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CONGRESS
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Fight For Leniency On Loans

Jointly with Senator Capper of Kansas, the Third District member is pressing a campaign among farm district members in the House in the interest of more lenient conditions surrounding demands for principal and interest payments on Federal Land Bank and Commissioner loans, also, the initiation of foreclosures. Senator Capper feels that this bill containing a moratorium provision, may not get far during this session. About five bills similar to the one introduced by the Kansas Senator, have been introduced in the two houses.

Agriculture Must Prosper If Depression To Be Broken

A new independent non-patrisan group of members formed a militant organization to protect beneficial farm legislation already passed and to continue the fight for pending farm legislation of desirable character. The group selected Jed Johnson of Oklahoma as its chairman and Bill Lemke of North Dakota,secretary. About 100 farm bills have been introduced by members of this group but principal efforts will be put behind the farm mortgage refinancing bill, cost-of-production bill and legislation designed to increase and stabilize the purchasing power of farmers.

About thirty members started the organization with prospects of recruiting about 100 more. The organization is open to members from all of the farming districts in the country. Its objective is complete cooperation and coordination in the House of Representatives in the interests of Agriculture. The group has registered its conviction that unless farm purchasing power is restored the depression will never be broken. Some of the leading democratic and republican members have joined the group, along with progressives and farm-laborites.

G-Men Train Officers

About fifty law enforcement officers from many states and one from Shanghai, China, have just completed a course of instruction under the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They had graduation exercises at the Bureau Saturday and about 1000 people attended. Attorney General Frank Murphy and J. Edgar Hoover addressed the graduates. They now go home to pass their information on to other members of the home forces. These graduates become contacts and recruits for the FBI. Their course of about twelve weeks' work included considerable target practice at Quantico, the Marine station in Virginia. The school is now four years old and lists among its graduates thousands of law enforcement officers who live in most states of the union. E. J. Nickolite of Columbus is among the graduates.

Coalition Lead to War

Why are the world powers trying to form a coalition with Communistic Russia? The answer to that is the usual British specialty of fabricating coalitions. It is admitted Britain wants us in the coalition program. If we get in, there's no use talking neutrality. People ought to be told the truth. We are either neutral or we are going to take sides. Most letters say that we should remain neutral. Sympathy is mostly with the former allies. But if Americans want to be really neutral then we can't take sides with anyone. In case of war it is a known fact that America sympathizes with Britain and France. Will that lead us into war? No one knows. The heart of America seems to say: 'STAY OUT OF ALL OF IT AND TAKE SIDES WITH NOBODY."

Policies Clash Head-On

During the first ten months of this current fiscal year the Department of Agriculture reports a drop of 21% in the value of our agricultural exports. This decline is largely due to a reduction of cot-

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Former O'Neill Resident Spends Week End Here Visiting Relatives

W. A. Woodruff, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, arrived last Saturday for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Planck and his niece, Mrs. R. M. Sauers.

Mr. Woodruff was one of the pioneer residents of this county having taken a homestead in Cleveland township in the early eighties. He later took the civil service examination and was appointed to the railway mail service and served on the railway mail postoffice between O'Neill and Sioux City serving in that capacity for many years. While a resident of this city he lived on Everett street between Sixth and Seventh street, in a home that he built. He moved from this city thirty-two years ago to Sioux City where he resided for several years then moved to Council Bluffs. He is about 82 years of age but seems to be enjoying life to the utmost. His wife passed away a couple of years ago and since that time he has been making his home with a daughter in the Bluffs. He returned home Tuesday.

Wins Archery Trophy At Fremont Meet

Ted Sirek, son of Mrs. Helen Sirek of this city, entered the State Archery contests sponsored by the State Recreation Department, which were held in Fremont last week, and won third place, winning a trophy which is now on display at the Elite Cafe in this city. This is the first contest in which trophies have been awarded and a great deal more interest has been shown in the tournament the last few years with larger entry lists every year.

