

Guard Chief Has Doubts on Cutback

Heninger Urges City to Proceed With Plans for Armory

Maj.-Gen. Guy N. Heninger, Nebraska adjutant - general and head of the national guard in the state, Tuesday evening relayed word to the city council to the effect that the O'Neill's proposed new 200 - thousand - dollar guard armory would be built. Heninger said, in his opinion, the defense department's decision would not affect the O'Neill construction plan because the site already has been selected and the land condemned.

Published reports earlier had indicated that O'Neill and other cities with fewer than two hundred guard personnel would get new armories. Company D here has 80 enlisted men and five officers.

No official order on a cutback has been received at Lincoln, Capt. J. L. McCarville, jr., commander of O'Neill's unit, told the council.

A month ago the council adopted resolutions ordering Mayor D. C. Schaffer to issue \$6,565 in registered warrants to pay for the Roy Spindler property on North Fourth street. The resolution provided for including a new levy in next year's budget for retiring the warrants.

Cost of construction and equipping the armory will be borne by the defense department, bureau of the national guard.

Meanwhile, the city accepted the bid of \$2,877.75 from the Shelhamer Equipment Co. for a heavy duty tractor, complete with loader and snow and dirt bucket. It will be an International, 300 series, with power steering. Delivery will be made in a few days. There were five other bids submitted.

Dale Wilson appealed to the council in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for a complete numbering of all residences and business buildings in the city. Presently only a portion of the city is numbered. Three city mail routes cover only a portion of the city.

"Most cities of O'Neill's size are numbered," he told the council. "Addresses could be carried with telephone directory listings and other use could be made of a complete numbering."

Fire Chief G. E. Miles asked the council to authorize an expenditure of \$996 to enable the department to purchase a new (1956) Chevrolet heavy duty truck chassis. Equipment from the department's old (number 2) truck would be placed on the chassis of the new two-ton truck. Thus the second truck would be modern and could be used, as in the past, for rural fire calls.

The recently-organized O'Neill rural fire district would help finance the proposed new chassis, paying the balance of \$1,350.

O'Neill firemen with department trucks would spend \$400-\$500 for additional equipment. The council agreed to the expenditure.

The city's number 1 unit is relatively new and the rural district's number 1 unit was new last year.

The number 2 truck has always carried a large water supply.

Shorthorn Group Is Formed Here

Forty Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn registered and commercial cattle producers met at the Holt county courthouse in O'Neill Thursday, January 31, and formed a permanent organization to further and promote interest in Shorthorn cattle.

Mervin F. Acgerter of the Shorthorn World addressed the group and pointed out the great amount of interest in commercial cattle producers at this time in the use of Shorthorn bulls.

E. R. Carpenter of Chambers, president and was elected president. Vice-president is Lloyd Gled of Chambers, and secretary-treasurer is David Keidel of Stuart.

Board of directors named include: David Keidel of Stuart; Theodore Woloshki of Elyria; E. R. Carpenter of Chambers; Lewis Adams of Elgin; Frank Cronk of Page; Lloyd Gled of Chambers; Raymond Jacobson of Butte.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes was named an honorary member of the board. An active campaign in the support of shows, sales and junior 4-H activities is planned.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Richard LeRoy Cunningham, 26, of Page and Miss Winifred Mary Vandersnick, 22, of Ewing on February 5.



This is the wreckage in which Frank A. Spindler, 47, died late Saturday near Gordon.



Herschel H. Miles... leader in soil conservation activities.

Holt Countyans at Unicam Hearings

Naper, Redbird Spans in Jeopardy

Holt countyans on two successive days appeared before legislative committees in hearings at the state capitol.

On Tuesday, Guy Cole and Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, both of O'Neill, appeared in behalf of Sen. Frank Nelson's bills, LB 162, which would open the Niobrara game refuge; LB 161, which would extend the season for the training and running of hunting dogs; and LB 24, which would make it possible for the game commission to pay from commission funds a bounty on raccoons and other predatory animals.

Mel Steen, state game commission director, opposed all three bills. He asked the agriculture committee to not act on the refuge bill until the commission had time to complete a two-year study of refuges and preserve areas.

Senator Nelson presented petitions, circulated by the North-Central Nebraska Game Conservation association, with more than one thousand signatures.

