother, of O'Neill; brothers—John, Ralph and Owen, all of O'Neill; Edward, of Casper, Wyo.; Clyde, of Roscoe, Calif.; Lloyd and Frank, of Culver City, Calif.; sisters—Mrs. J. Fred (Dorothy) Degnan, of Buffalo Gap, S. D.; Mrs. O. H. (Frances) Johnson, of Clark Fork, Idaho; and Mrs. Cy (Eileen) Bruning, of San Gabriel, Calif.



YOUTHFUL PASTOR... Rev. Robert Olson, 25, is new pastor of Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill and Immanuel Lutheran church at Atkinson. He is a recent theological school graduate, this dual pastorate is his first assignment.—The Frontier Photo.

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LARGE CROWD AT BARGER FUNERAL

Military Burial for 37-Year-Old Veteran of World War II

Funeral services for Virgil H. Barger, 37-year-old O'Neill man, were held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 29, at the Methodist church here.

Mr. Barger died about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 26, at his home here. He had been critically ill for 4 days.

Rev. V. R. Bell, Methodist pastor, officiated and interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery. Members of Simonson post 93, of the American Legion, conducted military burial rites and served as pallbearers.

Virgil H. Barger was born May 8, 1913, at Marion, Ky., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barger. When he was 6-years-old, he moved with his parents to Elm Creek, where the Barger family resided until 1922, when they moved to Norfolk.

Virgil was educated and grew to manhood there, became a meat-cutter by trade and spent some time as a salesman.

He was inducted into the army on May 15, 1943, at Denver, Colo., and served for 2½ years in World War II. He spent a year and 7 months overseas with the 397th antiaircraft ar-



Virgil H. Barger... earned soldier's medal.

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The body lay in state at Biglin Bros. funeral home until time for the funeral. A large crowd attended the rites. Pallbearers were Dale Buchmaster, Robert Moore, Glea H. Wade, Melvin Ruzicka, John Conard, John Stuitbergen, Willard Naprstek and Gene Cantlon.

Mr. Barger's brothers and sisters were all here to attend his rites. Other relatives and out-of-town friends included: Richard and Melvin Barger, of Norfolk; Mrs. Ina Kirk, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. E. Butterfield, of Neligh; Jim Lovejoy and Joe Thompson, of Valentine, Mrs. June Baker, of Neligh.

Reservist Gets Call To Active Duty

First O'Neill reservist to be called to military duty during the current crisis is Robert Lowery, an employee of American Gear Co.

Lowery was a staff sergeant in the air force during World War II, serving as a radio and radar maintenance man in Europe.

He is to report for duty August 10. Married, he is the father of 2 children. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lowery.

Spend Weekend Away—

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray spent the weekend in Loup City and Grand Island.



Patrick Joseph Rotherham, 6, has reason to be happy. He's recovering nicely from brain surgery. Little hope was held that he would live after being struck by a state-owned vehicle on an O'Neill intersection.—Photo courtesy Norfolk Daily News.

PLAN TO ENCLOSE HOSPITAL IN FALL

All Materials, Equipment For St. Anthony's Purchased

All materials and equipment to be used in connection with construction of the 420 - thousand-dollar St. Anthony's hospital have been purchased and deliveries arranged.

Work is progressing rapidly on the hospital site, immediately west of St. Mary's academy, and excavation is nearing completion.

Melvin Jarvis, traveling representative for Busboom & Rau, general contractors, of Salina, Kans., visited the site Monday and advised the building committee that work would advance rapidly from now on.

He declared it was the intention of the contractors to have the building built and enclosed before the winter weather arrives, thereby enabling workmen to proceed on the interior throughout the winter months.

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Physical Exams for 56 Holt Men

6-YEAR-OLD BOY WILL RECOVER

Rotherham Youth Makes 'Good' Progress After Surgery

(Picture at left.) Patrick Joseph Rotherham, 6-year-old O'Neill boy who was struck by a state-owned vehicle in an intersection here Friday, July 21, will recover. He is making "good" progress in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk where he was taken after the accident.

Patty Joe, as he is known to his friends, was hit by a state highway department truck driven by Gene Porter, 22, of O'Neill.

The boy is reported to have gotten off the ground and walked away from the accident. A few hours later he lapsed into unconsciousness. A hemorrhage on the brain had developed. Originally it was thought he may have suffered a skull fracture, but this later proved untrue.

