

Phone Company Seeks Rate Hike

Application Follows Offer to Up Wages

Northwestern Bell this week made an offer of increased wages for its employees and immediately thereafter filed an application with the Nebraska state railway commission asking for "fair and reasonable rates that would permit the company to earn an adequate return on its Nebraska properties."

The wage offer came during negotiations with the union which have been in progress since April 25.

Reasons for the filing were covered in the following statement by Leonard Arstad, general manager of the company for Nebraska.

"Most other businesses raise prices promptly to meet increased costs. Our prices, which are regulated, have been increased only twice since 1925, the last time in 1949.

"Wage boosts since 1941 have raised annual costs \$4,636,000, while rate increases for our service have brought in little more than half that amount—\$2,304,000.

"In order to attract and keep the kind of people needed to operate the business we have just made a wage offer that will add another half million dollars to our yearly costs in Nebraska. This will bring the annual wage and salary costs added since the last price increase for telephone service to about \$870,000.

"Material costs are up also. On the average these increase amount to over 90 percent, or almost double since 1941. Since the Korean war started the average rise in costs has been 15 percent.

"Our tax bill has also doubled in the last 10 years. Federal corporate income tax rates have gone from 38 percent to 47 percent in the last year and there are indications that these will be raised even more. We have no margins to absorb such increases.

"With the very large job still to be done to meet the military and civilian demands, reasonable earnings are vitally needed. Accordingly, we have asked the Nebraska railway commission to set telephone rates that are fair in view of the increased costs of furnishing service."

Mrs. Gene James, 27, Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Gene James, 27, a former resident of O'Neill, died late Monday, June 11, at North Platte. Mrs. James was the former Betty McNally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNally.

She attended school at St. Mary's academy in O'Neill until 1939, at which time her parents moved to North Platte.

Survivors include: Widower, son; daughter; parents; 2 brothers, James, of North Platte, and Bernard, of Denver, Colo.; sister, Mrs. Dick Tomlinson, of O'Neill.

The late Mrs. James, who has not been in "good health," was stricken while shopping and died before reaching a hospital.

Funeral services were held in North Platte Wednesday morning.

Rev. Gerber at Bellevue Conference—

Rev. Ralph Gerber is teaching this week at the Bellevue conference being held at Dana college in Blair. He will return Saturday.

Miss Norma and Miss Naomi Senn, of Bartlett, left Friday after visiting for a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Krutz.



NEW CHURCH LEADER . . . Rev. Luvern Jay (above), former Alliance minister, comes to O'Neill this week to become first superintendent of the newly-created O'Neill district. The Methodist leader's residence and headquarters will be the former P. J. McManus home. —The Frontier Engraving.

Only 2 of Original Bahl Family Living

ATKINSON—The Bahl family gathered Sunday for a biennial reunion in the Knights of Columbus hall in Atkinson.

One of Holt county's largest and best-known clans, the relatives came from near-and-far for the 1951 gathering.

Only 2 members of the original family are still living, and they were on hand.

They are Mrs. Grace Wallinger, 81, of Stuart, and Alois Bahl, 71, of Newport. Their brothers and sisters who are deceased are: Mrs. George Weber, of Stuart; Mrs. John Brau, of Stuart; Joseph Bahl, originally of Emmet, and Max Bahl, of Mapleton, Ia.

Joseph Bahl died several years ago and his wife died in January, 1951, at the age of 94.

Mrs. Joe Winkler, of Emmet, and Mrs. Henry Schaaf, of Atkinson, organized Sunday's party, which featured an indoor picnic dinner.

There were 200 registered—179 were members of the family and there were 21 guests.

The original Bahl family came from Bavaria, but some of the family remained in Germany.

Mrs. Wallinger, whose husband died 8 years ago, was the eldest person present at the reunion. She crossed the Atlantic at the age of 17, lived in Cass county for a time before coming to Holt. Mrs. Wallinger and her husband lived south of Stuart more than 40 years.

Mrs. Wallinger enjoys good health and has a keen memory.

The youngest present was Connie Bahl, 2-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bahl, of Newport. She enjoyed proceedings in a basket on one of the tables and posed for several pictures.

Among those coming the greatest distance were: Sister M. Berenice, of Alverno college, Milwaukee, Wis.; Sister M. Francis, 2118 South 32d street, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brau, of Scott City, Kans.

DEBOLT BECOMES CHAMBER HEAD

William McIntosh Named Vice - President in Annual Election

D. D. DeBolt, manager of the Wm. Krotter Co. of O'Neill firm, Tuesday was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the next 12 months.

