

Legal Notices

(First pub. June 2, 1955)
 Elven Butterfield, Neligh, Attorney
NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE
 Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale directed to me by the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court wherein Elva McDermott is plaintiff, and Hazel Saide, et al., are defendants, being Case No. 15002, to sell at public venue the following described real estate, to-wit:
 —The Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 31, North, Range 12, West of the 6th P.M., in Holt County, Nebraska. I will offer said above described real estate for sale, and will sell the same to the highest bidder for cash on the 7th day of July, A.D., 1955, at the hour of one o'clock P.M., at the front door of the Court House in the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned, sole referee. Said sale will remain open for one hour.
 Purchaser will be required to pay fifteen percent of his bid on the day of the sale, and the balance at the time of confirmation. Dated this 1st day of June, A.D., 1955.
 JULIUS D. CRONIN
 Sole Referee

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 Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate No. 4037
 In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, June 2, 1955. In the Matter of the Estate of Agnes Soukup, Deceased.
 CREDITORS of said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is September 30, 1955, and for the payment of debts is June 2, 1956, and that on June 30, 1955, and on October 1, 1955, at 10 o'clock A.M. each day, I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
 LOUIS W. REIMER,
 County Judge
 (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 6-8

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 Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE FOR PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION
 Estate No. 4042
 In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, May 27, 1955. In the Matter of the Estate of Einar Peterson, a/k/a Einar Peterson, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate that a petition has been filed in said Court for the appointment of Christine Sanders as Administratrix of said estate, and will be heard June 23, 1955, at 10 o'clock A.M., at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska.
 LOUIS W. REIMER,
 County Judge
 (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 5-7c

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 John R. Gallagher, Attorney
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate No. 4034
 In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, June 2, 1955. In the Matter of the Estate of Hester M. Hansen, Deceased.
 CREDITORS of said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is September 30, 1955, and for the payment of debts is June 2, 1956, and that on June 30, 1955, and on October 1, 1955, at 10 o'clock A.M. each day, I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
 LOUIS W. REIMER,
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Miss Dorothy Donohoe, R.N., of Omaha spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe.

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NOTICE OF SUIT
 TO: James W. Gibson; Mrs. James W. Gibson, first real name unknown; The Heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Bradford F. Cleveland, deceased, real names unknown; and all persons having or claiming any interest in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-eight, Township Twenty-seven North, Range Ten, West of the 6th P.M. in Holt County, Nebraska, real names unknown, defendants.
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 26th day of May, 1955, George E. Moor as plaintiff, filed his petition in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, against you as defendants, the object and prayer of which is to quiet and confirm the title in him, the said George E. Moor, to the real estate hereinabove specifically described, as against you and each of you, and to secure a Decree of Court that you have no interest in, right or title to or lien upon said real estate, or any part thereof, and for general equitable relief.
 You are required to answer said petition on or before the 11th day of July, 1955.
 GEORGE E. MOOR,
 Plaintiff,
 By: JULIUS D. CRONIN
 His Attorney

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 Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
 In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, May 31st, 1955. In the Matter of the Estate of Patrick C. Murphy, deceased.
 TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF PATRICK C. MURPHY, DECEASED, BOTH CREDITORS AND HEIRS:
 Notice is hereby given that John Patrick Murphy has filed a petition in this action praying that the heirs of the deceased, Patrick C. Murphy, may be found and determined, notwithstanding that this estate has not been closed, pursuant to Section 30-1709 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for 1943.
 Said petition will come on for hearing in the County Court Room in O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of June, A.D., 1955, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M.
 LOUIS W. REIMER,
 County Judge

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 Norman Gonderinger, Attorney
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL
 No. 4041
 COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA.
 ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. GROTHE, DECEASED.
 NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED:
 Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed for the probate of the will of said deceased, and for the appointment of W. P. Dailey as Executor thereof, which will be for hearing in this court on June 23, 1955, at 10 o'clock A.M.
 LOUIS W. REIMER,
 County Judge
 (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 5-7c