Attends Family Reunion In New Mexico

Last Monday, L. A. Ott, living north of this city, returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he had attended a family reunion in honor of his father, O. E. Ott., one of the pioneer residents of the Blackbird country. Mr. Ott came to this county in 1887, moving here from Iowa and was a resident of the county until 1915 when they moved to Tennessee, where he lived until the death of his wife in 1933. Since that time he has been spending his time with his children. His last visit to Holt county was in 1937 when he was here and attended the Old Settlers Picnic.

Nine children, now all married, were present at the reunion. Five of them live in different parts of Tennessee and were all present. Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, of Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. Arthur Roberts and Mrs. Stanley Phillippi, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and L. A. Ott, of O'Neill, were in attendance and all were former residents of this county.

The children spent a week visiting historic points of interest near the old New Mexico city and had several outings in the mountains prior to their departure for home. Mr. Ott has been in Albuquerque all summer visiting his daughters, but returned to Tennessee for the balance of the summer. He is 76 years of age but is hale and hearty and desired to be remembered to all his old friends here.

Red Bird Ball Team Crowds Winning Streak

The Redbird baseball team is still winning games. Last Sunday they crossed bats with the Niobrara Indians at Niobrara and won with a score of 12 to 2. The batteries were: Redbird, Conard, Hansen and Boelter; Niobrara, Smith, Abroud and Branfitler. Struck out, Redbird 7, Niobrara 2. Redbird has played eleven games this season, winning 11, losing 1 and were tied in one. A very good record.

NOTICE

Persons desiring to secure concessions at Old Settlers Picnic, attend meeting at Midway Store, Monday, July 24, at 8 p.m., or send word.

R. W. Karr, Secretary.

Band Will Give Concert Saturday Night; Sing Pronounced Success

The band wishes to take this opportunity to thank those who participated in the Community Sing. Also the members of the Methodist Ladies Aid who treated the members of the band to lemonade following the concert.

Another sacred concert and community sing is planned for sometime in the month of August. A community sing of popular numbers will be given at a week night concert in the near future.

The vocal soloist for this week's concert is Mary Jardee. Her home is at Stuart, Nebraska. At present she is employed in the Holt county treasurer's office. Miss Jardee has chosen to sing the familiar ballad "Sunshine of Your Smile." Plan to hear her.

The program for Saturday, July 22, is as follows:

March—"Across the Atlantic,".... Crawford
March—"Spirit of Peace," Kiefer
Waltz—"Aloha Oe (Hawaiian Farewell Song) arranged by ..... G. H. Reaves
Novelty—"Stein Song,"....Colcord and Fenstad — Featured by Rudy Valee.
Vocal Solo—"Sunshine of Your Smile," Lillian Ray — soloist, ... Mary Jardee
Overture—"Songs From the Old Folks," arranged by Lake.
Popular—"Beer Barrel Polka," ..... Brown—Timm—Vejvoda
Clarinet Quartette.....Selected
L. Halva, K. Vincent, A. Wallace and M. Olson.
Hymn—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again," W. G. Tomer
"America" and "Harmonized Taps," ..... Smith

Marriage Licenses

Marvin Focken and Hannah Braun, both of Atkinson, Nebr., were issued a marriage license on July 20th, by County Judge Louis Reimer.

Ermand E. Keyes, of Inman, and Miss Ruth Hamilton, of O'Neill, were issued a marriage license on July 19th, by County Judge Reimer.

The Weather

It has been excessively hot and dry in this section of the state the past week. While portions of the state had some rain on Sunday night and Monday and Tuesday this particular locality was not so favored. A small shower fell in the western part of the county last Sunday night, with a fair rain north along the Niobrara river, but this city received nothing but a wind storm. The west end of the county received a light shower on Tuesday afternoon, and the country south of this city received a good rain the same afternoon, but it did not cover much territory. This section must have rain before the week is over if we expect to have any corn. Following is the chart for the week:

	H	L
July 13	103	80
July 14	105	72
July 15	97	72
July 16	97	75
July 17	95	65
July 18	86	68
July 19	95	66

Eighty-First Birthday Celebrated With Party

A dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Idilla Brumbaugh, of Inman, who celebrated her 81st birthday.

Mrs. Brumbaugh is enjoying good health and is able to do a great deal of work. She is one of the oldest pioneers of Holt County and has a host of friends who wish her many more happy birthdays to come.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
V. C. Wright, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m., H. B. Burch, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

Epworth League devotional meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Evening union worship in the Presbyterian church, 8:00 p.m.