By coincidence, a famous brain surgeon, Dr. Christopher Landry, of Boston, Mass., was in Omaha for a conference. Advised of the case, he rushed to Norfolk to perform the operation.

For 4 days Patty Joe lay in critical condition at the hospital and doctors held little hopes for his recovery.

Saturday he was allowed to sit up for a short time. Monday he grinned for the photographers.

Patty Joe's mother died 6 weeks ago at the time his baby brother was born. There are 6 other children in the family.

The father, John E. Rotherham, is considering moving the family to Omaha.

2 O'Neill Men Receive Degrees

The University of Nebraska conferred 454 degrees Friday at the conclusion of the summer session—2 going to O'Neill men. Warren A. Burgess, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, and Gene M. McKenna, son of Mr. Gene M. McKenna, son of Mr. Mabel McKenna, each received a bachelor of science degree in the college of business administration.

Hay Days Boosters Coming Today

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Cub Scouts to Receive Awards

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A parent must be present for their son to receive an award. The boys have worked hard to earn credits.

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Korean War Responsible For Revival of Conscription

The Red-inspired Korean war will make its first impact on community life in Holt county when 56 young selective service registrants, between the ages of 25 and 18, report for preinduction physical examinations during August.

The Holt county selective service board received its first orders from state headquarters on Thursday, July 27.

Under draft regulations, names of men ordered to preinduction examinations are not revealed.

For the present no married men, no World War II veterans or none known to have been previously rejected will be called.

Mrs. W. H. Harty, chief clerk for the Holt board, said there are few men in the age groups now being called who are in class 1-A. Most of the 1-A men in the county are in the younger age groups.

Upon receipt of the first call, the Holt board convened and elected Glea H. Wade, of O'Neill, chairman of the board. Wade is a World War II veteran, having served as a sergeant in the Pacific theater where he was wounded 4 times. He holds the Purple Heart award with 3 clusters. He is a Republican candidate for sheriff in the August 8 primary election.

Other members of the board are: Fred J. Jungman, of Atkinson, who lost a son in Europe during World War II; and William E. Wulf, of Ewing, who recently was appointed to succeed John Q. Archer, also of Ewing, resigned because of ill health.

Mrs. Harty, clerk, also lost a son in Europe during World War II.

All 56 men will be sent from here simultaneously for preinduction examinations.

Thiesens Get Hiway Contract

Two contracts for construction of 5 miles of U. S. highway 281 between O'Neill and Spencer were awarded Tuesday by the state highway department.

Thiesens Brothers, of Osmond, won both of the contracts. For grading the new construction and installing culverts, grading and graveling the detour road, the firm will receive \$29,619.30. The Pierce county firm made a low bid of \$10,687 for installing culverts on the new construction.

The work will start north of U. S. highway 20, 1½ miles north of O'Neill. The detour will be 1 mile west of the highway under construction.

Grading the 5 miles of highway will require the excavation of about 150 - thousand-cubic yards of earth.

Twelve metal culverts and 2 concrete box culverts will be built to provide adequate drainage for the new road.

3 Persons Hurt in Auto Smash

Three persons were injured about 5 p. m. Wednesday in a 2-car accident 5 miles east of O'Neill on highways 20-275.

Miss Nancy Le Masters, of Arizona, who had been visiting at St. Paul, was rushed to Lutheran hospital at Omaha with a shattered left knee cap. She was the lone occupant of the eastbound Arizona car.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor, of Olympia, Wash., who with 3 children were enroute to O'Neill, were occupants of the other machine, which was traveling west. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are in O'Neill hospital.

Mr. McGregor has a cut knee and his nose. Mrs. McGregor suffered bad cuts on her knee, eye, ear and arm. Both suffered from shock. The children were unharmed.

Mrs. Florence Schuitz returned home Monday evening after an extended visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tadd, of Springfield, Mo. She also visited another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hiatt, in Omaha enroute home.

PROGRESS REPORT... In a week's time the site for the proposed St. Anthony's hospital was transformed as men, machines and horse-drawn dirt scoops went to work. Results of a week of excavation can be seen in background. Discussing hospital blueprints are Edgar L. Coleman, of Grand Island, employee of the Frank McNett architectural firm; Walter Voss, of O'Neill, employee of James E. Davidson & Sons plumbing and heating firm, and Olof Mathisen, of Salina, Kans., construction superintendent for Busboom & Rau, general contractors.—The Frontier Photo.