

Guard Unit Receives an 'Excellent' Rating

Higher Interest Rate Is Studied State Board Asking 2 1/4 Percent

SPENCER — The village of Spencer this week is mulling over an offer of the state board of educational lands and funds to refinance \$119,000 worth of village bonds for another 20 years at an interest rate of 2 1/4 percent.

The state board currently holds the bonds and has been receiving a one percent return on them, while the village has sought to reduce the principal of the heavy debt.

With the bonds coming due the first of the year, the village had sought to refinance them at the same one percent interest rate now being paid.

Representatives of the village, who presented their case to the state board at a meeting Monday, indicated they would take the offer home and put it up to the village board.

Indian Waives Check Hearing

Adolph Provost, 25, a Sioux Indian who originated near Gordon, has waived preliminary hearing here on charges of check forgery, Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said Wednesday.

Provost will appear before District Judge D. R. Mounts at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Charges grew out of the alleged forgery of a \$25 check at the East End filling station in Atkinson on November 15. The forged name of P. V. Hickey was used on the check, Tomjack said.

Provost and a companion, Tony Williams, 25, "of California" are absent without leave from Ft. Carson, Colo. They were detained at Valentine by authorities and returned to O'Neill where they have been held. Williams has not yet appeared for hearing.

Mayor Directs Rink Construction

O'Neill youngsters and oldsters alike in just a few days will be gliding gracefully (and otherwise) on a new ice skating rink, which is under construction on the north side, Mayor Alva Marcellus conceived the idea for a 125 x 350-ft. rink on property owned by the O'Neill public school.

The site is about five blocks north of the Grant and ship library corner on North Sixth street.

This week he ordered city-owned dirt moving equipment out to the site, throwing up a ring of dirt around the area. Water from a nearby hydrant is being run into the area in a slow process to provide a smooth surface.

Floodlights are being installed for night skating. Use of the rink is free to all, Mayor Marcellus said.

Rest Leave for Lynch Priest

LYNCH—On Sunday, November 27, Rev. John Wiczorek was escorted to the Odd Fellows hall where parishioners and friends were waiting for him with an appreciation dinner.

Father John was to leave Wednesday, November 30, on sick leave. He is looking forward to a smaller administrative assignment in the archdiocese.

He has been pastor of the assumption BVM church and chaplain of Sacred Heart hospital since June, 1947.

Out-of-town people attending were Mrs. Hannah Streit of Madison and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barton of Verdigre.

Ministerial Group Receives Note

The O'Neill Ministerial association has received an acknowledgment from the United States committee for the United Nations international children's emergency fund (UNICEF) for the \$124.12 check forwarded from the Halo-ween trick-or-treat offering.

Acknowledgment was signed by Jeannette Fische, deputy executive director.

"Each dollar received by UNICEF enables the fund to provide enough vaccine to protect one hundred children against tuberculosis, sufficient milk to give each of 665 children a glass, or other health-giving aid," the letter said.

Appliance Store Schedules Auction

Osborne's appliance store has scheduled a close-out auction on Saturday afternoon, December 10, starting at 2 p.m. The sale will be held in the Odd Fellows building, which housed the firm for several years.

Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill will be the auctioneer. (Details in next issue).

FIREMEN ROUTED OUT

O'Neill volunteer firemen were routed out at 4:50 a.m., Monday in near-zero temperatures to extinguish a trash fire, which was blazing near the rear of the building occupied by the Tim Harrington shop. There was no damage.

Weekend Guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan of Lincoln were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Jaskowiak.

O'Neill's young national guard tank company received an "excellent" rating during its first annual inspection, which was conducted in October by Lieutenant-Colonel Bryant of Fifth (regular) army headquarters in Chicago, Ill. At the time the inspection was made, company D of Nebraska's 195th tank battalion was only 4 1/2 months old.

It was impossible to have obtained a "superior" (highest) rating because training had not progressed sufficiently to organize combat teams.

Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., this week said the company has been authorized to lease a 500- to 600-acre tract of rough terrain within 20 miles of O'Neill for bivouac training. The company commander said the site would be used from seven to 10 times per year, chiefly on weekends.

Only requirements for the bivouac site are accessibility to good roads, drinking water and vehicle parking site. If a well does not now exist one could be drilled.