The petitions urged opening the Niobrara refuge, which is 50 miles long in Holt, Boyd, Rock and Keya Paha counties and extends 20 rods on each side of the river.

Senator Nelson argued a bounty of \$1 and \$2 would thin the raccoon population in the area and be a pleasant conservation measure. Steen thought otherwise.

The vote was 3-3 on LB 162 with one committee member absent. Six members of the Holt county board of supervisors joined with commissioners from Knox county and supervisors from Boyd county in opposing LB 170 in a Wednesday hearing.

LB 170 would eliminate provisions for state aid bridges and eliminate the provision for allocation of gas tax fund for cost of maintenance of state aid bridges.

The Holt officers are concerned about the Niobrara crossings at Naper and Redbird—both of which are 300-thousand-dollar spans. If LB 170 passes, state aid would be removed.

The Holt delegation also is supporting LB 140, which would designate the Page-Lynch road as a state highway. LB 140 also is Nelson's bill.

Frank A. Spindler Is Auto Fatality

GORDON — Funeral services will be held at Wounded Knee, S.D., today (Thursday) for Frank A. Spindler, 47, a native Holt countyan. He was killed late Saturday in a three-car accident 4 1/2 miles west of Gordon.

He became Nebraska's 10th highway fatality of 1957.

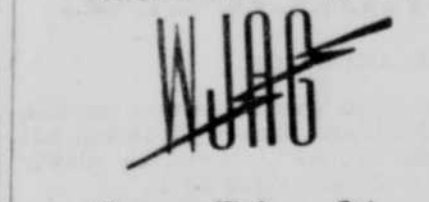
Spindler was riding in a car driven by Dwan E. Sipp of Gordon. Their machine collided with an auto driven by Leland Ronfelt, 23, of Winner, S.D.

The state highway patrol, which investigated, said the two cars had come to a halt on the highway and a third car, driven by Delbert Sipp, 24, of Gordon, crashed into the wreck.

Survivors include: Will Spindler of Potato Creek, a writer and teacher of Indians; Chester of Wounded Knee; Floyd of Atkinson.

Roy Spindler of O'Neill is a cousin.

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H. H. Miles Dies Under Surgery

Delicate Operation on Heart Unsuccessful; Rites at Plainview

A prominent northeastern Holt county farmer, Herschel H. Miles, 50, died about noon Wednesday, January 30, while undergoing delicate heart surgery in Clarkson Memorial hospital, Omaha. He had entered the hospital on Sunday, January 27.

Mr. Miles, a leader in Dorsey community projects and in soil conservation activities, had been seriously ill since Christmas. However, he had suffered a heart ailment several years.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 2, at the Methodist church in Plainview. Rev. C. R. Tanner, church pastor, officiated and burial was in the Plainview cemetery.

Palbearers were Richard Marston, William Derickson, sr., Clayton Nelson, Arden Larsen and Will Alm. All of the Dorsey community, and R. B. Nightengale of Niobrara.

The late Mr. Miles, son of Delos and the late Vinetta Miles, was born at Dorsey, October 15, 1906.

After spending his early childhood at Dorsey, he moved with his parents to Lincoln in 1918 where he completed his education and became affiliated with the Methodist church.

On June 16, 1928, he was united in marriage to Wilma Bivens of Plainview. They became the parents of three children—Janis, Duddy and Ben.

After working in Chicago, Ill., several years with Westinghouse at a manufacturing plant, he returned to the family farm at Dorsey in the early thirties. His entire farming career was spent on the family place where he was born.

His wife was killed July 8, 1952 in a one-car automobile accident near Wisner and his daughter, Mrs. Donald Jenkinson of Plainview, was seriously hurt.

On January 1, 1955, he was united in marriage with Leta Kruse of Dorsey. The rites were performed in O'Neill by Rev. J. Otis Kennell.

The late Mr. Miles learned to fly an airplane in 1949 and was a flying enthusiast. Flying was his favorite hobby and he frequently put his airman's license to the service of neighbors who were in need of hurried transportation.

He held several elective township offices and won four-state land conservation honors in 1949.

He was a past member of the district 4 (Dorsey school board). His mother died in October, 1956 in New York. His father, D., accompanied Mr. Miles and his wife back to Dorsey and has been making his home here for three months.

