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## STUDENTS FIND STATE CROP VALUES DO NOT INDICATE HARD TIMES

While Nebraska crop values this year are expected to show a 4 per cent decrease in comparison with 1929 figures, the net loss is less than in any other middle western state. The situation appears quite favorable when compared with a number of other states reporting decreases as high as 6 per cent.

That is what University of Nebraska students in the college of business administration are learning through a survey they are making of "hard times" in the middle west. Their findings are checked with federal estimates and Babson's business service.

Nebraska, they discovered, cannot lay claim to a really lean year as far as crop production and crop values are concerned. Decreases in the neighboring states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota range from 12 to 28 per cent while in the southern states of Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas losses run from 41 per cent to as much as 66 per cent. Michigan is the only state

listing a prospective decrease as small as Nebraska's.

Crops in this state are expected to bring in \$301,330,520 this year as compared to \$312,686,000 in 1929. This relatively slight decrease places Nebraska third in total crop values among agricultural states. Only Iowa and Illinois surpass it and their margin this year is considerably less than usual. Texas, which ranked third last year, now is far down in the list.

The relatively small decrease in values in Nebraska, according to Prof. T. Bruce Robb of the department of business research at the University, indicates that production was actually greater than in 1929 because of the marked drop in prices of farm produce.

If bushel production estimates for 1930 are correct, Nebraska this year will have 14,000,000 more bushels of corn and wheat than in 1929. The corn crop is a couple million bushels short of the 1929 total but wheat exceeded last year's production by more than 15,000,000 bushels. Per acre yield in both corn and wheat will be slightly above last year.

## WORST SLEET STORM IN YEARS VISITS THIS SECTION

One of the most destructive sleet storms that has visited this section of the state in years began last Wednesday night and by daylight the trees, telephone, telegraph and electric light and power lines were hanging with a thick coat of ice that broke them down in many places.

The sleet storm extended from Valentine on the west to Clearwater on the east.

The transmission lines of the light and power company and the telephone and telegraph companies suffered most by the storm.

The local telephone company report that about seventy-five phone lines in O'Neill not working; late this afternoon there was not a telephone line out of O'Neill that was working; all are down, including the long distance and country lines. The Interstate Power Company lines are down in various parts of O'Neill and their employees are busy getting them in shape so that lights may be re-

sumed tonight.

The telegraph company was also hit hard. Agent Roy Sauers tells us that there are 96 poles down between O'Neill and Clearwater; 80 poles down between O'Neill and Atkinson, and about 120 more down between Atkinson and Valentine.

Large trees in all parts of the city are broken down, some of them torn up by the roots; almost every yard is filled with branches from the trees.

The weather turned warm early this morning and the ice began falling from the trees and lines but as we go to press this afternoon the conditions have changed; it is turning colder rapidly and the indications are that the ice will remain on the trees and lines for some time; colder weather is predicted and seems to be close at hand.

We are unable to state just what the conditions are in the country but no doubt the cattle and other livestock that are running in the open pastures will suffer considerably from the storm.

## THE DISTRICT COURT CONVENES IN O'NEILL

The regular term of the District Court convened in this city last Monday morning, with Judge Robert R. Dickson presiding and Ted McElhaney reporting.

The first case to be tried was the State of Nebraska vs. Harry Dempsey. Dempsey was charged with the theft of a battery from an automobile that was stored in a garage in Atkinson, some time last September. A number of witnesses were examined on both sides. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The next case was the Bank of Folda vs. John Higgins, who owns and operates a ranch eighteen miles south of Atkinson, Nebraska; suit was brought for the collection of a note. Higgins claims it was an "accommodation note."

The following residents of the county received their naturalization papers Monday: Adam Siegler, Atkinson; Jacob Siegler, Atkinson; George Kaczor, Ewing; Mrs. Caroline Martensen, Chambers; Hans Jensen, Chambers; Peter Nielsen, Chambers.