Mortgaging Property He Did Not Own Brings Penitentiary Sentence

George R. Barnes, who resides north and west of Emmet, was sentenced to a term of from one to five years in the State Penitentiary Tuesday by Judge Robert R. Dickson upon his plea of guilty to two counts charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses from the O'Neill National Bank. The charges filed against Barnes recite that on one occasion he obtained $100.00 from the O'Neill National Bank by representing that he owned certain livestock, and mortgaging the same, without actually owning it. Later he obtained an additional $150.00 and mortgaged livestock that he did not own, representing that he did own and have it.

Half Century of Religious Service to Be Celebrated With Jubilee Sunday

On Sunday, July 23, Sister Mary Catherine of St. Mary's Academy, O'Neill, Nebraska, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of her consecration to God in religious life.

Sister Catherine was born in Junction City, Ohio. She entered the novitiate at Buffalo, N. Y. The novitiate has since been transferred to Stella Niagara, N. Y. The early years of her religious life were spent at St. Vincent's Orphanage, Columbus, Ohio, where she was a real mother to the little ones entrusted to the care of the good Sisters.

When the Sisters were asked to take charge of the Indian children at Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Sister Catherine was one of the chosen band. She lived through all the anxiety, or, shall we call it thrill of the Custer—Indian troubles. Sister relates that at one time the Mission was in real danger; the Sisters were advised to flee, but as Mother Leopoldine, then Superior, intended to remain at her post so that the Mission would not be lost to the Sisters, her spiritual daughters loyally risked the danger with her, and the Mission was passed by without being molested.

In 1900, at the request of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. F. Cassidy, three Sisters from Holy Rosary Mission came to O'Neill to begin anew the building of a convent and school, the first convent, destined to be a home for Dominican Sisters, having been destroyed by fire. Sister Catherine was one of the pioneers. Older residents of O'Neill will remember the Nolan home as the residence of the Sisters before the completion of the convent, and Sister Catherine as one of the faithful, hard-working Sisters who helped to make life easier for the teaching Sisters who joined them from the East. In those days classes were held in the old Rink and in the Church.

Upon completion of the convent, it became Sister Catherine's duty to care for the lamps. Electric lights were not in use at that time at St. Mary's. Many of the old girls will recall memories of Sister going quietly from room to room with a lantern in her hand, trimming the lamps and cleaning the chimneys. Girls of a later date remember her as cook, or as Sister in charge of the dining room, while the present generation will find her caring for milk and cream and butter. So methodical and regular is Sister in her work that one might tell the time of day by location of Sister Catherine. Smilingly, cheerfully, unassumingly she has gone her way, ever ready to lend a helping hand to others, always speaking the kind word. Time has crept upon her unawares, the steps are slower, the hands more toil-worn and wrinkled; the steady performance of duty has become a little more difficult, but the heart is young, and Sister Catherine looks forward to her Golden Jubilee with the joy of one who has earned the reward of fidelity to the vows of her youth and whose heart exults in a Te Deum for the blessings of fifty golden years.

Misses Ethel Tasler and Ruby Weisman spent the week end in Norfolk as the guests of Miss Leonie Kuskie.

Mountain Air Must Have Rejuvenated Hank

Old Bunker Hill, north of Carson, which pokes its head 2,500 feet skyward has a new conqueror. It isn't considered much of a feat for young natives to follow the dim trail to its summit—but here comes a Nebraskan, 80 years old, who takes a look and sets his face toward the timbered top of the steep old mountain.

R. H. Mills, of O'Neill, Nebr., is the guest of his daughter and family, Mrs. Cecil V. Brown, of Carson. The last 60 of his 80 years, Mr. Mills had spent on the rolling plains of the Cornhusker state. Arriving here, he felt a desire to do a little climbing and, while Bunker Hill was not the highest peak, it was conveniently near, and off he starts. He went the distance to the top without aid—and came down in the same way, just to demonstrate "the kind of material that comes from Nebraska."

