

**Charles Luben Honored—**

EWING—A family gathering was held Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Boies in north Ewing. The occasion was in honor of father's day and also to celebrate birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Boies's father, Charles Luben, who was 70, and Bernard Luben, June 12, and Donald Luben, son of Howard Luben, June 21.

A picnic was served on the lawn. Three decorated cakes were presented. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luben of Inman; William Luben, Lela and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luben, Lois and Donald, all of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Clark of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Luben and daughters of Wisner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtwright of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wood and daughters of Weeping Water.

**Other Ewing News**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grim spent the weekend in Sioux City visiting with relatives. They saw many people moving from the low areas about the city due to the heavy rains in the region. While homeward bound they ran into heavy rains in the Randolph vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doud entertained the following guests at a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Overton, who were from Japan and en route to New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cary and daughters of Bloomfield spent the weekend in Ewing. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Estel Cary and son, Douglas Dale. Estel was recently discharged from the army. He was stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

On Saturday, Miss Fern Pruden attended the wedding of Miss Donna Rudisil and Russell Haynes of Rising City held at the Methodist church in Palisade. A reception was held at the parental home following the ceremony. Miss Pruden was in charge of the gifts and giftbook. Mrs. Genevieve Mitties of Venus assisted with the refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes went to the Black Hills on their wedding trip and on their return will make their home on a farm near Rising City. Mrs. Haynes taught vocational homemaking in the Ewing high school about two years ago.

Miss Cecelia Augustine of Grand Island is vacationing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Baum, sr., and family. Miss Dianne Baum has returned home from Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pierson were guests on father's day at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pribnow, and daughter who live near Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Agnes Bartak entertained the following guests at dinner on Sunday: Mrs. Fannie Shiffbauer, Mrs. Anna Savidge and two granddaughters.

Miss Joellyn Eacker of Lincoln spent father's day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eacker.

Bonnie Jo Jerrieres, Bethyl and Veradel Daniels, Patsy Pollock and Judy Wanser are taking instructions in swimming at the O'Neill pool.

**MILLER THEATER**

— Atkinson —

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. June 24-25-26

"Jubilee Trail"

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. June 27-28-29

IT'S A HOWLIN' HONEYMOON ON WHEELS!

LUCILLE BALL

with ARMAZ

THE LONG, LONG TRAILER

with MARSHALL MANN

and NORMA WYNN

Wed.-Thurs. June 30-July 1

TWO OF THE DOUBLES-CROSSERS AND THE TWO-BIT HOODS!

James CAGNEY

A LION IS IN THE STREETS

with MARGARET HALE ANNE FRANCES

Mrs. Agnes Bartak accompanied Mrs. Gail Boies and Mrs. Maud Boies to Plainview last Thursday where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Vance Bennett, and family.

Rev. W. J. Bomer will participate in the activities of the Presbytery youth camp at Milford this week as dean of men, songleader, and counselor. Mrs. Carl Christon will also be a counselor.

Mrs. Bertha Urban was hostess at an informal 8 o'clock coffee hour at her home Tuesday morning, June 15. Coffee was served from picnic tables in the rustic patio of the backyard.

Diana Baum, Ewing's representative to Cornhuskers girl's state, returned home Tuesday, June 15. Miss Baum, a candidate for "governor" on the federal ticket, was defeated in the election by Nancy Copeland of North Platte. However she was appointed to the "aeronautics commission."

A miscellaneous shower was held Tuesday evening, June 22, at the Stockmens cafe honoring Mr. and Mrs. David Cloyd of Long Beach, Calif., who have been guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cloyd, since David's discharge from the navy about a month ago.

**CHURCH NOTES**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor

Miss Helen May, assistant to the pastor

Sunday, June 27: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

The spiritual life group will meet in the pastor's study Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Women's association annual picnic will be held Thursday, July 1, at 7 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Leon Price. Mrs. John Osenbaugh will be in charge of the devotions.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper and the sacrament of baptism will be administered on Sunday morning, June 27. This will be Reverend Lee's final service before leaving.

The Ministerial association has voted to discontinue the drive-in church services.