"Our guard training will not interfere in any way with agricultural pursuits," Captain McCarville said. "We need to know right away what sites are available for this purpose. The government will pay a reasonable rental to the owner."

Company D does not yet have a tank although one is in the process of being assigned to the unit.

A recruiting campaign for new guardsmen will be in progress during December, the captain explained. The losing team will entertain the winning team at a turkey dinner. The men in company D will be divided into two competitive teams. Individual member recruiting the most men will receive a \$25 cash award from company funds and a wrist watch from the commanding officer.

Mayor Alva Marcellus has proclaimed the week of December 3-11 to be "Nebraska national guard centennial week in O'Neill."

In his proclamation, the mayor said: "I request that all our people do those things to honor and give thanks and recognition to the national guard. It is requested that our people display in their homes and in public places the flag of the United States and to participate in all meetings and exercises which will give expression to our appreciation for the Nebraska national guard."

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Yule Decorations Studied

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Half Hour Show! "Voice of The Frontier" WJAG Mon. — Wed. — Sat. 9:30-10 A.M. — 780 k.c.

Schelkopf Dies at 64; Rites Here

Retired Farmer Active in Township, School Affairs Many Years

Martin A. Schelkopf, 64, who farmed for 26 years north of O'Neill, died at 10:45 a.m., Thursday, November 24, in St. Anthony's hospital. He had been ill two years.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m., Monday, November 28, from St. Patrick's Catholic church with Rev. Thomas Hitch officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers were H. E. Coyne, Fred Heermann, Carroll O'Neill, John Grutsch, Orville McKim and Oliver Ross.

A rosary rite was held Sunday evening at Biglin's funeral chapel.

The late Martin A. Schelkopf was born June 15, 1891, at Geneva, a son of the late Martin L. and Alma Beeson Schelkopf. He was reared in Fillmore county, attended school there, and for a time a college of veterinary medicine in Lincoln.

He came to Holt county in 1916 from Geneva.

In 1918 he married Laura Galentine. They became the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Alfred (Neva June) Ross of Weaverville, Calif. His wife died in 1933.

On October 14, 1939, he married Mrs. Theresa Druke at Emmet.

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Carl Hansen & Son Sale Set Today

Public auction of 264 head of high-grade Herefords owned by Carl Hansen & Son, who reside near the Holt-Wheeler county line, will be held today (Thursday). The Hansens also are selling machinery, equipment, feed, grain and some household goods. (Details on page 11.)

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Pullman Porter Isaac S. Tharr, 70, 2901 Erskine street, Omaha, receives two Sandhills birds in a sack from Air Force M/Sgt. John Legat at the Chicago & North Western railway station here. In photo (left-to-right): Mrs. Henry Schluter, Mrs. Carroll W. Stewart, Miss Mary Louise Birmingham, M. Tharr, Sergeant Legat, Mrs. Legat (on steps), Miss Barbara Birmingham, Mrs. R. E. Evans, Miss Marde Birmingham and John C. Watson.—The Frontier Photo.



The Cassidys . . . she spurned an assist with her coat.—The Frontier Photo.

Cassidys Note 50th Wedding

SPENCER—A couple whose romance began at a country dance, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy received over two hundred guests during an open-house reception held at the Community hall during the afternoon, and they entertained several hundred friends during the evening at a dance.

Mrs. Frank Murray was in charge of the guestbook. The table was decorated with potted chrysanthemums and lighted candles.

Their golden wedding day began with a renewal of their marriage vows during the Sunday evening service at St. Mary's Catholic church at Spencer.

Their sons are John and Edward, both of Ft. Randall; their daughters are Mrs. Milford (Kathryn) Graham of Gregory, S.D., and Mrs. Frank (Alice) Neme of Spencer. There are four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Guests for the reception came from Carroll, Manning and Harlan, Ia.; Gregory, Burke, Fairfax and Platte, S.D.; Bancroft, Bloomfield, Niobrara, Bonomi, Lynch, Bristow, Gross, Butte and O'Neill.

A tape-recorded interview with the Cassidys was broadcast on the Monday "Voice of The Frontier" program, WJAG, 780 k.c.)