(First publication June 9, 1955)
 Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SAM ROGOW AND ISABELLE ROGOW, TO AUTHORIZE HAROLD HARGENS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ORLOW COLWELL, DECEASED, IN HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO EXECUTE A DEED TO REAL ESTATE.
 ORDER
 Now, on this 1st day of June, A.D., 1955, this matter came on

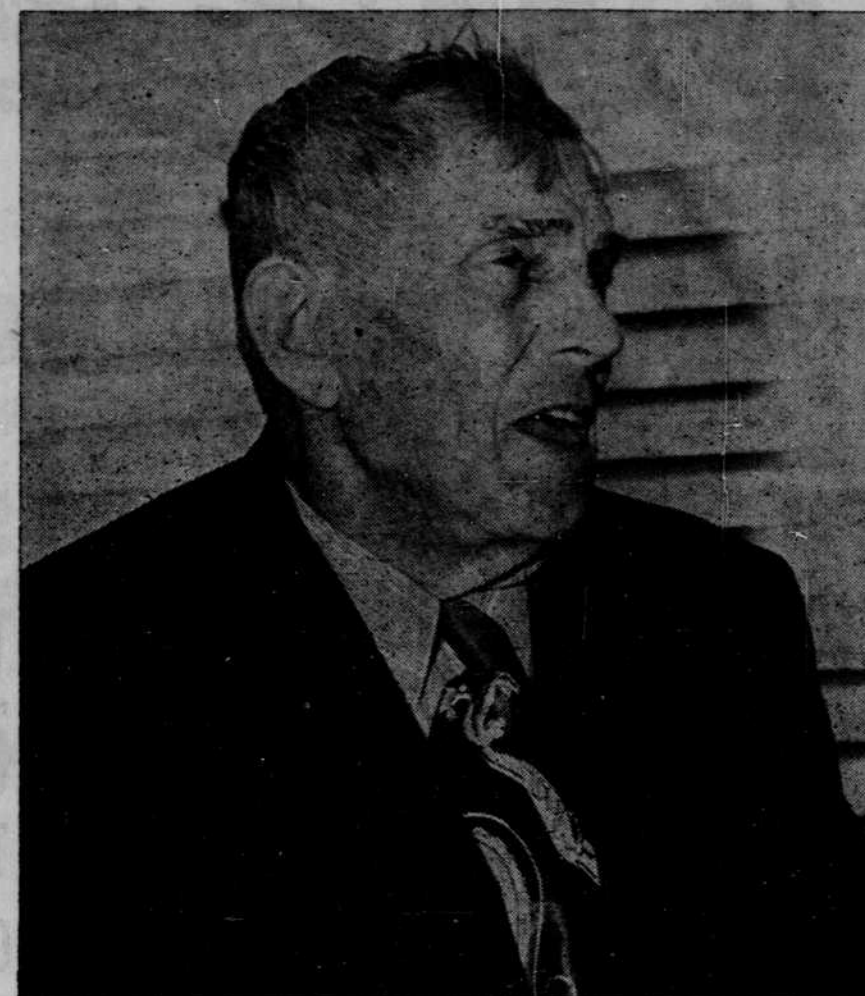
before the Court upon the petition of Sam Rogow and Isabelle Rogow, under oath, directed to this Court, alleging that on or about the 2nd day of January, 1953, petitioners entered into a written contract with Orlow Colwell, now deceased, to purchase the Northwest Quarter of Section One (1), Township Twenty-Nine (29), North, Range 20, West of the 6th P.M., in Rock County, Nebraska, for the total sum of \$6,000.00, of which the sum of \$1,000.00 was paid at the time of the execution of the contract; the balance was to be paid \$1,000.00 on February 1, 1954 and \$1,000.00 on the first day of each February thereafter up to and including the year 1958, with interest at five percent on all unpaid principal sums, payable February 1, 1959; that the purchasers have paid a total on said purchase price of \$1,400.00, leaving an unpaid balance of \$4,600.00 and interest, \$1,600.00 of which is in default. That no deed of conveyance was ever prepared or executed by the deceased; that the administrator of the estate of Orlow Colwell, deceased, and the purchasers have agreed upon a compromise of the balance due on said purchase price, which compromise has been approved by the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, in which Court the estate of the deceased is pending. That said compromise contemplates a payment of \$3,800.00 by the purchasers, in cash in full settlement of the balance due on said contract; that said funds are in escrow pending completion of this proceeding.