At the time of the death of his mother, Mr. Miles and his wife visited New York City, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Louisville, Ky., and other points on an extensive trip. All of his children, stepchildren, grandchildren and brothers were present for the funeral.

Survivors include: Widow—Leta; daughters—Mrs. Donald (Janis) Jenkinson of Plainview; sons—Buddy of Lincoln and Ben of Kimball; stepsons—Albert Kruse of Lincoln; Walter Kruse of Milford; stepdaughters—Miss Margaret Kruse of Omaha and Miss Linda Kruse, at home; father—D. D. Miles of Ballston Spa, N. Y.; brothers—Ted of Fern-creek, Ky.; Roscoe of Louisville, Ky.; and Lawrence of Schenectady, N.Y.; four grandchildren.

Among those from the Dorsey-Star-Redbird communities attending the rites were:

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bady, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady sr., Mr. and Mrs. Merle Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Laursen, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nelson, the W. C. Farr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marston, Willis Butterfield, Roger and Hallie Rosen-crans, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Derickson, William Derickson, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Drobny, Elmer Juracek, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marston, Guy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zuckera, Mr. and Mrs. John Derickson, Miss Sadie Derickson, Delmar Spangler, Roderick Hughes, Robert and Harold Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mrs. Albert Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jarske, Charles and Claude Cole, and William Hansen.

Lee Brady, jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Lieb, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. VanHorn and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. VanHorn, all of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Darel Heese of Randolph; R. E. Nightengale of Niobrara.

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Among the patrons to call for their mail at the Dorsey postoffice for the last time were Mrs. Lee Brady (left) and Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mr. Johnson (on the right). The Wilkeys obliged.

No One Can Erase Memories

Dorsey, Star PO's About to Close

By a Staff Writer

On Friday, February 8 a clerk in the postoffice department in Washington, D. C., will pull from the big ledgers the pages designated as "Dorsey, Nebr." and "Star, Nebr."

No doubt she will shift her gum from one cheek to the other and, without emotion, trundle those pages off to the archives.

On that same date dozens of families served by these two northeastern Holt county rural postoffices (the offices are five miles apart) will be filled with nostalgia. There's bound to be some inconvenience because the nearest fourth-class postoffice (Redbird) will be 15 or 16 miles away.

Oldtimers will not readily adjust to the official disappearance of these focal points, which have been a vital part of the community scenes for three quarters of a century.

Charles V. Cole, 69, whose father before him was postmaster, isn't quite sure what he'll do probably move to O'Neill.

James W. Wilkey, 84, and his wife, who have staffed the Dorsey postoffice since 1918, will carry on—maybe go to California to visit relatives.

Dorsey and Star have been one of the few remaining tiny postoffices in the state. Time was when Holt alone had 39 postoffices in all. Now only 10 remain.

Offices that became extinct earlier included Agee, Annear, Bilas, Badger, Biscuit, Blackbird, Brodie, Catalpa, Cella, Chelsea, Cleveland, Deloit, Doty, Duzin, Emporia, Grand Rapids, Gravel Pit, Green Valley, Hainesville, Harold, Hay Point, Inglis, Inez, Josie, Kola, Laura, Lavina, Le-onie, Little, Lucerne, Mars, Maple Grove, Martha, Meek, Middlebranch, Mineola, Oppor-

tondy, Paddock, Parker, Phoenix, Ray, Saratoga, Scottville, Starford, Swan, Tonawanda, Tonic, Turner, Venus.

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Rites at Spencer for Anton Nemecek

Native of Bohemia; Dies at 82

SPENCER—Anton Nemecek, 82, of Omaha, former resident of O'Neill and Spencer, died Wednesday, January 30.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, at St. Mary's Catholic church here.

Palbearers were Joseph Ham-bek, Melvin W. Jacoby, Frank Loeck, William Ham-bek, James Zidko and Dr. J. M. Pucelik. The late Mr. Nemecek was born March 4, 1874, in Czechoslovakia. His family came to America in 1884 and settled at O'Neill. In 1911 they moved to Spencer.

On January 21, 1897, he married Miss Marie Kruntorad. They became the parents of four children—two sons dying in infancy. His wife died January 23, 1923. Later, he married Clara Sturdevant and one son was born to them. His second wife died November 20, 1934.

Mr. Nemecek was married to Marie S. Spisak August 16, 1937. They moved to Omaha in 1945.