Doctor French Suffers Stroke

Dr. O. W. French, 64, well-known O'Neill physician and surgeon who suffered a stroke about 3 a.m., Friday while at St. Anthony's hospital, is "showing improvement", relatives said Wednesday night.

He lapsed into a coma and his condition remained unchanged for several days. His son, Dr. Ivan French, of Wahoo, was hurriedly summoned to come to O'Neill to care for his father.

Members of the family said the O'Neill doctor, who was reared at Page and later practiced there, is "gaining."

Mrs. Chester Ross Expires at Lynch

SPENCER — Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 26, from the United Lutheran church for Mrs. Chester Ross, 48, who died Thursday morning, November 24, in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

Rev. W. H. Henning, church pastor, officiated at the rites.

C&NW Porter Quits After 40 Years

A Pullman porter, who down through the years has tended the needs of thousands of patrons, on the Omaha-Chadron run of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad passed through O'Neill early Sunday on his final trip.

Isaac S. Tharr, 70, of Omaha retired the next day, having completed 40 years in Pullman service.

When the eastbound train pulled into the O'Neill station and Mr. Tharr alighted as usual at the steps he was greeted by a number of well-wishers. To the accompaniment of near-zero temperatures and flurries, the group sang "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

On a hot August night he had told several O'Neill passengers he planned to retire in November and he longed for "a couple of sandhills game birds" for his "retirement feast."

He was handed two birds in a sack by Sergeant Legat of St. Joseph, Mo., an O'Neill visitor.

When the train pulled away from the station and Mr. Tharr had his last glimpse of O'Neill, he doffed his hat, smiled broadly and clutched his paper sack.

District 27 Opens New School Building

Patrons, friends and other well-wishers converged Sunday afternoon at the spic-and-span new school building in district 27 (Meek).

The patrons and board of education members in the district were congratulated by a former chairman of the Holt county board of supervisors, Axel Borg of O'Neill, in brief dedicatory remarks. Balance of the afternoon was spent socially, refreshments were served and children romped in the cavernous basement.

Mr. Borg said the new school was the product of cooperation at the local level.

"Regardless of how 'incompetent' we may or may not be in working out our own affairs, you people are to be congratulated for helping to bring several districts together and jointly shouldering the responsibility of providing first-class school facilities for the children of the community."

"You have demonstrated," he continued, "you do not have to be told by Lincoln or Washington how or when to improve your school facilities."

The 20 by 40-ft. flat-roof type building, costing \$5,500, was completed about a month ago. Robert Krotter of the Wm. Krotter Co. (O'Neill-Spencer-Stratton) designed the building.

Although the new school was conceived only six months or so ago, Board President Walter Deval said the story of the new school goes back a number of months.

District 103 (Austin Hynes), dormant for some time, was merged about six years ago with district 224. The enlarged district was merged with district 27 (Meek) last summer. Also half of district 34 was declared "dead" (no classes had convened for more than a year) and was merged with 27. Ditto for district 208.

Some of the so-called "dead" districts had cash balances. Collectively the new school idea grew out of the merger. Charles Fox is secretary in district 27 and Edward Kaczor is treasurer.

Krotter said the building was designed with state accreditation laws in mind. The building will accommodate up to 25 pupils (only eight are enrolled now). There are indoor, modern rest rooms, green "blackboards", direct and indirect lighting, asphalt tile flooring and dry wall construction was used.

The basement can be used for indoor recreation and community purposes. District 27's new school is situated 17 miles north of O'Neill or one-fourth mile east of the Midway stretch.

Ironically, Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent of public instruction, was unable to attend. She has maintained intimate interest in the project but was ill during the weekend.

Jelinet Bulls Average \$268

CREIGHTON—A large crowd attended the Joe J. Jelinet & Sons' production sale of registered Herefords held here Friday. Twenty-six bulls averaged \$268; 18 females averaged \$183. The top 10 bulls averaged \$341.

Pioneer Baca 2d, top bull, brought \$500, selling to Leonard Wavrunek of Verdigre. Second top bull, Bocaldo Pioneer, brought \$400 and was purchased by Smith & Woodworth of Creighton.

Baca Ellen and Connie Royal, females, sold for \$235 to Milo Cheney of Wisner and Frank Klawn of Norfolk, respectively.

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