

Hidden Taxes Take \$483,600 From People Of Holt County

Families of Holt county and vicinity pay \$483,600 in hidden taxes annually on their retail purchases alone, according to a survey announced today by the National Consumers Tax Commission.

This burden, the report stated, is paid through increased prices of food, clothing, fuel, medicine and other daily purchases. The analysis, directed from the NCTC headquarters in Chicago, was based on total retail sales in Holt county of \$3,100,000, as reported by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

The commission is a non-political organization of women combatting through local groups "unnecessary taxes that penalize consumers by increasing the cost of living" and has nearly 50 groups already active in Nebraska, the report said. The crusade is led in the state by Mrs. George Dewald, of West Point, Nebraska, national committee member, and Mrs. I. S. Makowan, of Gordon, state director.

"Every-day shoppers, whether they know it or not, carry a major share of the local, state and national tax burden," Mrs. Kenneth C. Frazier, president, said in the report. Hidden taxes, increasing the cost of even the necessities of life, produce 63 per cent of that burden. These unseen levies are taxes against the producer, manufacturer, shipper and distributor which are passed on by each to be paid for by all consumers."

The report, which said nearly 3,000 NCTC units across the country have added their forces to the crusade, pointed out the local hidden tax figure concerns retail sales only and does not include many other taxes, hidden and direct, that families here have to pay.

Severely Burned And In Serious Condition

Mrs. Bert Urban was very badly burned Thursday morning when she poured kerosene on live coals in the kitchen range. She suffered second and third degree burns on the body and on her arms, but her face was untouched. She is at the present time in a critical condition at the O'Neill Hospital.

Another Coyote Hunt Will Be Next Sunday

Another coyote hunt will be held next Sunday afternoon north of this city. This hunt will start five miles east and one mile south of the Midway store at George Hanson's; then three miles north to the John Glaze ranch; then three miles east to Redbird creek; then south past the Scottville hall to the Joe Schultzmeyer corner; then west to Hanson's, the point of beginning. The hunt will start promptly at 2 o'clock. Last week there was no hunt on account of the weather. Those who desire to attend the hunt if they go four miles east of the Midway store there will be a man stationed on the corner there who will tell them where to go.

Edward B. Jones

Edward B. Jones passed away at the home of his mother in this city Wednesday morning at 9:05 after an illness of several months, at the age of 65 years, 9 months and 19 days. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church and interment in Calvary cemetery.

Edward B. Jones was born in Boston, Mass., on May 3, 1873. In 1880 the family moved west and located in Garfield county, near Erina, where they lived for thirty-three years and here Edward grew to manhood and with his father was actively engaged in the cattle business. His parents moved to this city in 1913 and after moving here Edward looked after the ranch for several years when it was disposed of. He lived for a couple of years in Richardson county and spent two years in Omaha, coming back to O'Neill prior to his father's death in 1926, and this has been his home since that time. He is survived by his aged mother, one sister, Mrs. Mary Ullom, of this city, and one brother, Benjamin J. Jones, of Ord, Nebraska, and a host of friends in this city and county.

Edward seemed to always enjoy

good health until last fall, when he gave evidence of failing health. He went to Rochester, Minn., last November for medical attention and was there until about a week ago when he was brought home, when it was decided that they could do nothing for him. Ed was a genial, companionable man. During the years he was in the cattle business he was considered one of the best judges of cattle in this section of the state and a shrewd and capable buyer. With his passing another pioneer of this section of Nebraska has joined the ranks of a large number of pioneers who have preceded him, but made early history in this section of the state, during the early days of the settlement of this section.

Another Old Pioneer Passes Away Friday

August C. Hoppe passed away at his home northwest of this city last Friday morning, about 10 o'clock after an illness of several months of ailments incident to advancing years, at the age of 81 years, four months and twenty days. The funeral was held last Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church in this city, Rev. Roth, of Atkinson officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

August C. Hoppe was born in Germany on September 27, 1857. After reaching manhood's estate he came to America and located at Omaha. On September 22, 1889, he was united in marriage in Omaha to Miss Anna M. Sophie Paulsen. To this union three children were born, one son and two daughters, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The children are: Mrs. Fred Guse, York, Nebr.; Mrs. Augusta Roth, Darby, Mont.; Carl F. Hoppe, Atkinson. Mrs. Guse and her husband were present at the funeral, Mrs. Roth being unable to attend.

