

Thanks Resolutions Adopted by Board

Gratitude for Operation Snowbound was expressed officially for Holt countyans this week in resolutions adopted by the Holt county board of supervisors and signed by Chairman Andy Clark. These resolutions, entitled "Memorializing Operation Snowbound in Holt County, Nebraska", became a part of the county's official archives and copies were transmitted to military and American Red Cross personnel and their respective headquarters.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the people of Holt County, Nebraska, punished beyond the limit of human endurance by repeated blizzards and snow storms since November 18, 1948, had become physically and mentally exhausted. And

WHEREAS, Operation Snowbound with the expeditious use of equipment and personnel rendered invaluable service in opening our roads and highways, and making accessible provisions for our people and food for our livestock, alleviating suffering and distress when the people, the county and the state were unable to meet the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of supervisors of Holt county, Nebraska, on this 23rd day of February, 1949:

1. That all officers and military personnel serving in Operation Snowbound be memorialized for their timely and efficient organization and services which so effectively helped to alleviate the suffering and distress of our people. That our thanks be extended to:

- Maj. James H. Harper, Third Engineer Officers Advanced Course, Ft. Belvoir, Va.
- Capt. Richard C. Rector, Engr. Bn., TECR, Ft. Belvoir, Va.
- Capt. Marion A. Ramage, Ground General School Center, Ft. Riley, Kans.
- 1/Lt. Richard Hartline, Omaha Engr. District, 1709 Jackson St., Omaha, Nebr.
- W/O Darrell E. Wolfe, 5019 Army Service Unit, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebr.
- Officers serving in Sub-area II of Operation Snowbound.

2. That the American National Red Cross, under the capable direction of Glenn D. Custer, General Field Representative, be memorialized for the timely relief of human suffering and distress.

3. To all our people who arose to the emergency and gave such valuable assistance and cooperation, we are sincerely grateful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commanding General of Operation Snowbound, to the American National Red Cross and to the press of Holt County, Nebraska.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA.
(Signed) ANDY CLARK, Chairman.

Ag Conservation Allocation Upped

Holt county's allocation for 1949 agricultural conservation program has been almost doubled over the 1948 figure.

This was announced Tuesday during a meeting of ACA precinct committeemen in the annex building here. Fifty-three of the 75 committeemen were present and D. F. Scott, of Atkinson, conducted the session. Plans for 1949 were outlined. There will be only a few changes in practices, Scott told his listeners.

Congress determines the amount of money to be spent by the department of agriculture in agricultural conservation work. Holt's proportion is the fourth largest county figure in Nebraska. During 1949, 120 thousand dollars will be spent. Last year's figure was 63 thousand dollars.

Harry Ressel, of O'Neill, chairman of the Holt ACA committee, said that schedule sign-up meetings are planned for March. Announcements of the meetings will be made in The Frontier.

Meanwhile, applications for 1948 payments are being made, Ressel said. Committee officers, elected at the annual meeting in December, are: Ressel, chairman; Fred Mack, of Atkinson, vice-chairman; and A. J. Sausser, of O'Neill, third member.

Plan Completion of Legion Building

CHAMBERS — Members of the American Legion post here were in session Friday night. Plans for completing the already started Legion club rooms dominated the business session.

Work was suspended last Fall when the weather became unfavorable.

World Day of Prayer Service Scheduled

Three O'Neill Protestant churches—Wesleyan Methodist, First Presbyterian and Methodist — are collaborating Friday in an 8 p. m. World Day of Prayer worship service.

The rite will be held in the Methodist church, according to Rev. V. R. Bell, church pastor. Committee in charge includes: Mrs. L. A. Burgess, Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, Mrs. J. P. Brown and Mrs. M. H. Grosenbach.

Anniversaries Noted

Mrs. O. W. French was hostess Friday at a dinner party at the M & M cafe in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mr. French, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. French.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Harold E. Weier has been named assistant postmaster at O'Neill, succeeding the late William Martin, who died recently.