DeBolt has been acting president since the departure of L. M. Diehman in April.

William McIntosh was elected first vice-president; Melvin Marcellus, second vice-president; Woodrow Melena, treasurer; Cal Stewart, Dr. C. M. Eason and Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, directors for 3-year terms; Cletus Durr, director for 1-year term to fill a vacancy.

James W. Rooney is the Chamber secretary—a post he has held for a number of years.

The group confirmed a proposal by the board of directors to abandon the annual farmer-rancher-stag night party. Instead an all-family entertainment will be held, tentatively planned for November 16.

All the school children will be entertained by a professional concert troupe in a matinee and their pops and moms will be entertained by the same troupe in the evening.

150 Friends, Kin Honor Dorsey Pair

DORSEY—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiley, of Dorsey, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Dorsey church on Tuesday, June 12. More than 150 friends and relatives were present from coast-to-coast.

Mrs. Wiley wore a gray suit dress, with black accessories. She wore a corsage of yellow tea roses.

Mr. Wiley wore a suit of conventional gray with a yellow rose boutonniere.

The church was decorated with gold and white streamers. The rostrum was decorated with baskets of yellow roses and gladioli and vases of iris and peonies.

The guest table was set for 20. Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkerman, of Lynch, were also honored as it was their 55th wedding anniversary. The table was decorated in gold and white. Three decorated cakes adorned the table.

The waitresses were Cleon Cole, Betty Osborne, Claryce Johnson, Hazel Marie Johnson, Beverly Ann Carson and Margaret Kruse. They wore little gold aprons.

Mrs. Carrie Hunter was in charge of the guest book. Rev. John Graham led the devotionals, followed by a short program, consisting of songs and readings.

A dinner was served at 1 p.m. Each guest was given a gold inscribed napkin.

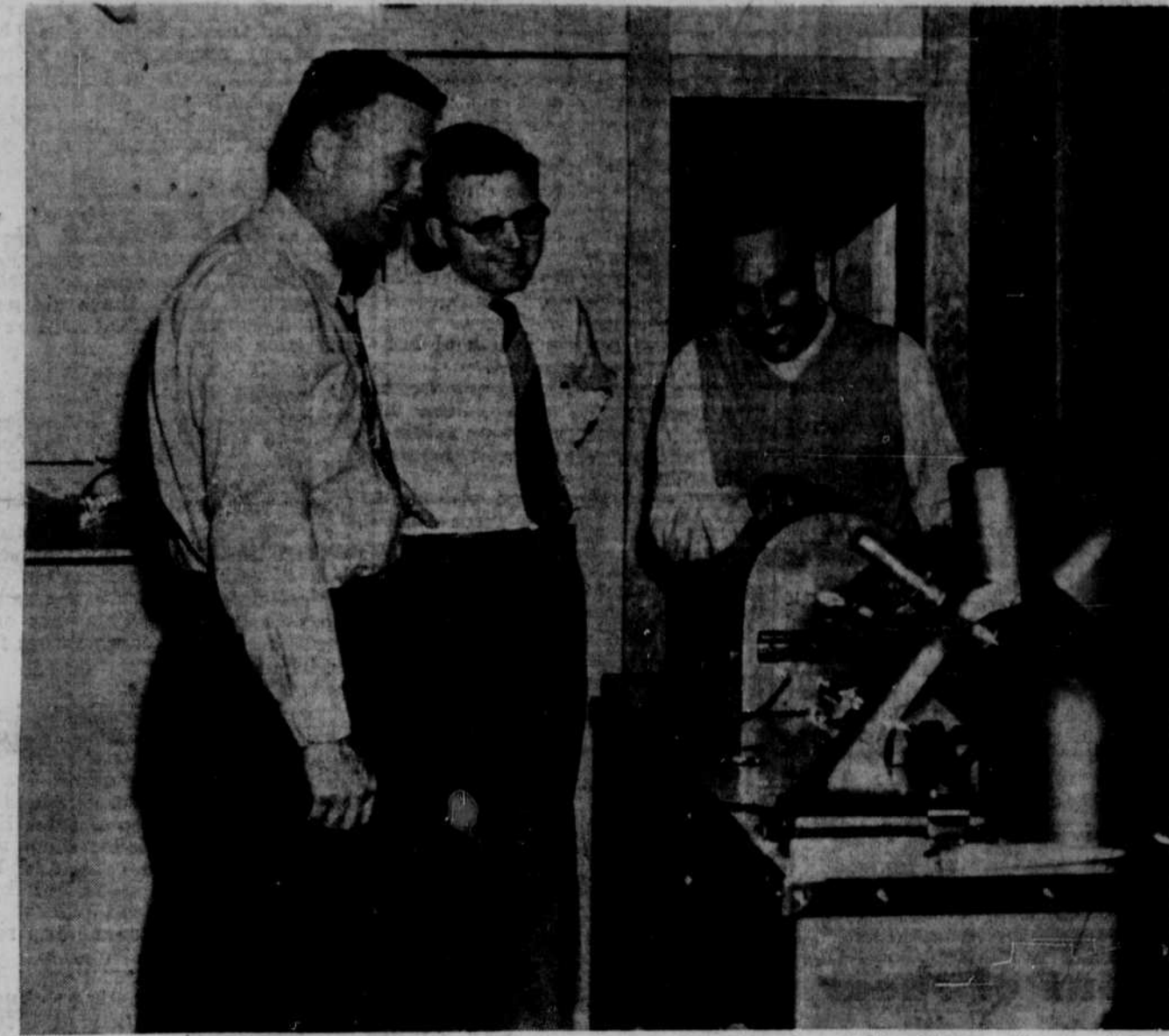
Mr. and Mrs. Wiley received many gifts and congratulatory cards, including a purse of money.

