

Holt Stockmen Protest Values

Oppose 33 to 68% Hike Adopted By Assessors

A handful of Holt county's leading livestock growers were at the state capitol in Lincoln Tuesday protesting the 33 to 68 percent increase in livestock valuations as approved and adopted by the assessors at their meeting in January.

Included among them were Charley W. Peterson, of Atkinson, who spoke briefly.

Tuesday's hearing was the second round between the Nebraska County Assessors association and the cattlemen before the state board of equalization.

The stockgrowers were vigorously opposed to what they termed "non-legal and unscientific method" used by the assessors organization to arrive at cattle valuations for tax assessments.

James H. Anderson, of Omaha, counsel for the stockgrowers, led the attack on the valuations recommended by the assessors. These valuations represented increases of from 33 to 68 percent over 1950.

Anderson drew enthusiastic applause at the end of his presentation from the 250, perspiring, shirt-sleeved cattlemen who jammed the west senate chamber of the capitol.

The former attorney-general of Nebraska contended that the 25 percent across-the-board increase approved by a rump meeting of county assessors at Alliance, held after the January meeting at Lincoln, was "far more fair" than the "disproportionate action" taken at the January convention.

Anderson was especially critical of what he termed the "quotient verdict" whereby the livestock committee of the assessors association, at the Lincoln meeting, arrived at its recommendation by having each member put his suggestions in a hat. An average was struck for the whole list and that became the committee's recommendation.

Anderson protested that "as nearly as we can tell, 3 members of that 10-member committee, by putting in extremely high valuations, were able to get the average raised beyond proportion."

He asserted that an additional taxation "burden is being placed steadily and continuously on personal property" and he said he sympathized with taxpayers of that category.

"But I cannot sympathize with a situation where real estate, which makes up the great mass of Nebraska's tax property, is valued at from 21 to 26 percent of its actual value."

Anderson said that cattlemen are being discriminated against taxwise in comparison with grain farmers, who are able to sell their product before the March 10 assessment date. He cited figures to show that only about a third of the wheat and corn crop grown in Nebraska is ever assessed.

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Heat, Fog Feature Week's Weather

Holt county weather during the past week has been characterized by heat and fog—and little precipitation!

For weeks the weather summary told of rain, rain, rain. But Friday the rainy spell apparently came to an end and O'Neil got busy, boosting the mercury to 94 degrees.

Hot summer weather during the weekend and early this week was welcomed by farmers as ideal growing weather. The small grain crop is made—except for hail. Farmers are cultivating corn, hay is being put up, and bluegrass stripping and drying is well along. Harvest of small grain is nearly at hand.

O'Neill residents early Wednesday awakened to find the area enveloped in fog, which did not begin to lift until 8 o'clock. Visibility was restricted to 150 feet during the early part of the morning and motorists drove with lights on.

Week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p.m. daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Mois.
July 12	70	50	.60
July 13	80	66	.26
July 14	94	53	
July 15	85	70	
July 16	83	64	
July 17	94	68	
Total			.86

Spittler Family Holds Reunion

Guests of honor at a Spittler family picnic held at Ford's park Sunday evening, July 15, were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Spittler and family, of Orinda, Calif.

Other guests from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spittler, Mary, John A., Gerrv, Pat, Danny and Theresa Rotherham, all of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tasler and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jansen and daughter, all of Atkinson.

Visit Albion

Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Krause and daughters were in Albion Sunday.

Frontier for printing!



John G. Stuijbergen... will lead Simonson post 93 during next 12 months.—The Frontier Engraving. (Story below.)

STUIJBERGEN NEW LEGION LEADER

World War II PW Will Succeed Laursen As Commander

John G. Stuijbergen, who was a prisoner of war in Germany for more than 6 months during World War II, Thursday was elected new commander of Simonson post 93, of the American Legion. Stuijbergen, an infantry lieutenant during the late war, now is manager of the O'Neill Beverage Co.

He is married, has a daughter, Linda, 5, and a son, Richard, 2.

Other candidates for commander were Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, whose name was on the ballot, and Glea H. Wade, who was nominated from the floor.

Stuijbergen succeeds Virgil Laursen, who has held the post for a year. Laursen was named vice-commander.