Mr. Hoppe came to this county in February, 1890, a few months after his marriage and for over forty-nine years had been a resident of the county. He was one of the pioneers in Pleasantview township and had a prominent part in the development of that section of the county. He was a splendid citizen and had a host of friends in this city as well as over the county who will regret to learn that another pioneer has answered the final summons.

Stuart Seed Show On Saturday, Next Week

The Stuart Community club in cooperation with the Holt County Agricultural Agent invites you to attend an exhibit at a seed show to be held in the High School Building at Stuart, Saturday, March 4, 1939.

This will be a splendid chance to either sell or buy seed in Holt county. The Stuart Community club is offering premiums on the following:

Yellow shelled corn, yellow ear corn, white shelled corn, white ear corn, bloody butcher shelled corn, bloody butcher ear corn, sweet corn, shelled, calico corn, shelled, rye, oats.

Barley, grain sorghums, forage sorghums, millet, sudan, speltz, alfalfa, sweet clover, potatoes, falfa, sweet clover and potatoes.

Seed shall be exhibited in gallon pails where possible. Ear corn will be exhibited in lots of 10 ears and potatoes in lots of 5 potatoes.

James Rooney, of O'Neill will be the judge. Where possible the seed should be left at the Stuart creamery before the day of the show. All entries will close at 1:00 p. m. Saturday and seed which is not removed from the creamery by March 11, will not be held longer. An identification tag will be furnished at the creamery. Your cooperation is needed for a successful seed show.

Marriage Licenses

Edward Lueke and Miss Agnes Savel, both of Schuyler, were granted a marriage license in county court last Friday. That afternoon they were united in marriage at Chambers by Rev. Fricke, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Joe Clifton, of Butte was in O'Neill on Sunday visiting friends.

SOUTHEAST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders
It is not officially so stated but it may be surmised that a considerable portion of the daily accumulation of 18 tons of waste paper in the various government offices in Washington are applications for jobs which go to the waste paper baskets.

The economy block is making some headway down at Washington. In the future the senate chaplain will be expected to invoke divine guidance for the senators every day in place of the four prayers during the last session. The gentleman of the cloth receives a stipend of \$1,680 a year.

Judging from the products that are coming out of Texas there are none left down that way of the old breed that were always in the forefront where there was the smell of gun powder. The lone star state is coming to the front in the culture of oranges and flowers and if the nation must sound the call to the colors it is going to have to be said of that once famous stronghold of fighters that the best they can now do is furnish the bouquets?

Mr. Roosevelt can cast off the Harvard polish of his radio addresses on occasion. "Some boob got that one off," sounds a little uncouth for the head of the nation but are informed this was an added emphasis to what the distinguished gentleman terms a "deliberate lie," when referring to the stories of the administration's foreign policy. Mr. Roosevelt has given utterances to a good many things he later desired to escape from.

A Missourian wrote to a catalogue house about securing an outfit for sawing logs. He got a reply to the effect they could fit him out for \$3,500. The Missourian wrote back: "You darn fool, if I had thirty-five hundred dollars, what would I want with a sawmill." Most of us would feel that way about a ten thousand dollar machine in a country print shop, but my friends over at the Independent feel differently and are stepping ahead with some costly equipment.

An interesting feature incorporated—purposely or otherwise—with the stories Dean Selah has brought to light through recent issues of The Frontier is that they deal with common places of common people. Much of the matter of those who assay the role of historian is mere biography—or shall we say obituary—of those who have held public office. The story of creation is beautiful, not for being buttressed with official documents, but because of its simplicity. The worthwhile stories are those that throb with the heartbeat of humanity—the little things that do not get into the ponderous volumes of recorded history. No history will tell you about Mike Carrol, Con Shea, Dan Barnes, George Lathrop and Mr. Bentley coming to our farm that day long ago after my mother had been left a widow and gathered in the harvest for her, of the many Mike's and John's and George's who have done and are doing similar kindly acts. A bitter cold day in February a settler from over toward Middle Branch drove into our door yard and asked if her could come in to warm up. That request was a mere civility, not necessary. As he sat down by a hot stove and pulled off his leather boots we saw his toes were frozen. He put his feet in a pail of cold water for a quarter of an hour or more. After drying and thoroughly warming his feet and boots and taking some hot drink he proceeded on his journey to O'Neill. We never saw him again, but it was one of the incidents of open prairie living.