Petitioners pray that a day may be fixed for hearing on said petition; that notice thereof be given as by law provided and that upon said hearing, decree be entered, directing the administrator of the estate of Orlow Colwell, deceased, for and on behalf of said estate, to execute and deliver good and sufficient deed conveying said premises to the petitioners upon payment of \$3,800.00 in cash, pursuant to said approved compromise.
 IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that a hearing be had upon said petition in the District Court Room in the Court House at Basset, Nebraska, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M., on the 6th day of July, A.D., 1955, and that notice of the pendency of this matter, and of the time and place fixed for hearing thereon, be given by publishing a copy of this Order for three consecutive weeks prior to such hearing in the Frontier, a legal newspaper, printed, published and of general circulation in Holt County, Nebraska, in which County said administrator was appointed.
 BY THE COURT
 D. R. MOUNTS
 DISTRICT JUDGE

UP Makes Feature of Indian Experiences
 ATKINSON — Will Spindler, veteran Indian service teacher at the Wounded Knee day school, Wounded Knee, S.D., received a request from the United Press for a feature story on their experiences in the U.S. Indian Service.
 He promptly wrote and submitted it, and it was used for a radio feature story for distribution over the nation. The story also appeared in the Sunday June 5, edition of the Rapid City, S.D., Daily Journal.
 Mr. and Mrs. Spindler have now spent 26 years in the Indian service on the Pine Ridge reservation. He is the author of five western books, his two latest, "Badlands Trails" and "Tragedy Strikes At Wounded Knee", having their localities in the reservation and Badlands areas of South Dakota.
 Another of his books, "Rim of the Sandhills" (now out of print), has its setting in Holt county. He is a son of the late George H. Spindler of Atkinson.



Stafford, village now vanished, once boasted busy depot. Left-to-right: Merle Brobst (with wagon), Ethel Smith, C. C. Singer (who taught in the Stafford school), Jessie Townsend Swain, Mrs. Alvin Brobst, Mr. Brobst (with freight cart), two section hands, John Dorrity (section foreman).



Brobst . . . in reminiscent mood.—World-Herald Photo.

Alvin Brobst Manned Stafford in Heyday

By MRS. N. D. IKES, SR., Special Feature Writer
 PAGE—Alva Brobst, 84, a recent visitor in the Merwyn French, sr., home revived memories of the years when he was depot agent at the now extinct town of Stafford. Only those who pioneered in this part of Nebraska before the turn of the century remembered Stafford like Mr. Brobst does.
 He recalls that his father was an easy mark, being gullible to the point of availing himself of the opportunity to gain possession of a section of railroad land along the right-of-way of a new road which was to stretch across the state of Kansas.
 In 1878, when Alva was a lad of seven, his parents loaded out two cars for the new home and future riches near the town of Colby, Kans.
 With pioneer foresight, the emigrant cars contained lumber for the new dwelling. Upon their arrival they set up packing crates and a dug-out for a temporary shelter while their house was under construction.
 A stable was built for the cows and the two teams of horses which they brought with them. It was a busy season, taking time from their construction activities to sow seed they had brought and to care for the crop land they were bringing under cultivation.
 Fall found the family quite well prepared for the first winter. But they were totally unprepared for the blow that came.
 Alva's little sister, Stella, was the first to leave the table one morning. The table emptied quickly when she reported smoke curling from the stable.
 Their worst fears were verified by flames that soon developed into a complete burn-out of cattle, horses, feed and all of their farming possessions.
 There seemed to be nothing to do at that time except go back East. The new wagon and harness had been destroyed, so they purchased a team and wagon, loaded their personal effects and choicest belongings, and drove the long way back East.
 Several of the children were sent by train back to grandparents. In great discouragement, the others made the trek the slow way.
 They had come to believe the fire was the work of a firebug because little Stella had seen a