Survivors include: Widow—Marie; daughter—Mrs. Marie Klasna of Phoenix, Ariz.; sons—Frank A. of Glenwood, Ia., and Robert H. of Fremont; eight grandchildren; sister—Miss Mary Nemecek of California; brother—Frank of Spencer.

P. V. Hickey was honored on his birthday anniversary Tuesday evening at a dinner at his home. The evening was spent socially.



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2 Teachers Will Not Return Here

All O'Neill public school teachers desiring reelection were offered contracts Tuesday night by the board of education. Annual increases ranging from \$50 to \$200 per year were voted. A month ago Supt. M. J. Baack was reelected.

James Luft, seventh and eighth grade teacher, will not return next year because of draft status. He plans to enter the army in June. Richard C. Smithson, vocal instructor, said he intended to submit a formal resignation at the end of the current term.

The budget will not be increased, a spokesman for the board pointed out. A position of teacher helper, held by Mrs. Catherine Murphy, will be eliminated.

Offered contracts were: Mrs. Harry Petersen, kindergarten; Mrs. Al Fritton, first grade; Miss Loretta Enright, second (being temporarily filled by Mrs. Willard Solfermoser).

Mrs. John Kersenbrock, combination first and second; Miss Hilda Gallagher, third; Mrs. Harold Seger, fourth; Mrs. Maria Murphy, combination third and fourth.

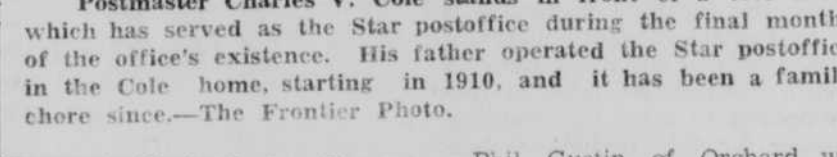
Mrs. Theresa Ernst, fifth; Mrs. Leona Shoemaker, sixth; Mrs. Dean Jeffrey, combination fifth and sixth; Mrs. Ruby Holcomb, seventh; Mrs. Leo Mullen, eighth.

Willard Solfermoser, principal; William Edwards, basketball, science and mathematics; Marvin Miller, football and social studies; Duane Miller, band; Vernon Carpenter, vocational agriculture; Miss Viola Haynes, English; Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr., social studies; Miss Claire Tomjask, English; Mrs. Dorothy Lively, home economics; Miss Esther Kinnier, commercial.

Hickey Graduates—Pat E. Hickey and his fiancée, Miss Mary Jean Milom of Omaha, were weekend guests of his father, P. V. Hickey.

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M'NANUS BUILDING RAZED

The Charles McManus building, located one-half block south of the traffic signal on the west side of Fourth st., is being razed by O. E. Davidson. The building formerly housed a pool hall and recreation parlor.

TO BOYS' STATE
Ray H. Thomas has been designated as the boys' state representative for Simonson post 93, American Legion, in the June boys' state convale.

Auction Calendar

Monday, February 18: Glenn White administrator, estate of the late E. H. and Pearl White, 760-acre southwest Holt ranch; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer-estate broker. (Details on page 6.)

Tuesday, February 19: Holt County Hereford Breeders association, annual spring sale, 33 lots, O'Neill; Keith Albert of O'Neill, secretary and sale manager.

Saturday, February 23: North-Central Nebraska Hereford association, annual spring sale, Bassett, 35 bulls; Tug Phillips of Bassett, secretary and sale manager.

Wednesday, February 27: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tenborg, sale of 800-acre grain and stock ranch near Atkinson; 80 head of cattle, full line of new and near-new machinery, Col. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auctioneer; Col. Vern Reynoldson of O'Neill, auctioneer-real estate broker; Kiehl A. Abart of O'Neill, clerk. (Details on page 6.)

Lions Club Organizes

Harry Petersen (center), telephone company executive here, was elected president of the newly-formed Lions club at a meeting Thursday evening attended by 27. A. T. Holcomb of Lincoln (left) was the organizer and Vern Van Norman, Bassett Lions club president (right) assisted. Elgin Ray was named vice-president; William McIntosh, second vice-president; Eldon Ramsel, third vice-president; Frank Allen, secretary-treasurer; James R. Lyons, tailtwister. The Lions plan to meet twice monthly.—The Frontier Photo.

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