SOBOTKA RITES HELD AT O'NEILL

Inman Woman, 83, Native of Czechoslovakia, Ill for 9 Years

INMAN—Mrs. Caroline Sobotka, 83, widow of the late John Sobotka, died at 1:30 p. m. last Thursday at Inman. She had been ill for more than nine years.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Monday in St. Patrick's Catholic church at O'Neill with Father Urbanski officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The late Mrs. Sobotka, formerly Caroline Fanta, was born April 1, 1865, in Hluboky, Moravia, a province in Czechoslovakia. She was married in Moravia, and she immigrated to the United States with her late husband, settling first at Omaha.

Next year—1885—she came to Holt county where the family has continued to reside.

Survivors include: Sons—Charles, John, Joseph, George, James, Louis, Frank and Anthony, all of Inman; daughters—Mrs. Frank Pribil, of O'Neill; Mrs. Francis Reznicek, of Longview, Wash.; Anna, of Inman, and Mrs. Ella Meyer, of Beatrice.

Mrs. Sobotka spent nearly 49 years on the family ranch, 2 1/2 miles South of Inman. One son, Henry, died June 16, 1944, and another son, Jacob, died in February at Denver, Colo. Her husband died on January 23, 1943.

Holt Fair Dates Are Changed

CHAMBERS — Officials of the Holt County Agricultural society, sponsors of the annual Holt county fair and rodeo, this week have announced a change in fair dates. New dates are August 31 (entry day), September 1, 2 and 3.

Originally, the exposition was to have been held September 13, 14, 15 and 16. Change was made, officials explained, to avoid as much conflict with school activity as possible and to complete negotiations for several top attractions.

Becomes Naval Attache in Rome

EMMET — Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, of Louisville, Ky., well-known in the Emmet community, departed from the United States last Thursday for Rome, Italy, where Mr. Baker will become a naval attache in the U. S. embassy there.

Mrs. Baker is the former Marjorie Hollpeter, of Emmet. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Mammie Allen and a niece of Mrs. Agnes Gaffney.

Mrs. W. D. Peters and children, J. Sue and William Dean, returned Tuesday, February 22, from Wausa where they visited for three days.

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FLOOD THREAT EASED IN VALLEY

Holt Disaster Group Participates in Meet at Neligh

Flood threat in the upper Elkhorn river valley has eased some during the past week. But Holt county's disaster preparedness committee, headed by Glea H. Wade, of O'Neill, is standing by.

The disaster committee was organized by Glen D. Custer, general American Red Cross field director, before he departed last week after a month's duty here in connection with Operation Snowbound. The committee works under the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Under Wade are four committee heads: Harry Ressel—survey, rescue, transportation and communications; Mrs. Glen Tomlinson—registration, inquiry, family; American Legion auxiliary of Simonson post #33 (Mrs. John Davidson, chairman)—food, shelter, clothing; Dr. J. P. Brown, assisted by Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka—medical aid.

In the event flood conditions arise, disaster headquarters will be in the basement of the Holt county courthouse.

Gov. Val Peterson called preparedness meetings last week in various points, including Neligh. A delegation went to Neligh, including: Supervisor Fred Cronk, of Page; John R. Gallagher, of O'Neill, chairman of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross; Mayor H. E. Coyne, of O'Neill, and H. L. Lindberg, representing the Chamber of Commerce. Other counties formed disaster committees along the lines that Holt followed under Custer's guidance. Wade and Gallagher spoke to the Neligh audience, which represented civic leaders from Norfolk to Stuart.

Meanwhile, intermittent thawing of the heavy cargo of snow that has blanketed the ground since November 18 has the Elkhorn—and many of its tributaries—flowing bank full.