I was interested in the news story about the Hancock's at Inman. The mother of this pioneer family is to be congratulated not only that she has reached four score years but that she has survived to see her sons and daughters become worthwhile citizens. And in reading the story, again out of memory's mists comes across the span of more than half a century the vision of the abode of a settler over in Iowa precinct, I think it was. The first home of the Hancock's in Holt county was not at Inman but some six or seven miles east of the Cronin corner at O'Neill.

As a boy I visited their home just once. My father was always interested in school work and more than once was called up to to conduct the school for the children of the homesteaders. The occasion of my visit to the Hancock home had to do with his job of teaching that school, which as my memory serves was held in a vacated house a mile south and a mile east of our home. Mr. Hancock was treasurer of the district or at least had the cash on one occasion when I was sent over horseback to his abode for father's pay for the month. There were two things the boys on the prairie learned to do—shoot and ride a horse. I never was any good on the shoot but I did acquire the swagger of an Arab shiek as a rider. On the occasion of this visit I saw two or three of the older children, then quite small. Everybody in the country knew John Hancock for his hearty cordiality and when the object of my visit was made known there was no red tape, formality or vouchers to sign as he handed me two ten dollar bills that constituted a teacher's pay for a month at that time. I mounted and rode away feeling of some importance in the scheme of things that was then in motion to settle a new country. With nobody in the neighborhood having anything to pay taxes on I wondered as I rode home how the school district got those two ten dollar bills.

Today, with heads bowed and hearts saddened, the entire Christian world pays a tribute to the Papacy, in memory of the successor of St. Peter, who, but a week ago, sat upon the Fisherman's Throne and guided the destinies of millions of souls. His Holiness Pope Pius the 11th. It is a tribute moral—extolling the great achievements of His Pontificate—the learned encyclicals that fell from his pen—the call to Catholic Action, his love for the Missions—his untiring efforts for Peace.

The Papacy was established for an eternal purpose and consequently will last till the end of time. It is an universal institution to meet an universal need. So long as the intellect needs and seeks truth, light and guidance, the will needs strength, stability and security—the heart needs love, trust and hope—so long shall the Papacy minister to these needs. From that day, when Christ called the fisherman out of his boat, and changed his name from Simon to Peter, and gave to him "The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven," the Faith and Morals of the world have been and will ever be guarded by Peter and Peter and still another Peter, until his last successor will hand back those "Keys" to the Master.

The Papacy is the glory of the Church, the wonder of the world, the enigma of history, the paradox of time. It is the sole witness of the distant past—the sole companion of the centuries, the sole survivor of the carolling process of time. It carries us back through the aisles of time, down the boulevards of the year to the day when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and lion and leopards bounded in the Flavian arena—back to the ruins of the Coliseum and the Catacombs—back to the epic days of Faith and Constancy. It saw an ancient civilization decay and die at its feet. It knew Europe before capitols were founded—before history was begun to be written. It alone lives on in defiance of the fundamental law of nature, that of decline, decay and death. In this power of durability—in this attribute of indestructibility, it shall continue on through the long reaches of the ages—because this is the Will of Him who is "the same yesterday, today, forever."

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change in the law, making the offices a four year term, every four years, and never landed. He was a candidate again last fall and this time he was successful and was elected to the position. In this case persistency paid dividends.

In this city there has been a cribbage tournament held in the K. of C. Hall every Monday night for the past twenty-eight years. During that time M. H. Horiskey has been a consistent member of the club and when not on the road never missed a meeting, but was never able to cop the prize until last Monday night when lo and behold Mike surprised the entire club membership by winning the tournament, and has been receiving the congratulations of his friends since that date. So, it pays to be consistent.

Schoenle-Dusatko

A quiet but pretty wedding took place Sunday morning at the convent chapel at 7 o'clock, when Miss Geraldine Dusatko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dusatko, of Emmet, became the bride of Francis Schoenle, of Newton, Iowa, son of Mrs. G. D. Zanzing, Monsignor McNamara officiating.

The bride was attired in boy blue suit with raspberry accessories. She carried a pearl rosary and Miss Pauline Dusatko, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a gray suit with blue accessories. Leonard Dusatko, brother of the bride, was best man; both wore blue suits.

Breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the young couple left immediately for their home in Newton, Iowa.