Guests from a distance included: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wiley and family, of Grand Island; Mrs. Mary Ferguson, of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdel, of Iowa; Mrs. Judith Pickering, of Ottawa, Kans.; Miss Harrie: Loris, of San Diego, Calif.



PRINCIPALS IN UNIQUE CELEBRATION . . . These are the principals in the triangular wedding anniversary celebration here Saturday, June 9, in which an O'Neill couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and their 2 daughters and their husbands completed 25 years of wedded life. Left-to-right: Mrs. William J. Froelich, Mr. Froelich, Mrs. C. E. Stout, James and Charles Froelich (altar boys), Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan (who officiated when the couples renewed their vows), Mr. Stout, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and Mr. Birmingham. Picture was taken outside St. Patrick's Catholic church after the 3 couples had received the papal blessing.—O'Neill Photo Co.

(More pictures of this event on page 11.)



Three of the 4 publishers who are pooling the use of an elaborate Fairchild electric engraving machine are Emil W. Reutzel, jr. of The Neigh News; Carroll ("Cal") Stewart, of The Frontier, and James Cornwell, of The Stanton Register. (Not present when picture was taken

was Jack Lough, of The Albion News. When machine was ordered many months ago, only 88 were in use in the United States. Only a handful of weekly papers in the nation do their own engraving. — The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

Visit Columbus— Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hynes and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nissen went to Columbus Sunday. Mrs. Joe Langan went with them and remained to visit her husband until Wednesday.

Ralph Gray Goes to Blue Hill

INMAN—Ralph Gray, superintendent of the Inman consolidated school for the past 6 years, will leave Tuesday for Blue Hill. He will lead a faculty of 17 at his new location and also have charge of the school band during the school term and municipal band during the summer months. Mr. Gray taught at Arcadia before going to the army. Mrs. Gray will not teach at Blue Hill, although she taught at Inman 4 years. Mr. Gray is a son of Mrs. Evelyn Gray, of Page.

Atkinson Scouts Fail to Register—

Fifteen O'Neill Boy Scouts returned Saturday after spending a week at the Boy Scout camp at Johnston. The campers were Paul Fetrow, Fred Fetrow, Roger Niemeyer, Ivan Kaiser, Jim McClasston, Dick Davis, Wayne Strong, Matt Hynes, Don Malloy, Bob Malloy, Skip McKenny, Frank Fetrow, Bobby Lawrence, Dan Putnam and Dean Clyde.

A north-central district meeting was held at O'Neill Monday night. Failure of the Atkinson Scouts to register obliged the officials to drop the Atkinson Scouts from the records.

A motion picture on "Rural Scouting" was shown. District Judge D. R. Mounts presided.

Californians Here—

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Al Snock and family, of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher, of Page, were Sunday dinner guests at the Ben Asher farm. Mrs. Snock is the sister of Ben Asher and the daughter of the Neil Ashers.

The Frontier Does Its Own Engraving

All of the pictures you'll see in this issue of The Frontier were produced on a new Fairchild electric engraving machine.

The Frontier together with The Neigh News, The Albion News and The Stanton Register have installed a machine to be operated jointly. When the order for the machine was placed many months ago, only 88 had been produced and were in service in the nation. It is a product of the Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corp., Jamaica, N.Y., and is the first successful departure from the century-old chemical engraving process.

