



The accompanying story concerns Holt county rural school district 165 near O'Neill, which boasts a fine new school building. These photos, however, were taken at district 69, north of Atkinson. District 69 completed the new structure (above) in 1954 and open-house was observed October 12. Board members, pictured beside the building are Mrs. O. Poesnecker, E. Hale and W. Morgan. Pupils in the interior photo are: Back row—Jimmie Hale, Arlene Zahradnick, James Morgan and Anita Morgan; row nearest camera—John Morgan, Julie Akins, Gary Roche, Bonnie Akins and Bruce Hale. The teacher is Alpha Kirkland. Some of the patrons are shown. Photo was taken on the day of the open-house.



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Districts 165, 69 Not Ragged Beggars

By MRS. N. D. ICKES, SR., Frontier Feature Writer

It has taken a long while, comparatively speaking, for the rural schools in Nebraska to reflect the prosperity and progress of the people. In other words, the architectural most rural schools is of turn of the century variety and the conveniences of modern living hardly exist in most schools. Many districts still use the one-room school by the side of the road. The ragged beggar is heated with fuel manually carried in as needed from an outside supply. The wood or coal (or both) is fed into a potbellied iron hull in the corner of the room. Toilets usually can be found at each rear corner of the school yard. In winter they're usually snowed in or snowed under. At Halloween time they stand as easy prey for pranksters.

The water supply for rural schools is solved in various ways, few proving entirely satisfactory. The wells that stand unused throughout the summer are risky propositions, even though some reliable board of education member comes along before the fall term opens and "pumps them out." Some parents won't even trust the old well at the school; hence water is transported from a nearby home.

In warm weather the water acquires a taste akin to licking the inside of the container. Let's take a look at a modern rural school in Holt county, built by patrons of district 165, situated five miles south and one mile west of O'Neill. This was the first modern rural school building in Holt county and was built in the summer of 1952.

The present school board consists of Francis Pribil, Melvin Rieck and C. Peter. The teacher, Miss La Vonne Rieck, is in her second year of school there. She received her training at Wayne State Teacher's college.

There are 12 pupils, representatives of the Cyril and Stanley Peter, Dick Clark, Verling Snell, Francis Pribil and Melvin Rieck families. Miss Rieck counts four beginners, two first graders, three second graders, one third grader and two fourth graders.

This building is a frame structure with windows on the south for lighting and high windows on the north for ventilation. The class room is equipped with 20 movable and adjustable desks with plenty of play area for the smaller children. There is a primary table and chairs, a sandtable and children have loads of fun on a merry-go-round outside.

District 165 boasts a rhythm band. The school is equipped to serve hot lunches and the building is lighted with fluorescent lighting. An oil burning furnace supplies ample heat. There are two indoor rest rooms. There is a cloak room and a water fountain furnishes sanitary drinking water.

Patrons of district 165 are justifiably proud of their new school building, and frankly, I found it an impressive, interesting and mighty commendable place to visit.

Strong Finish Enables Victory

Coach Elmer Murrman's O'Neill high Eagles uncorked a fourth-quarter rally which couldn't be checked by the favored Neligh Warriors. The Blues finished in front, 44-43, in a thriller played before a near capacity crowd here Friday night.

Trailing 11 points going into the final stanza, O'Neill scored 13 points while Neligh could muster only one. Wayne Strong hit the clincher from the side with 15 seconds remaining.

Neligh's counter attempt failed with O'Neill coming up the rebound to stall out the remaining seconds.

O'Neill jumped to a 12-9 first quarter lead only to have Neligh forge ahead 26-22 at halftime. The Eagles could not find the range in the third, enabling Neligh to build a 42-31 lead.

The Neligh coach started his second five in the fourth quarter. O'Neill picked up three quick baskets before the Neligh starting five could reenter the lineup. It made no difference with the starting five returning as the Eagles continued to roll toward victory with a storybook finish.

Duane Alton led the Eagle scoring attack with 13 points. He shared rebound honors with Bob Sanders. Dick Gaskill added eight points for the Eagles.

Moon was Neligh's high scorer with 18 points. Van Er and Broderson were the Warriors' top rebounders.

O'Neill reserves won over the Neligh reserves in another thriller, 32-30. Johnson and McKenny led O'Neill with eight and seven points, respectively, while Hansen had 11 for Neligh.

The Eagles meet Bloomfield on the O'Neill maples Friday night, January 14.

