

Bell Telephone Now Installing Additional Cable

"Side walk superintendents" have been busy this week watching Northwestern Bell Telephone company crewmen hard at work laying underground cable beneath the street near The Frontier office and north of Murray's Liquor store.

John Hermesen, Northwestern construction foreman, explained Wednesday morning that his crews are putting in additional cable to relieve congestion of the present cable system. In due time this change will eliminate the four-party system now in use, prior to dial conversion at a future date.

Mr. Hermesen transferred to the O'Neill area from Omaha, replacing Dean Horner. He is building a new house at 519 Archer street and until the house is completed, is looking for rental quarters so his wife, Marrianna, and two sons, Douglas, 4, and David, 7, may join him here.

Rites Held at Atkinson for Mrs. G. Morgan

ATKINSON—Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church here for Mrs. Gilbert Morgan, 73, who died Saturday at the Atkinson Memorial hospital.

The Rev. Kersting officiated at the services and at burial in the Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson. Edna Bea Morgan was born at Atkinson January 3, 1888 to William Griffin and Mary Ellen Donnelly.

She and her husband have always resided at Atkinson where



Mrs. G. Morgan.

Four-H Leaders Plan Meeting at Atkinson

Four-H leaders from Holt, Boyd, Keara, Faha, Brown, Rock, Loup, Garfield and Wheeler counties will meet at Atkinson Tuesday to receive instruction in animal husbandry.

Three persons from each of the eight north-central Nebraska counties will receive instruction from Dave Williams, Extension animal husbandryman at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture.

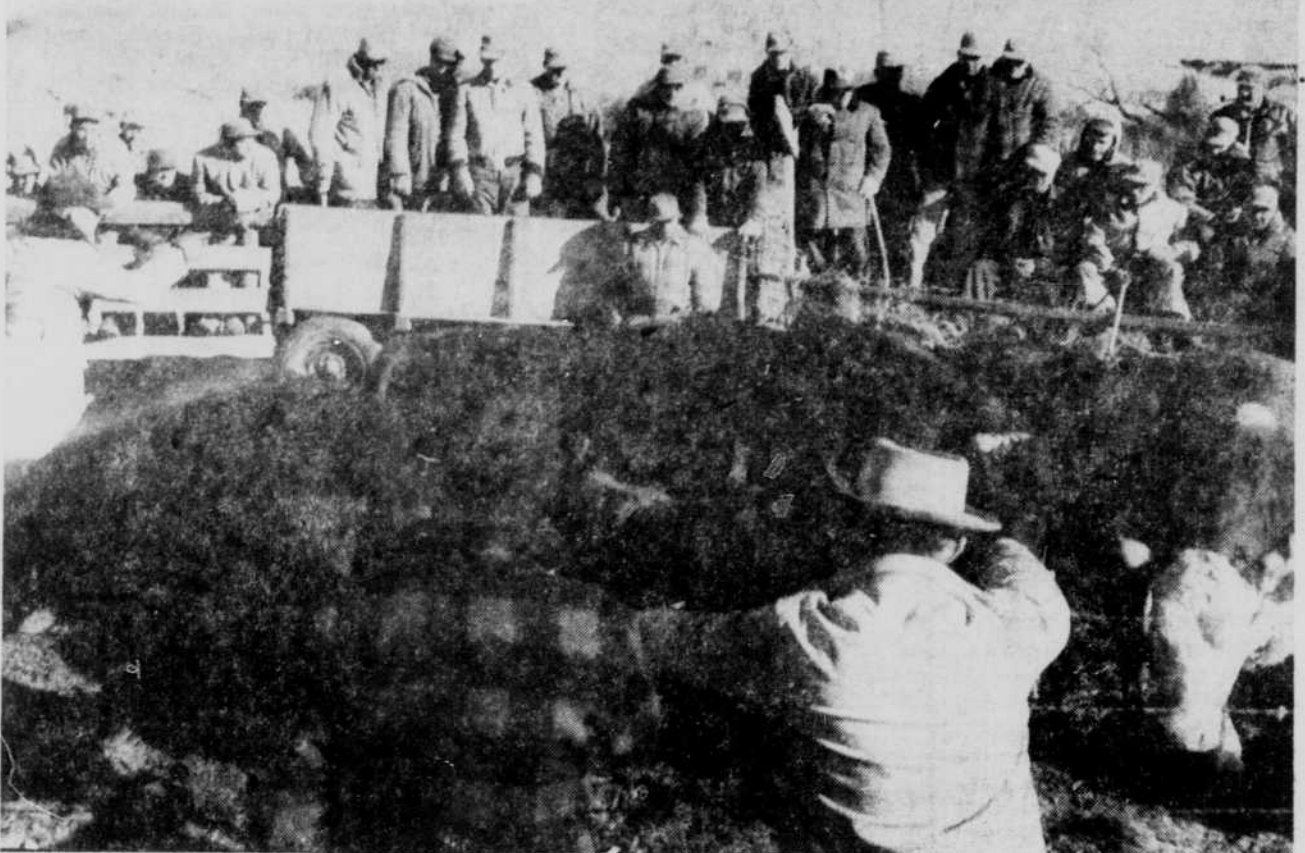
The main topic to be discussed is the planning of a year's livestock club program. Other discussion items at the Atkinson meeting will involve feeding project animals, feeds used in finishing the animals.