A potluck supper will be held at the church Monday evening, June 28. This will be a farewell supper for the pastor and his family. All are invited to attend.

**CENTER UNION (O'Neill)**

Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, pastor

Sunday, June 27: Worship at 10 a.m.; Sunday-school at 11 a.m.; evening service at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Earl Newton, missionary to China and Mexico, will be our guest speaker Wednesday, June 30, at 8 p.m.

Young people will be going to Long Pine to Bible camp June 28-July 4.

You are invited to all of our services.

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN**

(RFD, Ewing)

Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor

Miss Helen May, assistant to the pastor

Sunday, June 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday-school follows the worship service.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the morning worship service. This will be the pastor's last service before moving.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)**

Corner of Sixth and Grant

John Thomas, minister

Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 1 a.m.; evening worship at 8 o'clock.

Bible study and prayer session Wednesday, 8 p.m.

We invite everyone to attend these services.

**Texas to Preach at Ranchers' Camp—**

Rev. Walter Willis of El Paso, Tex., has been secured to conduct the preaching services for the Nebraska rancher's camp meeting, an interdenominational fellowship which will open today (Thursday) at Merryland Park near Kennedy and continue until Sunday night, June 27. He has had considerable experience working with the camp meetings of the Southwest range area. He will also speak at the Wyoming and South Dakota camp meeting. His wife and two sons will accompany him.

**CHAMBERS NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner attended a family gathering at Ford's park in O'Neill Sunday, June 20, in honor of father's day.

Gene Wintermote of Ismay, Mont., came Monday, June 14, and spent the week visiting his aunt, Mrs. John Wintermote and his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wintermote and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lyvold Wintermote and children, Mr. and Mrs. Guais Wintermote and Carolyn and Mr. and Herman Cook.

A picnic dinner with a fish fry was held at the home of H. W. Hubbard, Sunday, Father's day. Those present besides the Hubbards were E. F. Porter, Dr. and Mrs. Eason of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik, Pam and Kathie Farrier and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hubbard.

**MR. AND MRS. TAXPAYER:**

We feel that the information listed in the following advertisement is of interest to every taxpayer. We suggest that you study it thoroughly.

We desire to keep the highways running directly through town as they do at the present time, provided that it will not cause undue taxation on the taxpayers of the City of O'Neill and unnecessary work or tearing up of the streets and walks.

Why does the State require a four-lane highway through O'Neill? Is this requirement setup to make the cost of street widening prohibitive to the taxpayers of O'Neill? Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte, Blair, Kearney, South Sioux City and Seward have no four-lane highways. Why O'Neill?

The State of Nebraska has advised the City Council of O'Neill just what the Council must do to keep the highways on the present streets. The City Council has agreed to these requirements, and they have also passed an ordinance creating an improvement District that comprises all of Douglas Street and the South part of Fourth Street. This action was taken by the City Council without an engineer's estimate of the probable cost.

Section two of the ordinance as passed, states that such changes as widening of the pavement, cutting back the sidewalks, curbs, storm sewer changes and all costs, "Shall be made at public cost but that special assessments shall be levied against property specially benefited by such changes." However legal opinion seems to indicate that there is no possible chance of assessment of benefits to the property owners along Douglas and Fourth Streets. THEREFORE THE ENTIRE COST OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL BE MADE IN THE STREETS WILL FALL AS A TAX UPON ALL TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY ACCORDING TO THEIR ASSESSED VALUATION, with the exception of such cost as the Federal aid will bear.

The State pays nothing on this project. Federal aid to the City will pay 50% of the Street widening on Douglas Street and Fourth Street WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DOUGLAS STREET FROM THIRD TO SIXTH STREET AND ONE BLOCK OF DOUGLAS ON FOURTH STREET.

The requirements of the State would necessitate the cutting back of sidewalks on Douglas street from Third to Sixth street and also the one block on Fourth Street. This in turn would mean that storm sewer outlets would have to be changed, driveways changed, curb boxes for water shutoff valves would have to be set back, and in addition where any property owner had property extending beyond his lot line into the street, that such property would have to be set back or removed. Likewise if such property owners wished to take action, they could force every property owner in the City to remove his property that is beyond the lot line, this would apply to signs, service stations, stairways, scales, steps and other personal property.