Governor Peterson has approved a Nebraska disaster plan. It provides a permanent organization within the state for any disaster, but is immediately concerned with floods. The sheriff in each county serves as the adjutant general's advisor and contact in each county. The disaster preparedness committee will coordinate its work in each county with the sheriff's office.

ASSESSORS TO USE '48 CATTLE VALUES

25 to 30% Increase for '49 Turned Down by 68-18 Vote

A question that has been plaguing livestock men for many weeks has been settled. By a vote of 68-18, county assessors in Nebraska have decided to use 1948 values on livestock instead of the 25 to 30 percent higher 1949 values that were to have been used.

Holt County Assessor L. G. Gillespie explained Wednesday that the overall drop in livestock market values that has been taking place during the past few months accounts for the abandonment of the 1949 scale.

The 1948 values follow: Purebred Cattle: Calves to six-months-old \$20; calves six to 18-months-old, \$45; calves 18 to 30-months-old, \$55; milk cows, \$105; stock cattle, \$85; bulls, \$150. Grade Cattle: Calves to six-months-old, \$15; calves six to 18-months-old, \$45; calves 18 to 30-months-old, \$55; heifers, 18 to 30-months-old, \$55; steers, over 30-months-old, \$85; stock cattle, \$75; milk cows, \$90. Cattle on feed: 75 percent of local market price; bulls, \$125.

Pups Spend 8 Days in Snowbank, Now Bask in California Sun

ATKINSON — Two young pointer puppies from the Harley Everett kennels here are basking in California sunshine these days. They are at the home of their new owner, Leon Pellissier, at Merced.

Times were not always thus, however, for the two little fellows. They were the only two out of a litter of eight that survived eight days in a snowbank following the big blizzard of November 18.

Mrs. John R. Gallagher returned Saturday from Omaha with her infant son, Robert Edward.



Les Lieswald farm . . . glacier of snow obscures view.



Object at extreme right is—of all things—top of a small building.



WEARY OF SNOW SCENES? . . . Most folks in the O'Neill region have seen all the snow they care to see this winter. But The Frontier's picture editor couldn't resist these photographs contributed by Les Lieswald and Ed Wink, of Chambers. Top photo shows Lieswald's farm house, a mile and a half South of

Chambers, as it was surrounded by mountainous drifts in February. In photo house faces South and drift (at left) is on the West side of the building. If middle panel had been placed at right of top picture there would have been a panoramic effect. In lower panel, the house chimney barely peeks around drift. Snow was several feet higher than the house.

Ewing Moves Slowed by Impassable Roads

EWING—Moving this Spring has been somewhat slowed down by bad roads and weather conditions. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bohn have moved to their farm home; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoffman and family have moved to the Bohn residence, which they purchased some time ago; Mr. and Mrs. John Miller have moved to their new home in town; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Abney and daughter, Velma, are moving to a farm near Inman, Joe Kaczor will move to the farm being vacated by the Abneys.

Bernard Troshynski New Blue-J Editor

ATKINSON — At a recent meeting a new staff was elected to head the Blue-J, St. Joseph's academy paper. Bernard Troshynski was chosen as editor and Leonard Troshynski as his assistant.

Other staff members are: Janet Juffe, Gerald Vogal, Charles Kokes, Norma Parsons, Donald Straka, Bernard Liable, James Frohman, Robert Faust, Paul James, La Vern Engler, John Ziska, Mary Schorn, Bertha Lutz, Thersia Liable and Maxine Ziska.

'Voice' Remains at 9:30 Thru March

It was announced in last week's issue that the "Voice of the Frontier" radio program, on radio station WJAG, Norfolk, beginning Wednesday, March 2, would be heard at 9:45 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays instead of 9:30.

However, details for the switch were not completed and the quarter-hour remote control program will continue to be heard at 9:30 from the O'Neill studios in The Frontier building.

Adequate advance publicity will be given when the change is made, which will enable The Frontier to extend its program to a half-hour when necessary.