One of the great attractions at the Brobst home was the 25-pound loaf of candy-assorted sugar loaf, chocolate covered pyramids, jelly beans, gum drops, and hard "suckin'" candies. Uncle Alva used to haul the goodies from under the bed and generously distributed them.
 To Merwyn, whose childish ambition was to own a pair of candy like Uncle Alva's, such extravagance remains one of the mysteries of childhood.
 Highways at that time were not even in the dream stage. Trails took the traveling public where they wished to go but the lanes were not always easy to negotiate.
 Immediately following the rise of the river, the Frenches went to Stafford, following the section line past Carrs' and skirting the edge of what is now the French hay meadow.
 Mr. French felt obliged to unhitch the team and ride old Jen across to test the depth of the ford. It was a thrilling trip for the water came in over the wagon bed.
 Only those who understand the workings of young children's minds can appreciate the terror of that moment when the team and equipment seemed in danger of being swept down the river, when the horses momentarily lost their footing and there was no reliable object to which they might cling.
 At that time Stafford boasted at least 50 inhabitants. There was a grocery store operated by George Derringer; a general merchandise store owned by Edwin Crandall, and E. H. Thompson had a small drug store. There were several big hay barns and Walt Townsend, who lived above the store, furnished livery service for those who wished to travel the back country.

There were two daily passenger trains each day and through freight trains from Fremont to Long Pine at frequent intervals.
 Thirteen carloads of cattle constituted a trainload and the locomotive might be hard put to make the up-grade and require the service of another engine for the hard pulls. Now a diesel-drawn train may number 150 cars—flats, grain, stock and general.
 Occasionally Mr. Brobst would have a traffic snarl of five trains

man disappear into the gully back of the stable during the early stages of the fire. Others were too busy fighting the blaze and preventing a prairie fire to worry about how it all had started.
 Mr. Brobst still suspects that shyster, hired by some lawless and unscrupulous faction, contrived to gain control of most of that free land which so generously had been given by the railroad to encourage settlement.
 Every other section had been declared railroad land. Who wouldn't thrill to the prospect of ownership of a section of land? Who could foretell the great possibilities of the West?
 The land was doomed to change hands many times before those promises came into fulfillment.
 The Brobsts next chose Holt county. The southeast quarter of Frank Bealbert's homestead became their new home.
 It was from there George French claimed Miss Stella Brobst as his bride. The old house that serves as a garage on the farm where Merwyn French, jr., now resides was the house in which Mr. and Mrs. French were married. The house was the gift of Grandfather Brobst and was the home of the French family until 1914, when the new house was erected.
 This was the community in which the Brobst family grew up, received their education, married and took their places as citizens.
 Alva went away for a time and learned telegraphy. He became the station agent at Stafford, which was their home from 1892 until 1901, when the station was closed.
 There was nothing quite so thrilling to the French children as going to Stafford for the day or to spend a few days there. Coasting down the incline side of the freight platform in Cousin Merle's little wagon was a favorite sport.
 Uncle Alva recalls Oscar (Dr. O. W. French of O'Neill) was just a "big, gawky kid." On one occasion, while eating a big ripe peach, Oscar walked off the end of the freight platform.
 "His mother was unhappy and it required a lot of talk to persuade her that what came up during Oscar's loud and long protest against his unexpected fall was only peach skins and not hemorrhage."

at a time, some awaiting clearance. It was not unusual to be able to see three trains in sight at one time.
 Stafford shipped about 35 cars of hay a month and contributed its bit to the distinction of being in the hay center of the world.
 Once a dealer ordered a car of coal on which he was unable to pay the freight. In desperation the dealer finally was able to give a mortgage on his horses in settlement of the freight charges and unloaded and sold the coal.
 Let you might think an adult's life might be void of thrills in the hazy and buggy days, Mr. Brobst will tell you of the time an old grudge was settled with fists in his waiting room.
 With a thought for his own safety, he locked his office door and waited for the decision which was in the making. Great commotion heard from behind the closed door and the wreckage gave testimony to the battle which was waged there by two healthy, enraged males in wide disagreement.