Other new officers are: Elmer Ross, chaplain; Dale Buckmaster, sergeant-at-arms; Gordon Harper, Elgin Ray, Dr. C. M. Eason, Melvin Ruzicka and Al W. Carroll, members of the executive committee.

'Buckle on Hay Belt' Wins Slogan Contest

"O'Neill, the Buckle on the Hay Belt" will be the slogan used in all future O'Neill publicity, A. E. Bowen, secretary of the Lions club, announced Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Manson has received a \$25 savings bond for her winning entry in the recent slogan contest.

Contest entries were judged at a meeting of the O'Neill Lions club Wednesday evening, July 11.

It was decided at the meeting that on July 29 there would be a flag golf tournament at the O'Neill Country club for Lions club members and their wives.

Three prizes will be awarded in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. First prizes will be \$10; second, \$5; and third, \$2.50 each.

The tournament is open to all Lions of district 38-E and will begin at 10 a.m.

The newly-elected officers of the club for the coming year are: Arnie Doerning, president; Elgin Ray, 1st vice-president; Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, 2d vice-president; Joe Stutz, 3d vice-president; A. E. Bowen, secretary; Woodrow Melena, treasurer; Robert Jonas and John Watson, tail twisters; Harry Claussen, lion tamer and song leader; Dewey Schaffer, Judge D. R. Mounts, L. D. Putnam, Hugh Ray, and Harry Petersen, directors.

L. D. Putnam is the retiring president.

State Bar Group Holds Institute

Sponsored by the Nebraska State Bar association, an institute on new legislation was held Wednesday, July 18, at Hotel Madison in Norfolk.

The all-day session started at 9:30 a.m., with Clarence A. Davis, of Lincoln, state association president, presiding.

At the morning session, Barton H. Kuhns, Omaha, spoke on "Uniform Acts—Release of Child Support Judgments—Acts Relating to Inheritance Tax" and Robert R. Moodie, West Point, talked on "Acts Relating to Probate Practice—Condemnation Act—Garishment Act."

Federal Judge John W. Delehant, Lincoln, spoke in the afternoon on "Deposition Act—Summary Judgment Act—Written Interrogatories." State Senator Robert D. McNutt, of Lincoln, talked on "Acts Relating to Procedure."

A discussion period followed each subject.

Similar institutes are scheduled by the state association at Lincoln, July 19; Omaha, July 20.

Miss Carol Fredrickson, of Bassett, spent last Thursday with Miss Mardelle Gaskill.

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CHAMPION FLOAT... The Wm. Krotter Co. of O'Neill's "Summer Garden" float entry in the American Legion-sponsored parade here Saturday captured top honors in class I. Under the archway

is Miss Hazel Marie Johnson, wearing a green formal; seated on bench in foreground is Miss Clarvce Johnson, in a yellow formal. (For a full page of other parade pictures turn to page 14.) — The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

S. A. SULENTIC, 74, ENGINEER, DIES

Native of Yugoslavia, Resident 2 Years, Dies in Ambulance

A colorful civil engineer, who has been an O'Neill part-time resident about 2 years, died at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, enroute to a Norfolk hospital.

S. A. Sulentic, 74, consultant engineer for the Consumers and Loup River Public Power districts, was stricken about 2 a.m. in his room at the Golden Hotel, where he has been residing, and he died in a Biglin Bros. ambulance while passing through Ne-ligh.

Dr. W. F. Finley, who had attended him, said death was caused by a heart ailment. Sulentic recently had been confined to a California hospital for 6 weeks.

His widow lives at Topeka, Kans., where Sulentic for years has been a member of an engineering firm.

The body was taken to Biglin Bros. and will be forwarded to Topeka late today (Thursday).

A native of Yugoslavia, he was educated as an engineer at Heidelberg, Germany. He worked on the famous Ploesti oil fields in Rumania and worked with the British in developing the oil industry in the Middle East. Sulentic served with British forces during World War I.

Twice since coming to O'Neill he has made trips to Europe—in 1950 penetrating behind the iron curtain under diplomatic immunity.

He was consultant engineer for the Santa Fe and several other U.S. railroads and has been a deputy U.S. marshal.