Will Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fisher, who for the past ten years have been residents of this county, living ten miles east and three north of O'Neill, will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 26. They will keep open house all day and all their friends are invited to call. Mr. Fisher traveled in this section of the state for many years for the International Harvester company and the John Deere company and when he retired from the road he selected Holt county as his future home. A large number of his old friends from this city plan on visiting his home Sunday.

Local Masonic Lodge Celebrates Birthday

The Masonic Lodge of this city held their annual Washington party at the Hall last Wednesday evening. About sixty-four members of the order was present for the program. Rev. V. C. Wright, pastor of the M. E. church delivered an address on the life and works of Washington which is said to have been very instructive and entertaining. There was also a musical program which consisted of solos by the male quartette, the girls quartette, band boys trombone quartette and by Archie Bowen at the piano and his son with the trombone. After the musical program the guests were entertained with cards and games of various kinds, after which a lunch was served.

Holt County 4-H Clubs

On January 30, the Ask Grove 4-H Baby Beef club met at the Clarence Faulhaber home with all members and six visitors present. At the meeting we were sorry to hear that our leader R. E. Lucas, felt that he had not the time to continue as our leader and the leadership was turned over to Geo. Rector. After the meeting lunch was served.

On February 20, the club met at the R. E. Lucas home. All members and seven visitors were present. The next meeting will also be held at R. E. Lucas' home where a demonstration and judging of Mr. Lucas' fine Hereford Bulls will be held for the benefit of the members.

After the meting a delicious lunch was served.

During the meeting Jay Hixson, a former 4-H club boy and for several years a leader, gave an interesting talk and some valuable tips to the members.

O'Neill Girl Wins High Honors at Wesleyan

Miss Ruth Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leach, of O'Neill, senior at Nebraska Wesleyan university, is one of 15 students announced recently: as having a perfect scholastic record for the first semester.

Miss Leach was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic organization this fall. She is a member of the Women's Athletic association, in which group she serves as chairman of soccer baseball; Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary fraternity; Psi Chi, national honorary psychology fraternity, Psychology Journal club, local psychology group; and Panhellenic council, in which she is a representative of her social sorority, Theta Upsilon.

Miss Leach's main interest is in the study of paleontology, the study of fossils, in which field she plans to get her master's degree after teaching.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz announce the birth of a daughter on Thursday, February 23.

Basketball Tournament Played Next Week

The annual district tournament of Class B teams, for this district will start on Wednesday of next week, being played on the Atkinson floor. St. Mary's will play the first game, meeting Springfield at 2:00 p. m. Stuart will meet Long Pine at 4:00, Butte and Lynch will play at 7:30 and Spencer and Atkinson will play at 8:30. The referees will be Donald Starr and Ralph Stickney, both of Inman, and the team winning the tournament will go to Lincoln, where they will play in the State tournament.

There is no outstanding favorite in the tourney, St. Mary's, Atkinson, Butte and Long Pine all have good teams, and it is entirely possible that Spencer may upset Atkinson in the first game.

Owner of O'Neill Bakery To Move Here Soon

A deal was closed Saturday whereby John Farber and Wilbur Anderson, both of Crookston, became the owners of the Kiehl Bakery in Ainsworth.

These two young men are both experienced in the bakery business. Mr. Farber having recently returned from a bakery training school and Mr. Anderson has been working in a Crookston bakery.

The new owners took possession Monday morning.

Mr. Kiehl, who opened the bakery here seven years ago and who owns a bakery in O'Neill, will devote all his time to his interests there. The Kiehl family will remain here for a few weeks.

The force of the Kiehl bakery, Verna Brathauer, Lillian Grubaugh and Jimmy Munson will be retained by the new firm for the present.—Brown County Democrat.

BRIEFLY STATED

Earl Harpe, of Long Pine was in O'Neill on business on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin drove to Sioux City Tuesday on business.

Cletus Sullivan spent the weekend in Albion as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. O'Hern.

James Tuor and Quinn Scott, of Grand Island, spent Sunday in O'Neill visiting friends.

Ralph Mellor and Cron Stannard returned Sunday night from Omaha where they had been on business.

Steve Wallace returned Friday from Fairfax, S. D., where he had been on business.

C. E. Lundgren returned Thursday night from a short business trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Theresa Connelly entertained a group of friends at her home on Monday evening.

James Preston, who was in Omaha over the week-end on business, returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mitchell and Mrs. Charley McKenna drove to Norfolk, Nebraska, on business on Friday.