In one of those unpredictable outbreaks of epidemic, Don Grady and Tim Hurley contracted diphtheria. Tim's sister came to see him, and in a week's time she was dead and buried.
 It was then that Barrett Scott, Holt county treasurer was shot as he was coming home from a Thanksgiving dinner with relatives north of O'Neill. Later he was unceremoniously removed from the rig and taken away.
 A searching party was organized. Although the band worked the night through, it was not until morning it was suspected he might have been hung from the bridge at Niobrara.
 Some of the oldtimers who assisted in that search and were present when the body was brought to O'Neill with the length of rope still about his neck, know the full story.
 Such thrills the early settlers met first-hand are viewed now with delight on the television and movie screens.
 One day Mr. Brobst was approached by a couple of strangers who inquired if he could use some good whiskey.
 Receiving a reply in the negative, they proceeded to tell him a hard luck story of having been in a car wreck with an old lady and man. Their car was pretty well bashed up and they needed a hundred dollars to settle the damages. They had only \$75.
 They had a couple of watches which they would leave as collateral. This was on a Wednesday, and they would be back through on a Saturday and bring him back his dough. They still have not returned.
 No doubt they were in possession of "hot goods" and realized from it what they could. The fact that a lake was seized that day and the stolen fish loaded and shipped to Philadelphia, Pa. might account for the strangers' presence hereabouts.
 The watches were new. One, an Elgin, met the requirements of the railroad and Mr. Brobst still carries it proudly while his son has the other. According to the catalog he consulted at the time, they were worth over a hundred dollars each.
 The town of Stafford is only a whistlepost on the road now and very few buildings mark the spot where once a great deal of business was transacted.

Come, too, are most of Mr. Brobst's old associates. Few people have the gift of story telling possessed by Alva Brobst.
 Caught in a reminiscent mood, Mr. Brobst recalls that the boys waxed poetic over one of their good-for-nothing hired girls. They came up with a fitting tribute to her.
 ODE TO THE HIRED GIRL
 Bluebell was the hired girl's name
 The fire she tried to light
 She put in a quart of kerosene
 And a stick of dynamite,
 Oh, where is Bluebell
 We could never learn
 She must be up in heaven tho'
 For she was too green to burn.

Norwood Becomes Police Judge
 EWING—Ernest Norwood was chosen as the police judge of the village of Ewing Tuesday evening, June 7, when the village board met in regular session. Ebbene Graff is the retiring police judge. Richard Edwards presided. Other business consisted of routine affairs. All members were present.

Rural Youthers Get Osmond Bid
 The O'Neill rural youth held its regular meeting Friday evening. The year books for June to December, 1955, were passed out. The special meeting for this month will be a picnic to be at Harold Colburn's place. Everyone is to bring a covered dish for the picnic supper.
 The rural youth group at Pierce has invited the Holt group to an evening with them at Osmond on July 1. Several from this group are planning to go.
 Charles Martens, assistant state rural youth leader, was present at Friday's meeting. He showed two educational films. After the meeting adjourned, games were played and a lunch was served.

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For the last several years, fewer people have been using our business office on Saturday for the payment of bills or other business. Because of this and in line with the increasing trend toward closing of offices on Saturday, our O'Neill business office will be closed all day on Saturday beginning July 2.

Office hours Monday through Friday will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When the business office is closed, telephone calls will be answered by a representative who will handle business requiring immediate attention and will arrange for the handling of other business on the following business day.

Persons who wish to pay their bills on Saturday may (1) mail a check, or (2) pay at the McIntosh Jewelry, which will receive payments throughout the week during regular store hours.

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