Mr. Mills is enjoying his visit in the Northwest, his first to the mountain area, and expects to remain several weeks. He claims to the title as "the oldest mountain climber in the world."—The Skamania County Pioneer, Stevenson, Wash., July 7, 1939.

Day Camps To Be Held For Recreation Center

The Recreation Center will again have Day Camps on July 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Following is a brief outline of the camp program:

9:00—9:30 meet at playground.
9:30—10:30 Go to camp.
10:30—10:45 Flag service.
10:45—11:45 Group work; (a) Handicraft; (b) camp cooking; (c) Nature hikes; (d) dramatics.
11:45—12:00 Group games.
12:00—12:45 Lunch.
12:45—1:15 Rest Period.
1:15—1:30 Group singing.
1:30—2:30 Hobby Groups; (a) Handicraft; (b) Nature Hikes; (c)Library reading period; (d) Dramatics; (e) Folk Dancing.
2:30—3:30 Swimming.
3:30—4:00 Dramatic Skits.
4:00 Flag Service.

Any child between eight and fourteen years of age is eligible to go providing they make out a registration blank which must be accompanied by the parents signature.

Registrations must be in by 5:00 p. m. Saturday, July 22.

Anyone who is willing to take a car load out at 9:30 and return for them at 4:00 one day, please call Mary Flannigan or see anyone of the Playground Directors.

A picnic supper and campfire program to which the parents are invited, will be held Friday evening, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Leaves For Extended Trip to West Coast

Joe Schollmeyer, one of the old timers of northeastern Holt, was in the city Tuesday. Joe told us that he and Mrs. Schollmeyer, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Axburg, of Gross, leave Thursday morning for a trip to the northwestern coast, which they expect will take them a month to complete.

Their first stop will be at Sheridan, Wyoming, where they will visit his son, Henry, and where they will spend a couple of days. From there they will go through Yellowstone Park then west to Butte, Mont., where Joe said he was going to look up Montana Jack Sullivan for a visit and a talk fest of the olden times in this county. From Butte they will go on to Seattle, Wash., where a daughter resides and then in to Portland, Oregon, for a visit with another daughter and a sister of Joe's. They expect to make the trip in easy stages and are looking forward to an enjoyable as well as educational trip.

John Dailey, of Winner, S. D., who has been visiting his son, Toby, at Farmville, Virginia, for the past two months arrived here Friday, accompanied by Toby. They visited here until Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Biglin leaving then for Winner.

Motor Vehicle Director Here Wednesday

R. F. Weller, of Lincoln, formerly head of the State Patrol and now Assistant Director of the Motor Vehicle Division, was in O'Neill on Wednesday explaining the provisons of the new motor vehicle registration act to County Treasurer Ben Winchell and County Clerk John C. Gallagher. The act, which was passed by the recent session of the legislature, is supposed to prevent or make more difficult, the resale of stolen cars, by inaugurating a system of registration with the County Clerk and the County Treasurer and also the ofices of the Motor Vehicle division at Lincoln.

Former Resident Visits Relatives Here

D. D. Miles, of Hardy, Arkansas, and Frank Miles, of Manilla, Philippine Islands, were in the city last Friday visiting with old time friends. They were accompanied by Hershel Miles, of Dorsey, a son of D. D. Miles. The latter was a resident of the Dorsey neighborhood for about fifteen years, leaving here about eighteen years ago and moving to Arkansas where he has since made his home. Mr. Miles said he was astonished at the improved appearance of this city and had he come into town at night would have figured he was in the wrong town. He said they had traveled eight hundred miles on the trip and that O'Neill was the best looking and most prosperous town they had seen on the trip.

J. B. Mellor Undergoes Operation; Doing Nicely

J. B. Mellor, one of the city's oldest and most prominent business men, was operated upon at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha last Saturday for an intestinal ailment. Present reports are that Jess came through the operation in fine shape and is doing splendidly. We understand that he is expected to undergo an additional operation sometime within the next two weeks.

Pioneer Celebrates 83rd Birthday

Mrs. Wilhema Stein celebrated her 83 birthday last Sunday or rather relatives arranged the celebration, when thirty-nine gathered at her home north of this city and proceeded to make merry for the day. A splendid birthday dinner was served in the evening and all present really enjoyed themselves, as did also Grandma Stein in the presence of so many of her relatives with her on her birthday.