While driving his automobile in recent months Sulentic frequently was seen wearing a beret with an interesting background. In London last summer a small party was organized in his behalf by members of the British Royal Society of Engineers. Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery was in the group and presented Sulentic with his beret as a memento.

LACKS 3 TEACHERS

ORCHARD—The public school board of education at Orchard still lacks 3 teachers to fill vacancies on the teaching staff. The Orchard high school needs a home economics teacher; and the grade school lacks a teacher for the fifth and sixth grades and another for the seventh and eighth grades.

CONDITION 'CRITICAL'

LYNCH—Mrs. Sarah Darnell is in "critical condition" in the Lynch hospital with a kidney ailment.

James Langan, of Spencer, called Sunday at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich were hosts at a picnic Saturday at their home for their families.

O'Neill Girl with Smile and Container— Fake Charity Stunt Takes 'Em In

Attractive Lydia Halva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva, of O'Neill, figured prominently in Omaha's weekend news.

She had fun taking advantage of Omahans who are used to shelling out on downtown street corners.

Apparently all it took was a pretty girl, a ready smile and a collection container. The merit of the "charity" means little.

Miss Halva, who now lives at 64 Drake Court, Omaha, proved that in a noon-day collection. She collected \$2.59 in 20 minutes despite a glaring sign which proclaimed her campaign a fake.

The sign read:

"Give. 'But it won't help the orphans. 'I'll keep it."

Most of the Omahans who contributed glanced indifferently at the sign and reached for small change. Few bothered to read the sign and only one had any idea of the cause to which he was giving money.

A young man read the sign, started to walk away and then returned.

"Hell, you're honest, anyway," he said, and dropped a coin into the container.

One woman proved to be a wily old campaigner as she approached Miss Halva at her post on the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

"I gave to the other girl down on the corner," she confided with a gracious smile.

Miss Halva did not bother to tell her that there was no "other girl" in this particular "charity drive."

A reporter walked up to one man after he had contributed and pointed out the content of the sign. He asked the man if he always contributed without attempting to ascertain where his money was going.

"I never try to find out where the money is going," he answered. "There are so darn many of those street drives that I contribute to get 'em out of my hair. Usually if you refuse to contribute on one corner they are button-holing you on another."

Miss Halva donated her time to the experiment. The money was given to Children's Memorial hospital.

"Say, I just happened to think that more women donated money than men," the pretty girl said as she removed the sign. "At my age that ain't good."

Elected to National Angus Association

Martin and Elkins, of O'Neill, have been elected to membership in the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association at Chicago, Ill., announces Secretary Frank Richards. Martin and Elkins were among the 6 purebred Aberdeen-Angus breeders elected from Nebraska during the past month to membership in the organization.

"Voice of The Frontier" . . . 9:45 a.m., WJAG, Norfolk, 780 kc.



Miss Lydia Halva and donor . . . \$2.59 in 20 minutes.

THRONGS WITNESS PARADE, SHOW

3d Annual Legion Affair Goes on Record as 'Big Success'

The 3d annual American Legion-sponsored O'Neill celebration has been entered on the record book as a "big success," Simonson post 93 officials explain.

The 2-day celebration opened with a parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, and closed in the wee hours Monday morning at the conclusion of a dance.

Thousands of people lined Douglas street for a glimpse of the colorful parade in which 5 trophies were presented to the winners. Judges were Charles E. Chace, Atkinson attorney; John Conard, Emmet merchant, and Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney.

The mile-long parade got underway exactly at 2 o'clock, after forming at First and Douglas.

Music was provided by the Municipal band, under the direction of John Berigan, band alumnus who is now a music student at the University of Nebraska.

A word-descriptive of the parade was broadcast by George Hammond (WJAG, 780 kc) through the "Voice of The Frontier's" special events facilities). The broadcast, incidentally, was heard by hundreds of persons parked in their automobiles along the Douglas street parade route, by some persons in the parade itself, and by thousands in the general radio audience. A broadcast booth was improvised on the second floor of the Hagensick building—former Nebraska State bank building.

"Summer Garden," the float entered by the William Krotter Co. of O'Neill, was awarded first prize in the class I of Saturday's parade.