The East three blocks of Douglas Street would not be widened, however all parking on the street in these three blocks would be banned at all times. No truck parking would be allowed on Douglas Street from east to west, or on Fourth Street from Douglas to the Burlington Railroad tracks. This raises a question of where would the trucks park? Where would they unload? If the trucks must unload in the alleys, then what about paving the alleys?

The State requires that the corner at the west end of Douglas street be widened and the curve more generous. This will cause damage to several business places at that corner as well as to one or two houses. The cost of this change will be paid by the State with Federal aid.

Until such time as the City Engineer shall furnish an estimate of cost for changes in Douglas Street and Fourth street, only a rough estimate can be assumed. This estimate has run from a low of \$75,000 to a high of \$150,000.

Notice of the special meeting of the City Council held on April 16th at 8:00 P.M., was served on the members of the City Council late the evening of April 15th. The Council at this special meeting passed the ordinance creating the improvement district which comprises all of Douglas Street and the south part of Fourth Street. Those opposed to the widening of Douglas Street and

the south part of Fourth Street had no opportunity to appear before the City Council and voice their objections.

The City of O'Neill is growing. There are many improvements that are very desirable and some that are badly needed as yet. Some streets have been paved and others are in the process of being paved. No doubt there will be property owners in other parts of the City that will desire paving on their streets. But it must be remembered that the City obligates itself with every paving district as it must pay for the paving of the street intersections, alleys, and cost of storm sewers.

Last year bonds were issued in payment of the swimming pool that was built. The cost of paying off these bonds has not as yet been reflected in your taxes. The cost of paving intersections, and installation of storm storm sewers as done last year, will show up in your tax bill this year.

The cost of paving street intersections and cost of storm sewers in the paving districts now in process will not be reflected in your tax bill until next year. The cost of the school addition for which bonds were recently voted, will not show up in your tax bill until next year. All these increases in taxes will be with you for the next ten years.

It is estimated that the tax levy for 1954 will be \$43.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuations, for 1955 if the proposed highway-street alterations are made), the estimated levy is \$51.00. These figures are only approximately correct in as much as they are based on 1953 property valuations, and the presumption that the State, County, School, and City will not raise their regular levies. The tax levy in the City for 1953 was approximately \$40.00.

We cannot accept the idea, that if the City spends large sums of money on Douglas and Fourth streets, that we will retain the highways through the town. No promise can be secured from the State that the highways will remain for any length of time, in as much as the present Governor's actions are not binding on the next Governor or upon the Federal Government. Plans are now in the making to by-pass many towns in the State, among them are Sidney, South Sioux City, North Platte, Norfolk, Kimball, and others.

We think that there are ample miles of highway on Highway 281 North and South, as well as rebuilding each year of a portion of Highway 20 East and West of O'Neill, to absorb all the funds that the State with Federal aid can allocate to this area within Holt County, without spending money at this time on expensive changes in streets, or a high cost by-pass.

If the State insists that they must spend money for a by-pass on the east and north of O'Neill at this time, that we should demand that the portion of present highway 20 from the west end of Douglas Street to the Drive-in corner be re-surfaced, and when the by-pass is completed that the route through the main street of town be designated as an alternate route.

This advertisement will be published in both of the O'Neill papers. The cost is being assumed by a group of businessmen and taxpayers. If you are against the spending of City funds for alterations in Douglas and Fourth street, fill in the coupon below and sign your name. If you wish to bear your share of the cost of any legal action that might have to be taken to stop the spending of such City Money, then fill in the amount that the committee can depend on as receiving from you. If the response is favorable, the committee will act to the best of its ability. Sign the coupon today and mail it.

Taxpayers' Committee  
P.O. Box 264  
O'Neill, Nebr.

I am against the spending of City funds for the alteration of Douglas and Fourth Streets in O'Neill to meet highway specifications.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and Number)

NOTE: In event that it becomes necessary to take legal action to stop such alterations, I hereby pledge the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the committee for that purpose.

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