Mrs. Stein came to this county with her husband in 1882, and they located north of this city. Mr. Stein passed away in 1927 but Mrs. Stein has been a resident of this county and the same farm for fifty-seven years and is now one of the oldest residents in that section of the county. She still lives on the old home place with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll, who are farming the place.

Mrs. Stein has been an invalid for the past five years, but she has possession of all of her faculties and thoroughly enjoys living and Sunday was one of the bright spots in her life.

O'Neill Native Visits Old Home Town

John McBride, who was born and grew to manhood in this city, and who now resides in Superior, Wis., was in the city last Saturday and Sunday visiting some of his old friends. He left O'Neill thirty-two years ago and had been back but once since that time, coming back to attend the funeral of his mother twenty-three years ago. While here he met many of his old time friends and was impressed in the changes for the better made in the city during the past twenty years.

Lutheran Church Notes
R. W. Fricke, Pastor.

Divine services at the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon at 2.

ASSESSED VALUE OF HOLT COUNTY $599,150 OVER 1938

Fewer Cattle of Greater Value But More Hogs Than Last Year

County Assessor Mulford has completed the tax schedule for the year 1939 and same was sent to the state over a week ago. The total valuation for the county this year is $18,403,555 as compared with $17,804,405 for 1938.

According to the schedule there are nearly 2,000 less cattle in the county this spring than there was a year ago, but they are worth more money. The returns show 77,780 head of cattle of all ages worth $2,155,820, as compared with 79,230 head one year ago, valued at $1,683,875.

There was, on April 1 this year, 23 more head of horses of all ages in the county than there was one year ago and worth about the same. The total number this year is 10,885, valued at $344,535. Last year there was 10,862 head and they were valued at $330,455.

There was in the county 559 head of mules, valued at $17,935. Last year 604 mules were assessed in the county and valued at $18,915.

There was also assessed in the county 9,291 dozen chickens this year valued at $19,700. Last year 6,480 dozen were assessed and valued at $17,735.

The assessment list this spring showed 9,944 head of hogs of all ages valued at $93,755. Last year there were only 6,176 head assessed in the county and their valuation was placed at $65,245.

6,033 head of sheep and goats were assessed this spring and valued at $15,650. Last year 6,176 head were assessed and a valuation was placed thereon at $16,770.

The county has 4,312 motor vehicles and they were assessed at $589,925. Last year 4,128 cars were listed and assessed at $530,560.

Citizens of this county have 1,983 radios and they are valued at $18,215.

In the county there are 422,440 acres of improved land valued at $3,935,700 or an average of $9.31 per acre. This is an increase in the improved land in the county during the past year of 394 acres.

There are 1,031,808 acres of unimproved land in the county, valued at $6,515,495. The improvements on the land are valued at $1,190,840. The total number of acres of land is listed at 1,454,248 and the valuation thereon fixed at $11,642,035 or $8.00 per acre.

There are 4,143 improved lots in the county valued at $3,935,700, or an average of $79.07 per lot. There are 2,329 unimproved lots in the county valued at $83,505 or an average of $35.45 per lot. The improvements on the lots assessed at $1,217,990.

The total cost of making the assessment this year was $5,781.21, 5,075 schedules being returned by the precinct assessors.

New 4-H Club Organized At Middlebranch

A 4-H Club was organized June 30 at the home of Mrs. George Rector. On July 12th we met at Hendricks for our second meeting. At the first meeting Betty Lou Alm was elected president; Doris Alm was chosen vice president; Helen Rector, secretary; Doris Hansen, news reporter.

We have named our club the Singing Summer Sewers. Plans are for a meeting every two weeks on Wednesdays. At the close of the first meeting a lovely lunch was served.

At the second meeting, two were absent and one other joined. We made a color chart. To date we have three charter members and a total of six members. At the close of the meeting a luncheon of ice cream and lemonade was served.

Doris Hansen, Reporter.

Mrs. John Kersenbrock entertained the M M Club at her home on Friday afternoon.