Closson Is Re-elected Rural Schools Head

Average monthly salary paid to Holt county rural school teachers this year is \$358.86, according to statistics furnished by Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent, at the annual meeting of the County Rural School Boards association Friday afternoon at the Legion hall.

The meeting was conducted by President Anson Closson. Mrs. Lloyd Whaley is treasurer. Both Closson and Mrs. Whaley were re-elected. Miss French is secretary and her term has not expired.

Mrs. Fred Boettcher of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Whaley of O'Neill and Mrs. John Moore of Amelia were elected delegates to the state rural school meeting which will be held in Grand Island February 8. Several resolutions were read at Friday's meeting and these will be presented at the Grand Island session.



PRICES WERE GOOD and bidding was brisk at the George Kubik farm sale Monday about 30 miles northeast of O'Neill. Shown here is part of the crowd of farmers and stockmen bidding on the Kubik cattle. At the left is an auctioneer just picking a bid. Out of sight in the picture at the right are owner George Kubik and another auctioneer. This successful sale was advertised solely in The Frontier. Kubik said it was a good sale and he was well satisfied with results. Had bad weather forced cancellation of the sale as scheduled, Kubik's ad would have been re-run in The Frontier for no extra charge. This "weather insurance" is only one of the features of The Frontier's one-stop complete farm sale service. Rudloff brothers were auctioneers, First National bank of O'Neill was clerk.

Mothers March, Games Net \$546.13 for Charity

Mrs. Verne Reynoldson, chairman of the O'Neill March of Dimes, reports a total of \$405.68 from the Mothers March last week and \$140.45 realized at the basketball volleyball games Saturday evening.

This is not a complete report for O'Neill as there is still money to be turned in from the business section and from store containers. Anyone having donations for the polio fund may contact Mrs. Reynoldson.

In the Saturday night games at the OHS auditorium the program got underway with a grade school basketball game between the sixth grades and the fifth grades of the public school. The sixth graders wound up the victors by the score of 26-13.

Next on the schedule was a volleyball game between the O'Neill high girls and a team of married and unmarried women, who call themselves the "Has Beens." This was a close game with the high school team fighting off a determined last-minute rally to come out on top 30 to 28.

Playing on the "Has Beens" team were Mmes. M. J. Baack, Paul Shelhamer, Dale Wilson, Chuck Smith, Don McKamy, John Hart and Larry Strong, and Jeanette Fricke and Carolyn Schmicheel.

The final feature of the evening was an exciting town team game between the Grand Island Ducks and the O'Neill All-Stars. The combined efforts of Jake Hawley and Chuck Smith, who each had 19 points, led the All-Stars to a 68-67 victory. Smith collected 12 of his points in the first half, while Hawley hit for 12 in the second half. Senkberk led the losers with 24 points.

Royal Family Escapes Injury in Freak Mishap

ROYAL—Members of the Clarence Thomsen family escaped possible serious illness due to escaping gas fumes at their home last week.

The family complained of headaches and nausea but had thought influenza and colds were the cause of their illnesses. However, one member of the family fainted and an investigation was made. It was discovered that a chimney, clogged with nests and several dead birds, had prevented the gas fumes from escaping.

Wragges Plan to Open Hotel at Niobrara

EWING—Gilbert Wragge, who recently sold his ranching interests near here, has purchased the Koster house in Niobrara. Mr. Wragge and his family are now living in the building, which they plan to remodel and re-open as a hotel. The Koster house dates back to pioneer days.

He has also purchased the horse yards from Walter Barnhard.

Irrigation Committee Asks Return of Letters

Farmers and landowners who have not yet returned their letters of intent concerning the O'Neill Irrigation Project are urged to do so as quickly as possible. These letters are not binding in any way, but without these letters, which show general opinion and interest, the project will be severely hampered. The deadline for sending the completed report is drawing near.

