

Letters to the Editor

The secretaries of the school boards of Holt county received a letter from the Holt county superintendent, Miss Alice French. This letter makes reference to some of the activities of the NSIA. This letter is the direct result of the four-page letter Miss French received from the Washington county superintendent, which he sent to the school board members of Washington county. This letter was sent, so says Mr. Blanchard, to all county superintendents.

This is a concentrated and desperate state wide effort to discredit and undermine our association. The letters are full of implications and distortions, which we take exception to. The time has come when the air must be cleared. We have invited Miss French to explain her statements at a public meeting. The institutions she has made are not going to pass unchallenged.

This increased activity to smear the NSIA is motivated by our organization's decision to circulate a referendum petition for a constitutional amendment, calling for the election of the State Commissioner of Education.

Since there is a lot of misunderstandings and concern in Holt county over the recent reorganization plan which was submitted to the state by the County Reorganization Committee, there will be an open discussion on this proposal.

Mr. S. H. Brauer, jr., Field Representative for the Nebraska School Improvement Association will conduct the meeting. If you want the facts and information on what is going on in our schools don't fail to be at the O'Neill American Legion hall on Friday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. We expect one of the liveliest meetings ever held in Holt county on school problems. To develop, you may invite interested school district patrons to this meeting.

In a recent publication of the Nebraska School Improvement Association stated they were starting their petition drive to secure a referendum that would make the office of Commissioner of Education elective rather than appointive.

It would appear to me that, since the Commissioner is appointed by the State Board of Education, and members of the State Board are elected by the voters of each district, the voters not satisfied should speak to the man that represents their district. They should inform him that they are not satisfied with the Commissioner, and if necessary, work towards replacing their State Board representative in office. The Districts of which I speak represent Supreme court judicial districts.

I'm sure the efforts of the many volunteer workers who will be needed to secure the necessary signatures could be put to much better use in the improvement of interested individuals to their own schools. Efforts to see how and what should go first and what might be done to insure the children under obligation are provided the best educational opportunities that the taxpayer's money can provide are more important.

If and when these people come to your door and request you to sign their petition ask them this question: "How will you insure that your organization insure that the educational programs will be improved?"

Milton Baack Supt. of Schools O'Neill, Nebr.

Hospital Notes

ST. ANTHONY'S Admitted: Feb. 24—Mrs. Harry Lampert of Orchard; Ralph Stowell of O'Neill; James Borgmeyer of Inman; Mrs. Paul Menkens of Emmet; Mrs. Phyllis Salt and J. S. Hoffman, both of Chambers; William Pinkerman, Marilyn Donohue and Martin Schuchman, all of O'Neill; 28—Karen Fernau and Mrs. Howard Zobrist, both of Butte; Mrs. Art Reiser of Anoka, Harry Sullivan, Sue Ann Freebure, Mary E. Vogel, Mrs. Henry Benze and Mrs. Marlin Wichman, all of O'Neill; 29—Mrs. Francis Pfeffer

DAIRY SALE Sat. Mar. 5

48 Head of Dairy Heifers and Young Cows O'Neill Livestock Market

SALE TIME 1:30

Kubart Bros., Atkinson

7 Holstein Cows 3-6 yrs. Top Producers

9 Gurnsey Cows 3-6 yrs. Heavy Springers

12 First Calf Gurnsey Heifers Calf in March

Minnesota Breeding

Matt McCabe, Page

15 Holstein Springers, Minnesota Breeding from top herds. Will Calf April 1st, 1,000 lb. heifers.

Top Prospects

All Cattle T.B. & Bangs Tested

The Consumer's Public Power District of Columbus announced Wednesday that Raymond H. Reed Co., has been retained to start engineering work on the 115,000-volt transmission line to be built between Ainsworth and Valentine. H. L. Carson, CPPD's operation's manager, said engineering for the \$595,000 construction project will get under way immediately. The contract will be given by June first with a completion date of Sept. 1 for the 45 mile line that will meet the increased demand for additional power. This project is the first to be discussed jointly by CPPD and the Nebraska Public Power System under a recent CPPD-NPPS contract which calls for joint planning of certain high-voltage transmission lines to eliminate any possibility of duplication of present or future facilities by the two agencies.