White trellis-work with climbing roses against a grass-green background gave the float a colorful effect that was a crowd-pleaser.

Miss Clarvce Johnson, in a yellow. (Continued on page 4.)

MRS L. E. AXTELL, DUSTIN, SUCCUMBS

ATKINSON—Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 13, at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Atkinson for Mrs. L. E. Axtell, of Dustin. Reverend Graff had charge of the services.

Mrs. Axtell, 66, died about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in Lynch. She had been ill for a long time and would have celebrated her 48th wedding anniversary on the day she died. She and Mr. Axtell were married July 15, 1903. Her maiden name was Bertha Hamilton.

Burial will be today (Thursday) at Fairbury.

Survivors include: Widower; son—Harold Axtell, of Beatrice; daughter—Mrs. Hester Roberts, of Dustin.

'PAT' O'DONNELL DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Manager of Big Hay Firm

A heart attack about 5:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14, proved fatal to Patrick J. ("Paddy") O'Donnell, 74, former O'Neill banker, real estate and insurance agent and for the past several years office manager for the J. B. Ryan Hay company.

He had not been ill and death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 16, at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, officiated in the requiem high mass and burial was in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers were H. E. Coyne, John R. Gallagher, Neil B. Ryan, F. N. Cronin, P. B. Harty, Joseph Gallagher, H. J. Birmingham and Stanley Soukup. Biglin Bros. were in charge of arrangements.

The body was removed from Biglin's to the O'Donnell home at 2 p.m. Sunday where it lay in state until funeral time. A rosary was offered Sunday night.

The late Mr. O'Donnell, son of John P. and Ellen Brennan O'Donnell, was born August 12, 1876, at Audenried, Pa.

He came with his parents to the O'Neill colony in September, 1877, while still an infant and he spent virtually his entire life here.

On June 16, 1919, he married Helen Harte at O'Neill.

For several years he served as a bank receiver.

Survivors include: Widow—Helen; brothers—John, of Oakland, Calif.; M. F., of Dallas, Tex., and Edward L., of Salina, Kans.; sisters—Mrs. B. Rentschler, Miss Anna L., and Mrs. Susan Deaver, all of O'Neill; Mrs. E. J. Lymans, of Omaha.

Mrs. Mabel Bacon Expires in Omaha

ATKINSON—Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, at the Methodist church in Atkinson for Mrs. Mabel Bacon, former Atkinson resident who died Monday, July 16, in an Omaha hospital. She had suffered a lingering illness.

Survivors of the long-time Holt county resident include: Daughters—Mrs. John (Dora) Bouska, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Robert (Alma) Brown, of Atkinson; 15 grandchildren; sisters—Mrs. Jess (Luella) Osborne, of Lander, Wyo., and Mrs. Joseph (Tessie) Sherry, of Lewellyn; brother—Russell Carr, of Atkinson. Another brother, Robert Carr, was killed in a truck accident less than a year ago.

Pallbearers were: George Monahan, Floyd Osborne and Tom Malley, all of Atkinson, and D. L. Banks, Hugh Benson and Sam Banks, all of O'Neill.

The body was at the home in O'Neill, 1 block north of the O'Neill high school auditorium, Tuesday night and was taken to Atkinson early Wednesday.

McClaskey to Pen for 4 Years

Bill McClaskey, who had been selling magazine subscriptions in the O'Neill region, was sentenced Wednesday, July 11, to 4 years in the Nebraska state penitentiary on charges of breaking and entering an Omaha restaurant.

Holt county authorities issued a warrant for his arrest and wanted him returned here to face charges in connection with an alleged check forgery. The check was cashed at the Page Co-op Credit association and bore Joe Pritchett's name. It was in the amount of \$80.

McClaskey was being held in Kansas City, Mo., where he was arrested.

Pribils Hurt in Auto Mishap

Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Pribil, farmers south of O'Neill, received only cuts and bruises when their car went out of control on the Inman road 2 miles east of U.S. highway 281, south of here, on Monday, July 16, about 7 p.m.

The car was badly damaged but the couple was able to return home, after being treated by local physicians. They are being cared for by Mr. Pribil's daughter, Mrs. William Watson, a registered nurse.

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