Boxscore of main event:

O'NEILL (44)	fg	ft	pts
Petrov	1	0	2
Catz	3	0	6
Alton	6	1	13
Sanders	2	3	7
Gaskill	4	0	8
Strong	2	0	4
Conarro	1	2	4
Totals	19	6	44

NELIGH (43)	fg	ft	pts
Moon	8	2	18
Alderson	0	0	0
Baker	2	1	5
Scotfield	0	0	0
Van Er	3	1	7
Ames	0	0	0
Ganskow	1	0	2
Melcher	0	0	0
Broderson	3	5	11
Gabelman	0	0	0
Totals	17	9	43



Rail Agents Study Public Relations

D. R. Fyfe (standing at left) conducted a public relations seminar for 11 Chicago & North Western station agents, assistants and operators Friday at O'Neill. The lecture hall was a special railway car. Fyfe has had amazing success at Rochelle, Ill., and several other points as a passenger-freight agent and is noted in the C&NW system as an expert on public relations. His lecture and a 2½-hour question-and-answer period were preceded by a courtesy film. Fyfe made similar stops and conducted seminars at four other points along the Omaha-to-Chadron line of the C&NW where a concerted effort is

being made, both by the C&NW and civic groups, to make pay passenger-mail-express trains number 13 and 14, which have been operating at substantial losses. In the photo (left-to-right): V. J. Towle of O'Neill, John B. Beck of Atkinson, Sam Noring of Basset, Richard Hutton of Basset, Thomas Hutton of Inman, Don Shimerka of Atkinson, N. J. Rich of Norfolk (division freight agent), A. L. Eckles of Norfolk (division superintendent), L. A. Nelson of O'Neill, W. N. Spence of Ewing, J. H. Johnson of Clearwater, J. C. Strode of Stuart and C. A. Henry of Newport.—The Frontier Photo.

Valentine 45; Bassett 44

BASSETT — The Valentine Badgers earned a 45-44 victory over Rock county high (Bassett) here Friday night. Earlier the Badgers had defeated Bassett, 52-40. It was Valentine's fifth straight win. Wrage led the Bad-

gers with 23 points; Dick Turpin got 13 for the losing Tigers.

Here from Denver—

Miss Marjorie McElhane of Denver, Colo., visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith, and their son, Cpl. Donald Beckwith, and Miss Nancy Watson were Wednesday, January 5, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harley and family.

Mrs. Vannie B. Newman returned Sunday to O'Neill from Holdrege. Mrs. Newman and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bahl and family, of Holdrege, had returned new year's day to Holdrege from San Diego, Calif., where they had visited over the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Newman's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris and family.