Engagements

ATKINSON MEMORIAL ADMITTED: Feb. 22—Fred Stolte, Mrs. Margaret Clausen and Clarence Wright, all of Atkinson. 23—Mrs. Earl Houts of Atkinson. 24—Edward Winkler of Emmet; Mrs. Chessen Keller of Newport and Mrs. Don Vencl of Atkinson. 25—Irvin Christon of Newport. 26—Lyle Addison of O'Neill; Richard Klingner and Rodney Christensen, both of Atkinson. 27—Donald Beck with of O'Neill; Mrs. Sophie Hoppe of Atkinson; Mrs. William Anson of Butte; Mrs. Roy Forbes of Spencer. 21—Mrs. William Turner of Chambers; Dwight Kenny of Atkinson; Mrs. John West of Stuart.

DISMISSED: Feb. 22—Vernon Berry of Amelia. 23—Billy Doolittle of Amelia. 24—Mrs. Robert Harley and son and Mrs. Arthur Harley and daughter, all of Atkinson. 25—Mrs. Ernest H. Chambers. 26—Clarence Coleman of Bassett; Clarence Wright, Mrs. Horace Crawford and Mrs. Richard Osborne, all of Atkinson. 27—Lyle Addison of Atkinson. 28—Edward Winkler of Emmet; Mrs. B. Leo Benenberger and son of Atkinson. 29—Mrs. Donald Vencl and daughter of Atkinson.

EXPIRED: Feb. 24—Frank Keating of Atkinson.

SACRED HEART Lynch

PRESENT: Mr. Mary Classen of Spencer; J. A. Guttery of Lynch; William Havranek of Bristow; Dr. G. R. Ira of Lynch; Mrs. Mary Lange of Fairfax, S. D.; Mrs. Anna Mashek of Spencer; Mr. Erick of Anoka; Mrs. Edward Roeder of Fairfax, S. D.; Mr. Harold Schmitz of Naper; Mrs. William Schult of Naper.

DISMISSALS: Baby Joer Wittmus of Fairfax, S. D.; Mr. Albert Tejral of Spencer; Mrs. Frank Small of Butte; Mr. Elmer Kinzie of Anoka; Master Lyle Atkinson of Butte; Mrs. Marie O'Neill of O'Neill; Mrs. John Kaczor of Spencer; Mrs. Glen Stewart of Lynch; Mr. William Horst of Butte; Mrs. Conrad Thorell of Bristow; Mrs. Vernon Rinehart of Butte; Mr. Matthew Schmitz of Naper; Mrs. Jake Muller of Lynch; Mrs. Harold Bennett of Lynch; Mrs. Jake Derk of Lynch.

IRENE EISELE NUTCHER Mrs. Edgar DeHart received word last week of the death on February 15th of her aunt, Mrs. Irene Natcher of Santa Cruz, Calif.

Mary Irene Eisele was born at Lincoln, June 6, 1880, the youngest of a family of ten. Following her marriage, she and her husband, George Natcher lived for a number of years on the farm northwest of Chambers now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitaker. Mrs. Natcher was well known here and at O'Neill. She was a sister of the late Mrs. John Cox of Chambers and Bill Eisele of O'Neill. She visited here for about a month last spring. Mr. Natcher died a number of years ago. They had no children.

Mrs. Natcher suffered a stroke in December from which she never recovered. She was cared for during her last illness by a niece, Hazel Durrence of Turlock, Calif.

Funeral services were held on February 19th and she was buried beside the grave of her husband. She leaves to mourn her passing a number of nieces and nephews in California and in Omaha and Lincoln. Also Mrs. DeHart of Chambers and Mrs. George Webber of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Methodist Bible Group Study Text of Luke The study of St. Luke's "Portrait of Christ" by Laymon is the text for a special Lenten Bible study being given by the Methodist women.

The study began yesterday (Wednesday) and will continue each Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. until Easter, meeting in the Methodist church basement. Mrs. Robert Embree will lead the study classes.

The Methodist women extend an invitation to any one in attending the study classes.

Power Firm Schedules New Electric Line CPPD's board of directors earlier had given tentative approval of the project pending the go-ahead from NPPS.

The line, an extension of a 115,000-volt line from O'Neill to Ainsworth, will provide the needed additional power in the Valentine area. Valentine, Crookston, Killgore, Nelvel and Cody will receive an increased "firm" power supply to meet growing needs of industry, rural residential and commercial customers.

CPPD also carries additional power for the K-B-R Rural Public Power District serving a portion of the rural area. The CPPD 34,500-volt line, now operating between Ainsworth and Valentine will continue to supply customers at a lower voltage.

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