As of Wednesday letters of intent representing 26,500 acres of land had been received. Surveys by the board of reclamation show that some 76,000 acres of land in northern Holt county might be irrigated.

Anyone having any question concerning the irrigation project is urged to contact Dale Wilson or Gil Poeste, co-chairmen of the committee.

Sister Mary Alma Holt Pioneer, Dies at Alliance

Sister Mary Alma, 79, the former Agnes Clark, daughter of a pioneer family of Holt county, died at St. Joseph hospital in Alliance, Nebraska, Tuesday.

Funeral services with requiem high Mass were conducted from St. Joseph hospital in Alliance. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery there.

Sister Alma was a pioneer, born in a soddy south of O'Neill, January 14, 1882, and baptized in the little frame church later replaced by the present St. Patrick's church. She was baptized by Father Smith, the first resident pastor of the parish. Her parents, Andrew Clark of Ireland and Agnes Davidson Clark of Dundee, Scotland, were homesteaders. Andrew "Andy" Clark of O'Neill is her only immediate survivor. Two sisters, Mina Clark McAffrey and Ella Clark, preceded her in death.

Agnes Clark was the first boarding student at St. Mary's academy and a member of the first graduating class in 1903. She entered the Franciscan Order at the motherhouse in Stella Niagara, N. Y., in August, 1904. She became Sister Mary Alma, a professed Sister of St. Francis in 1907. Sister Alma has served the various houses of her Order as a teacher and art instructor since her profession. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Creighton University in Omaha. On two separate appointments she was stationed at St. Mary's here, the first being in 1933, and the second 20 years later in 1953. Sister Alma retired from teaching less than a year ago.

Services Held At Stuart for Walter Conard

STUART—Funeral rites were conducted at the Funeral Chapel here for Walter Conard, 81, who died in the Atkinson Memorial hospital.

The Rev. Charles Gates officiated at the services and at burial in the Stuart cemetery. Walter Conard was born at Atlantic, Ia., August 12, 1879 to Jonas and Dora Soper Conard. He came to the Newport community 73 years ago with his parents. He resided south of Newport until a few years ago when he moved to Stuart where he and a brother made their home. He never married.

Survivors are four brothers, Byron, Dave and Dick of Stuart and Rudolph of Newport, and two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson of Holyoke, Mass., and Mrs. Bertha Irwin of Newport. Pallbearers were: Price Alderman and Frank Ammon of Newport, John Wilcox, Guy Cadwallader, Harry Cadwallader and Glen Cadwallader of Stuart.

Firemen Summoned to Blaze North of Page

Firemen from O'Neill and Page were summoned to a grass fire north of Page Friday morning near the Raymond Noble place. The fire was started by a baling outfit and burned a path 80 rods wide and one and one-half miles long before being stopped.

The blaze came with 10 rods of the buildings on the Noble place before it ran into a swamp which stopped it long enough for the firemen to bring it under control. About 15 or 20 tons of hay were burned.

Four Royal Couples to Observe Anniversaries

ROYAL—Four couples of this community will celebrate golden wedding anniversaries the first half of this year and all have lived their entire married lives in the Royal community and all but one were born in this vicinity.

The parties who will celebrate are Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Curtis in April, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reece in May, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rundquist in June and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Charf, August 1. Mr. Charf was born in Sweden, but all others are natives of Royal as also were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hering whose anniversary was in November and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Trautman who celebrated earlier that year.

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Services Planned At Stuart for Lt. R. Johnson

STUART—Lt. Roger E. Johnson, 24-year-old airman from Stuart, was killed in a traffic accident Thursday night on a state road 14 miles north of Grants, N. Mex.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Johnson, and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Weber, are residents of the Stuart community.

The accident occurred when he was traveling to an airbase at Oakland, Calif., transferring from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He stopped at Grants to spend a few days with relatives and had resumed his trip when his car went out of control and plunged off a bridge embankment. The car landed upside down in the dry wash.

This is the second tragedy in the Weber family. Mrs. Johnson's sister-in-law, Mrs. Dennis Weber of Stuart, was accidentally killed in a gun accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Stuart Community church with the Rev. Herbert C. Young officiating. Military graveside rites will be at the cemetery in Stuart under the direction of the Carlisle Legion Post.

Roger E. Johnson was born at Rushville July 21, 1936 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; two daughters, Sharon Lynn and Linda Rae; one son, Steven Roger; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson; grandmother, Mrs. Helen Spillman of Alliance; two brothers, Marvin C. and Terry F.; and four sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Founds of Gordon, Mrs. James Hoffman jr. of Newport and Frances K. and Dorothy Lee at home.