County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement

HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA

FUNDS:	Balances July 1, 1954	Receipts 7-1-'54 to 12-27-'54	Transfers from other funds	Transfers to other funds	Disburs'ts 7-1-'54 to 12-27-'54	Balances Dec. 27, 1954
STATE FUNDS:						
General	2,792.48	76,508.18	3,647.49		63,079.12	19,869.03
Intangible	11.48	1,997.59			1,435.60	573.47
Univ. Hospital	18.67	855.77	28.06		647.14	255.36
Care Insane	851.61	20,290.34	1,028.77		17,006.20	5,164.72
Care Feeble Minded	226.44	5,855.03	271.22		4,849.39	1,503.30
Veteran's Aid	29.58	7.69			29.58	7.69
Spec. Building	854.29	19,227.28	1,028.77		16,350.35	4,759.99
Spec. Annuity	447.55	8,613.30	467.62		7,379.71	2,148.76
Med. College Bldg.	223.78	4,306.69	233.81		3,941.70	822.58
School Land	5,993.55	42,811.10			38,312.20	10,492.45
University Land	392.95	3,395.15			3,434.10	354.00
Highway Supervision	38.71	240.63			268.32	11.02
Highway Maintenance	452.90	2,815.21			3,139.17	128.94
Drivers License	113.50	353.60			436.30	30.80
Old Age Tax	24.49	6,402.12			4,497.02	1,929.59
Spec. Bee Tax	80	44.92				45.72
Tow Permits	30.00	30.00			60.00	
STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS:						
Old Age Assistance	8,987.50	70,006.29			72,536.60	6,457.28
Aid-Dependent Children	471.45	16,754.85			16,580.80	645.50
Aid-Blind	109.00	2,513.00			2,513.00	109.00
Administr. Expense	437.14	8,129.30			7,005.09	1,561.35
COUNTY FUNDS:						
General	75,760.28	52,457.70	1,776.97		70,496.12	59,498.83
Bridge	45,943.02	25,139.15	841.72		42,510.78	29,413.11
Road	49,556.50	30,250.30			79,125.28	651.52
Road-Bridge	12,167.47	7,877.05			23,748.54	3,704.02*
Mail Route	14,776.61	25,130.69			42,405.46	2,498.31
Soldiers and Sailors Relief	2,341.64	177.32	9.35		2,528.31	
Unemployment Relief	6,487.92	2,606.70	93.52		2,170.67	7,017.47
Medical and Hospitalization	7,530.88	4,805.95	327.34		2,773.19	9,809.98
Fair	1,472.37	1,786.15	46.76		2,000.00	1,305.28
Mothers Pension	1,072.12					1,072.12
Delinquent Tax	29.91					29.91
Court House Bond (bonds all paid)						58
Inheritance Tax	22,465.19	1,733.71				24,198.90
Advertising		388.10				388.10
Misc. Fees		213.60				213.60
Drivers License	1,410.65	32.40				1,443.05
Partial Pay't	478.52	301.00			224.61	554.91
Int. on Investments	6,425.27	2,220.00				8,645.27
Tax Foreclosure	4,154.23					4,154.23
Noxious Weed	3,120.12	50.09				3,170.21
Tax Sale Redemption	6.40	453.90			352.15	108.15
Motor Vehicle Tax Undist.	24,612.86	5,154.72		29,417.78	349.80	
PRECINCT FUNDS:						
General	54,019.78	47,577.12	2,355.60		49,765.00	54,187.50
Library	894.06	1,964.75	110.46		2,145.00	824.27
Poll Tax		2,404.83				2,404.83
Fire Dist. No. 1	671.88	1,909.67	169.10		2,500.00	250.65
Fire Dist. No. 2	166.97	6.15				173.12
SCHOOL FUNDS:						
General	243,232.09	224,904.82	21,017.79		219,750.86	269,403.84
Bond and Coupon	16,699.91	9,510.09	339.79		12,939.58	13,610.21
Free High	13,578.68	67,557.44	3,034.40		1,620.00	82,550.52
Fines and License		8,933.00		8,933.00		
State Apportionment						
Miscellaneous		1,119.57		1,119.57		
Stray		42.47		42.47		
Blanket School	105.32				1.46	103.86
VILLAGE FUNDS:						
General	34,267.09	33,298.46	5,182.18		52,090.00	20,657.73
Water Bond and Coupons	9,965.61	2,570.27	173.25		909.30	11,799.83
Funding B. and C.	1,095.29	87.86	4.06		518.00	669.21
Sewer B. and C.	6,904.58	5,794.36	394.13		7,280.00	5,813.07
Elec. Light Revenue Bd.		5,250.00			5,250.00	
Atkinson Ball Park B. and C.	3,118.26	546.20			200.00	3,497.54
O'Neill Swimming Pool B. and C.	896.09	383.95	30.25		1,097.50	212.79
O'Neill Paving Assessment	806.08	2,080.84				3,886.92
O'Neill Intersec. Pav. B. and C.		1,911.85				1,911.85
Gas Tax		2,249.26				
Poll Tax		990.01		2,249.26		
Auto License		1,014.48		1,014.48		990.01
O'Neill Park Improv. B. and C.	1,548.10	1,679.19	131.07		2,552.50	805.86
Balance July 1, '54	\$690,289.91	\$ 876,723.79	\$42,776.56	\$42,776.56	\$ 888,277.19	\$678,736.51
Balance Dec. 27, 1954		690,289.91			678,736.51	
		\$1,567,013.70			\$1,567,013.70	

*Overdraft

Bank Balances	\$487,924.69	UNALLOWED CLAIMS ON FILE IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON DEC. 15, 1954	
Cash and Checks in Office	15,811.82	General	\$8,898.81
Invested (Gov't Bonds)	175,000.00	Bridge	\$2,143.69
		Road	\$6,913.53
		Road-Bridge	\$ 373.24

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
COUNTY OF HOLT } SS.
I, J. Ed Hancock, County Treasurer of Holt County, Nebraska, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 1955.
J. ED HANCOCK, County Treasurer
RUTH HOFFMAN BAKER, County Clerk