

## Upped Classification Brings Rate Increase

New rates for telephone service in several cities, including O'Neill, became effective Sunday, June 13, according to Harry Petersen, Northwestern Bell manager for O'Neill. Rate adjustments are being made in these cities to bring their rates up to the level now in effect in other Nebraska cities of similar size, Mr. Petersen explained.

The new monthly rates in O'Neill will be as follows:

Business individual line, \$8.50; business two-party line, 6.75; residence individual line, 3.90; residence two-party line, 3.25; residence four-party line, 2.80; rural residence, 3.25; service station, 11.75 per year.

Also, on June 13, a 10-cent charge for local calls from pay

telephones became effective, Mr. Petersen said. This rate has been in effect in larger Nebraska cities and is now being made general, he added.

Meanwhile, the state railway commission turned thumbs down on Bell's latest application for a general rate increase. The company had asked a general rate hike—its fifth since World II—and other changes calculated to cost its Nebraska customers 995-thousand-dollars more a year.

The commission agreed with Bell in that 22 communities the number of telephones had increased enough to move the exchanges, including O'Neill, into the next higher rate category.

### Martha Clubbers Make Tour

The Martha 4-H club had a tour Monday, June 7, to see some of the projects. The group met at Spath's and visited several places before dinner and then went to the Martha school for a picnic dinner. After dinner we played ball till time to go home.

—By Karen Kruse, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elsbury and Ellen of Atkinson are vacationing at Glenrock, Wyo., and Denver, Colo. They will be gone about a week. Cathy Elsbury is staying with her maternal-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, while her parents are gone.

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## Earlybirds Will See Celestial Show

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pass over Minneapolis, Minn. It swings through Canada, the southern tip of Greenland, Iceland, the Faeroe islands, Norway, Sweden, Russia and Pakistan.

**A black sun will set in India just 2 hours 45 minutes after the eclipse in Holt county.**

The prize part of the show will be to see the moon covering the full face of the sun. At this total coverage and visibility permitting, Holt countyans (and others in the narrow band) will see the corona, the sun's outer shell of gas, which normally is invisible. Around the rim of the sun will be red, jet-like tongues of incandescent hydrogen gas.

Totally in the belt will last one minute in this part of the world, longer to the northeast. Millions of other Americans will be able to see part of the dimming sun if they peek soon after sunrise in their localities. In New York City, for example, the moon will cover 74 percent of the sun at the peak; in Chicago, Ill., 85 percent; St. Louis, Mo., 82 percent; Denver, Colo., 91 percent.

And here's a forewarning from astronomers: Don't try to look without smoked or black glasses or exposed and developed negative films.

Many persons living in the Western part of the nation will miss the show entirely. The sun will not have risen there when the eclipse begins.

This will be the first total eclipse in the U.S. since 1945. Scientifically the eclipses are valuable and teams of astronomers will make studies from selected sites on land and in the air.

By coincidence the celestial

attention of the scientific world is being focused on Holt county for the second time within a year. During late July, August and early September, 1953, the air force research center at Cambridge, Mass., in cooperation with 14 universities, colleges, weather units and other government agencies, conducted a minute study of air turbulence on a prairie site six miles northeast of here. Those studies, however, concerned turbulence at low altitudes although studies of the sun's rays, evaporation and temperature changes were byproducts.

The Cambridge research personnel, some of whom were here last year, will be working on the eclipse. One important project is to use the eclipse to learn more accurately distances between North America and Europe. The exact instant of totality will be timed at sites established in North America, Europe and the East. Since it is known, distances between the continents then can be measured with great precision.

Cooperating with Cambridge in these field studies will be Georgetown university, Ohio State university, American Geographical society, and others.

Other astronomers will study the sun's corona and jet-like prominences and measure again how much the sun's gravity bends the light, coming from the stars, that passes the sun.

At Denver, scientists will make studies of the zodiacal light, the glow in the sky believed to be caused by sunlight reflected from dust masses near the sun. They will try to measure the chemical makeup of such dust clouds.

All this is a different attitude toward eclipses compared to ancient times, when superstition held a terrible dragon or some monster roamed the sky and caused blackouts.

The south "corner" of the path will be about three miles west of Cumminsville, or 27 miles west of Elgin. The north-west "corner" of the path will start 12 miles north of Bassett. By drawing a line between those points on a map you will see the eclipse "front."

The eclipse will move north-eastward at a rapid rate. O'Neillites will get a good view—probably about a minute.

Niobrara probably will have the longest look at the total eclipse of any place in Nebraska—lasting about 1 minute and 10 seconds. Best vantage point in all Nebraska will be on a high bluff in the Niobrara locality.

Atkinson, Butte, Creighton, Lynch, Spencer, Bristow, Verdell, Stuart, Emmet, Inman, Page, Ewing and other nearby towns are in the belt.

In Atkinson the sun will come up covered by the moon and then begin to peek behind the moon 40 seconds later.

The eclipse will race half-way around the world in 2 hours 45 minutes. As it gets farther on northeastward the path will be wider and the length of blackout longer.

A total eclipse does not bring total darkness. The sun's corona or halo appears outside the shadow of the moon. When the eclipse begins, a pale purple

covering spreads over the landscape. As the total phase nears, there will be flitting bands of light (caused by mountains on the moon).

Total eclipses of the moon are rather common affairs, but the rarity of the total eclipse of the sun can be appreciated by learning that Rome saw only three total eclipses in 12 centuries, London only two. Omaha will be in the center of a solar eclipse in 2048—a memo to hand down to your great-grandchildren.

**Butler Holds Ike to Asia Promise**

"President Eisenhower has publicly promised the country that he will take no action to send American troops into Indochina without first securing congressional approval," Sen. Hugh Butler (R.-Nebr.) pointed out.

"I believe that promise is of the greatest importance," the senator continued. He reminded his listeners that when the Korean conflict broke out, American troops were ordered into action without congress being asked for permission.

"We were simply told about it later, after it was too late to back out," he said. "Nothing like that can happen in Indochina."

**O'NEILL LOCALS**

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. DeBacker will leave today (Thursday) for Omaha where they will visit until Sunday with their son, Rev. Thomas E. DeBacker, who is the assistant pastor at St. Agnes Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach visited at the R. B. Marston home in Dorsey Sunday. Mrs. Charles Marston and Debby accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zimmerman of Hastings were Saturday visitors here.

**Drive-In Services Being Discontinued**

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Rev. E. G. Hughes officiated in the rites at Woodlawn cemetery. Survivors include: parents; sisters—Jaqueline, Jaralyn, Jean and Shelly; brothers—Brian and James.

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