O'Neill Country Club Stockholders to Meet

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Country Club stockholders will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room upstairs at the Consumers Public Power District office in O'Neill.

All stockholders are urged to attend.

Shortage of Room May Halt Rural 9th Grade Enrollments

It's Groundhog Day



Today is Groundhog day, the day when the meteorological rodent is supposed to tell us the type of weather we can expect for the next six weeks.

According to tradition, if the Groundhog sees his shadow we are supposed to have six more weeks of winter. . . or it is six more weeks of spring? The legend is so buried in antiquity that many modern day legend-lovers can't remember which way it goes.

As a matter of fact, the groundhog himself is so confused about the proper prognostication that he's looking up the weather in the farmer's Almanac.

Wells Named Fire Chief At Spencer

SPENCER—Sheridan Wells of Spencer was elected Fire Chief of the Spencer Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting held Monday at Spencer.

Other officers named were: LeRoy Nyquist, president; John Thompson, vice-president; William Bentz, treasurer and Louis Klasna, secretary. Ed Martin was appointed assistant chief.

Ed Krbel, who has been a member of the department for 26 years and a fire chief for the past six years was presented with a wrist watch in appreciation for his service.

Clayton Klasna and Bob Mlinar were appointed to audit the books.

Over 50 persons attended the turkey supper which followed the business meeting.

Wilson to Attend Store Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilson will leave Saturday for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will attend the Coast to Coast annual convention. The convention will last until February 9.

Three Petitions Filed To Dissolve Districts

Three petitions have been filed at the county superintendent's office to dissolve school districts No. 1, 16 and 170.

District 1 borders the Niobrara river and the other two districts are south of District 1. The new district will be known as district 1.

A Tall One

Consumers servicemen are still shaking their heads over this one.

Someone, either practicing for aerial work in a circus or parachute jumps, managed to climb to the top of Consumers two-way radio tower east of O'Neill and leave a flag at the very top with these words on it: "We Give S & H Green Stamps".

The tower is 390-feet high!

Holt Fair Board Plans '61 Fair For Aug. 14-17

CHAMBERS—Jim Gibson of Chambers and Vern Sageser of Amelia attended the fifty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers held at Lincoln last Monday and Tuesday.

Contracts have been signed for a carnival with the Frontier Shows of Canton, So. Dakota, and an RCA approved rodeo with stock to be furnished by Fred Wolf of Fairfax, So. Dakota.

Plans are being made to hold the third annual AQHA approved Quarter Horse Show. Fair dates for 1961 are August 14, 15, 16 and 17th.

Two Auto Accidents Reported to Police

Two auto mishaps were reported to O'Neill police during the past week. Sunday afternoon a pickup truck driven by Joe Fritchett backed into an auto owned by Louis Brown at the intersection of Madison and Douglas. Estimated damage to the pickup was \$10 and to the Brown vehicle \$50.

Also on Sunday autos driven by Josephine Stewart and Jerry Gokke collided at the intersection of Douglas and Madison. Damages amounted to \$50 on the Stewart car and \$150 on the Gokke auto.

Extension Service Plans Workshop On Animal Husbandry

Catherine Indra, Home Extension agent, has announced a handicraft workshop which will be held in Stuart February 10 at the auditorium.

Those attending should bring paper for notes and design sketching, pencil or pen, shears or knife. There will be a small registration fee.

The schedule is as follows: Demonstrations of engraving aluminum, 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.; group participation in project, 9:50 to 11 a.m.; beeswax candle making, 11 to 11:20 a.m.; group participation, 11:20 to noon; lunch hour, noon to 1:15 p.m.; basket weaving and "magic glitter," 1:15 to 1:35 p.m.; and group participation, 1:35 to 3:45 p.m.

Receive Word of Brothers Death

AMELIA—Mrs. Bertha Sammons has received word of the death of her brother, Arthur Moss, last week at Bremerton, Wash. He was near 90 years of age.

Channel Two In Operation

Channel 2 antenna which was damaged during the severe snowstorm in November, has now been fixed and is in working condition.

Fireman's television servicemen repaired the transmitter antenna and removed the rombic wires for straightening, then replaced them. Repair has been delayed due to the fact that the antenna is 100 feet high and is extremely dangerous to climb in inclement weather.