The Fairchild firm is famous for its cameras that are used in combat and domestic aircraft.

The finished product is a plastic engraving that mounts on a block of wood. With the installation of the Fairchild, The Frontier will expand several times its use of general interest are solicited by the editors.

All pictures will be returned upon request and in no way damaged or defaced.

J. M. Langan Buys Columbus Concern—

It has been announced that J. M. Langan has purchased the Night and Day cafe and filling station at Columbus. He took possession of the new business Wednesday, June 6.

The Langan family will move to Columbus as soon as living quarters are available.

Mrs. Russell Shoemaker returned Saturday after spending a week in Lincoln.

PAPAL BLESSING FOR 3 COUPLES

Stouts, Birmingham and Froelichs Count 100 Years Wedded Life

One hundred years of wedded life were celebrated Saturday at a mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church and at a reception in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and their 2 daughters, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and Mrs. William J. Froelich, and their husbands celebrated their silver wedding anniversaries. They renewed their vows inside the sanctuary, which was decorated with gold flowers to honor the golden jubiliarians. The 2 side altars were decorated with white flowers to honor the silver jubiliarians. Ferns decorated the front pillars of the church. Crosses of gold flowers were on the backs of the chairs of Mr. and Mrs. Stout.

White flowers forming the silver jubiliarians' chairs. Mrs. Stout wore a peony rose lace gown and a white orchid corsage. Mrs. Birmingham appeared in a grey lace gown with a lavender orchid. Mrs. Froelich's gown was beige lace and she had a green orchid. The husbands wore blue suits with white carnation boutonnieres.

The ushers were Edward T. Campbell, Dale French, Joseph Biglin, James Earley and Robert Berigan, of Atkinson.

Two grandsons served as altar boys, James and Charles Froelich. Six grandchildren formed the choir. Miss Margaret Demaris Birmingham sang a hymn Mrs. Stout sang as a girl, "Holy Mary, Mother Mild." Miss Nancy Froelich sang "Pania Angelicus" and her brother, William Froelich, sang "Ave Maria." The Misses (Continued on page 4)

Frank J. White Dies at Norfolk

ATKINSON—Funeral services for Frank J. White, 63, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in the Presbyterian church in Atkinson. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery with Rev. Orin Graft officiating.

Mr. White died Tuesday, June 12, in Norfolk, where he had been living 18 years.

Mr. White was born in October, 1887, a son of James and Clarissa White, at Fairfield. He was one of 9 children. Mr. White never married.

Survivors include a brother, Allen, of Atkinson, and several brothers and sisters.

Premium List Date Is Fixed

Thursday, August 9, is the date set for publication of the annual Holt county fair premium list. The list will be published as a supplement to The Frontier.

The fair board met Friday night at Chambers at the call of President Vern Sageser, of Amelia.

Plans for the 1951 exposition are going forward. The board learned that the Ak-Sar-Ben has increased its premium money for each fair by \$137.

Cyclists Escape Serious Injury

Two O'Neill motorcyclists escaped serious injury about 3:45 p.m. Sunday on U.S. highway 20, a half-mile east of Emmet.

Their machine decided to leave the highway, plunged across a shallow ditch, through a fence, and came to rest about 20 feet inside the pasture.

The driver, Ed Young, and his passenger, Cliff Burival, suffered only scratches and walked away from the accident—although an ambulance, a doctor and the Holt county sheriff hurried to the scene.

5 Men Ordered to Report July 5

The selective service system has ordered 5 Holt county men to report for induction on July 5.

They are: Harold R. Pribil, of O'Neill; Lyle C. McKim, jr., of O'Neill; Rolland E. Hughes, of Dorsey; Algie Quentin Cavanaugh, of O'Neill.

Meanwhile, 5 Nebraska doctors have been ordered to report for duty in July. Holt county will furnish Dr. Keith E. Vincent, of St. Louis, Mo. He will report July 25.

HURT IN BUS MISHAP

PAGE—Miss Harriet Simmons, who was returning to her home at Page after teaching at Broadwater the past year, was in a bus wreck near Albion Tuesday evening, June 5, and received severe bruises about the head.



A portion of the 200 persons who attended the biennial Bahl family reunion are shown (above) gathered in the Knights of Columbus hall in Atkinson. There were 179 members of the family and 21 guests registered.—The Frontier Photo & Engraving. (More Bahl reunion pictures on page 11.)