As we go to press today the case of The State of Nebraska vs. John Hagler is being tried. Hagler is charged with operating a still; the possession of mash and liquor.

## INFLUENTIAL CITIZENS SHOULD JOIN WALTONIANS

The following article, as well as a number of similar articles that have been published by The Frontier recently, was written by C. H. Nichols, who is one of the strongest advocates of conservation and the rehabilitation of the streams and wild life in Nebraska. Mr. Nichols was one of the first and most active organizers of Izaak Walton Leagues in this territory six years ago, and was instrumental in the organization of the Norfolk charter, which is now one of the strongest in this part of the state. Mr. Nichols is employed in the game and fish department; he has been instrumental in the building and stocking of a number of bass and trout nursery ponds in the northern part of the county and has placed many thousand fingerling bass and trout and a large number of bullheads and other game fish in the streams and lakes of the county.

"The greatest handicap to progress is the lack of organization. When the sportsmen and outdoor lovers in Nebraska came to realize the truth of this statement, they organized and genuine results have been attained. But don't think for one moment that the work is finished, or at a stage where it will automatically continue. There is greater work to be done. It is fight, fight, fight, year after year, if we hope to repopulate our waters with game fish and restore game birds to our waste places.

The Izaak Walton League of America affords a vehicle upon which we may advance more rapidly than in any other way. It has proven its value and usefulness in Nebraska, and in many other states. We would not have an independent Game and Fish Commission now, had it not been for the concerted efforts of hundreds of Nebraska chapters. You well know how rapid has been the progress made under the activities of the commission. Its service may be increased many fold if added strength is given to the League and more of

our influential citizens join with us and help push and boost. No one should be too busy to make Nebraska's playgrounds more numerous and more attractive for our young people just ahead. We think it was Warden Fenton that said: "Among all the criminals that have come under my care, few of them ever liked to hunt or fish. True sportsmen are generally honorable."

Can we safeguard the morals of the rising generation in any better manner than to provide clean, health giving recreation afield and astrream, where they may go and be free from influences that are not good for growing minds."

## THE A. P. STRUBE SEDAN TURNS TURTLE SUNDAY

The sedan driven by A. P. Strube, who was accompanied by Mrs. Strube, their daughter Miss Violet, and son Richard, skidded from the highway about a mile north of Ewing last Sunday morning and landed bottom side up in the ditch. Miss Violet was the most seriously injured; she suffered a broken shoulder blade and numerous bruises; Mrs. Strube was also considerably bruised. The fenders of the car were badly damaged. Mr. Strube and family were enroute to Columbus, Nebraska, for a visit with relatives.

## FREE DAY AT THE ROYAL DRAWS A LARGE CROWD

Mrs. Georgie Rasley entertained the people of this community with a free picture show last Tuesday afternoon. The first show was at two o'clock. To say that she had a crowded house is putting it mildly; before the first show was over the sidewalk was packed for a distance of fifty feet on either side of the theatre, waiting for the second show, while the inside of the theatre was packed.

Mrs. Rasley says that three shows could not have taken care of the crowd. The comedy, "The Cooks" was the bill. The story is filled with real comedy and is very entertaining. The New Royal is now one of the neatest, coziest and best equipped theatres in this part of the state.

## THE LIONS CLUB HOLD REGULAR LUNCHEON

The Lions Club held their regular noon-day luncheon at the Western Hotel last Tuesday. Dr. W. F. Finley was present and made a very nice talk about the C. to C. highway. He told of the progress of the committees in charge of the highway. It will be necessary to raise a little money to assist in marking this route through O'Neill and perhaps in the near future a committee will visit the citizens with that thought in mind.

## MISS SMAWLEY TO SPEAK AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miss Eva L. Smawley, a missionary, home on a furlough from a number of years spent in China, will speak at the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning. Miss Smawley was at Nanking at the time of the civil war, in 1927. Churches where she has spoken speak very highly of her address.

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