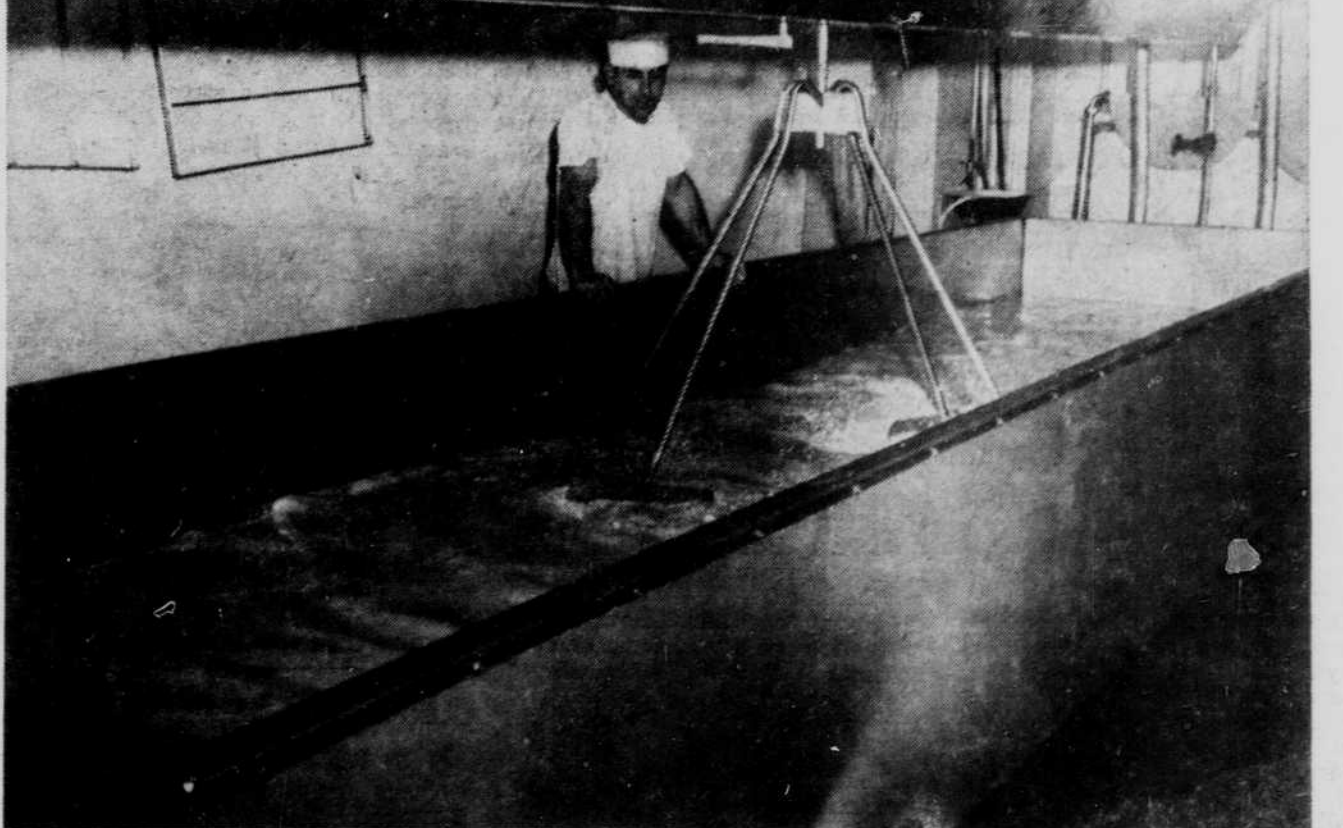
O'Neill City Councilmen will hear further discussion Tuesday evening covering the conversion of channel 13 to channel 12.

Albert Blocks Plan Open House Feb. 12

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Block will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 12, with open house festivities from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the affair.

Former Ewing Couple Feted on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Borden, long time residents of Ewing who are now making their home with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Borden, in Washington, D. C., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 25. In observance of the occasion they were honored at a dinner by their grandson, Donald Borden, and by their Washington friends, including Mrs. Annie Vande Ploeg, formerly of Kadoka, South Dakota.



THIS HUGE 13,000-POUND capacity cheese vat is now in operation at the Orchard cheese factory. Watching the new equipment in operation is one of the factory's owners, John Kiley. The vat is electrically-powered dolly. Kiley, with his partner, Ernest Gudenschwayer, ship the finished product of cheddar cheese to New Ulm, Minn., where it is reprocessed by the Kraft company. About 7 hours is required to make a batch of cheese. The partners purchase whole milk locally. They employ one other man in the factory, Kenneth Hurlig, and their bookkeeper, Patty Elliott.