Wednesday's program featured a preview of Thursday's Star Specials, which are exceptional bargains being offered for today only by live O'Neill merchants. Each Wednesday the "Voice of the Frontier" will give a preview of the Thursday only Star Specials, which will be presented in detail in the regular Thursday edition of The Frontier.

Win Blue Ribbons in Speech Contest

Two Holt county 4-H clubbers received blue ribbon awards at the district 4-H public speaking contest held at Bassett last Thursday. They were Maxine Peterson, of Amelia, and Murray Mellor, of Atkinson. The annual public speaking contest is sponsored by KFAB and each district is entitled to one boy and one girl to compete for state honors.

Maxine and Murray represented Holt county and used as their topics, "Youth's Part in the Future," and "Soil Conservation."

The county contest that was scheduled to have been held in February had to be postponed and these two were asked to represent the county. Maxine and Murray each will be awarded a gift from KFAB.

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WAR VET SUCCEEDS ED J. MATOUSEK

Longtime Holt Supervisor Quits Board Due to 'Ill Health'

Alex Frickel, Atkinson farmer and a single World War II veteran, has been appointed by the Holt county board of supervisors to fill the unexpired term of Ed J. Matousek, veteran supervisor, who resigned. Both are Republicans.

Matousek, also of Atkinson, submitted his resignation to the board late last Thursday afternoon while the board was winding up the heavy February agenda, which was weighted with blizzard burdens.

Resignation read: "Please accept my resignation as supervisor in district seven at (this) meeting. I regret that this action becomes necessary. My health no longer permits me to fulfill the duties of this office."

Republican Chairman Andy Clark, who took over the chairmanship the first of the year following Matousek's decline to serve in that capacity another year, said that the resignation came as a "complete surprise" to him.

For the past three years Matousek served as chairman of the board. Previously he had served as chairman for two years.

Frickel's prompt appointment likewise came as a surprise. Matousek made the recommendation.

Besides being a prominent northeast of Atkinson farmer, Frickel is well-known in baseball circles. He is a son of Conrad Frickel, sr., also of Atkinson. He spent 26 months in Panama during the late war and was separated from the service on December 2, 1944.

Dean of the board now is H. W. Hubbard (Republican), of Chambers. Other members, besides Clark, Hubbard and Frickel, are: Albert Sterns (Democrat), of O'Neill; Frank Cronk (Republican), of Page; Axel Borg (Republican), of O'Neill, and A. M. Batenhorst (Democrat), of Stuart.

Council to Hear Lighting Proposal

Next session of the O'Neill city council the members will hear an extensive street-lighting proposal from officials of Consumers Public Power district. Mayor H. E. Coyne said a meeting was to have been held Tuesday night, but was delayed.

L. C. Walling, Consumers district manager, will outline a plan to the council whereby a modern new "white way" can be erected in O'Neill. Lights would be constructed on Douglas street East-and-West from city limit-to-city limit and North - and - South on Fourth street from the O'Neill public school gymnasium corner South to the railroad tracks.

Lighting equipment would be similar to that now in use on Norfolk avenue in Norfolk.

Belgian Couple to Reside at Chambers

CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Leon Demense, of Belgium, arrived in Chambers February 18 to make their home here. They immigrated to the United States under the European displaced persons plan.

Arriving at the North Western railway station in O'Neill, they were met by relatives, the Raes brothers.

Dog Pack Almost Annihilates Flock

AMELIA — While Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, of Amelia, were in town Saturday, a pack of five dogs killed more than a hundred chickens on their place.

The dogs were having their fun when the family returned from town. Only 15 chickens out of the flock were still alive.

Norfolkan Speaks During Laymen's Service at Ewing

EWING — In observance of layman's day, the entire service Sunday at the Methodist church was presided over by members of the congregation. Guest speaker for the occasion was Merle W. Lumadue, of Norfolk, who delivered the main address, "I Am a Methodist."