

AAA Funds Cut Sharply for 1948

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN LEARN OF 61% SLASH IN BUDGET

In session here Wednesday the Holt county committeemen of the AAA organization learned details of a sharp slash in the operating budget for 1948.

The program in Holt county must be operated on \$53,523 this year in comparison with \$168,000 for 1947. This represents a cut of 61 percent.

Information relative to the 1948 program was discussed for the officials of the county group and precinct committeemen by state field men, and plans were mapped for the 1948 program at the community level.

Harry Resel, of O'Neill, chairman of the AAA county committee, pointed out that the cut was anticipated following action of the last Congress which fixed a 150 million dollar AAA budget for the nation.

He said that a long-range agricultural program before the present Congress might adjust the amount of money going into the agricultural program but the committee would proceed with administering the 1948 program in the county on a budget about one-third of last year's.

MRS. A. C. McDONALD DIES ON WEST COAST

Mrs. A. C. McDonald, 82, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Friday. Death followed a stroke and illness of two weeks. Funeral services were held Monday in Los Angeles.

The late Mrs. McDonald was a resident of the Joy community in Holt county for 25 years, moving to California eight years ago. She and her husband came to Holt county from Greeley.

Survivors include: Husband; son—Albe; daughters—Mrs. Emmett Hickey and Miss Hazel McDonald, all of Los Angeles. One son, Den, preceded her in death.

Atkinson Teacher Dies at Norfolk

ATKINSON — Mrs. Margaret Freeman, 34, wife of Woodrow Freeman, Atkinson hatcheryman and produce dealer, died in a Norfolk hospital suddenly late Thursday.

Mrs. Freeman, who has been teaching in the public schools here, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage about 4 p. m. and was taken by ambulance to Norfolk where she died. She had not been in school Thursday.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter, Penelope, about 8.

A native of Bancroft, Mrs. Freeman taught in Ogallala before her marriage. The family has lived in Atkinson about six years.

Elja McCullough New Secretary State Group

Miss Elja McCullough, Holt county superintendent of public instruction was elected secretary of the County Superintendents' association of Nebraska in the annual meeting of the group last week in Lincoln.

Wayne O. Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, called a special two-day institute in connection with the convention and Miss McCullough stayed for the sessions.

She returned from Lincoln late Saturday. Her term as secretary extends through 1948.

'Doctor Jim' Title of John Deere Show

The Lloyd Collins Implement firm will sponsor its annual John Deere day program here Monday in the American Legion auditorium. Lloyd Collins, head of the agency here, said that all are invited to the affair, especially farmers and ranchers.

The program will get underway at noon with a free lunch and a motion picture, "Doctor Jim," will begin at 1 p. m. Stuart Erwin heads the film cast. In addition to the feature, there will be several other educational films, Mr. Collins said.

Auxiliary Plans Card Party

At a recent meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Simonson Unit 93, it was agreed to hold a card party to which the public is invited on Sunday at 3 p. m. in the American Legion auditorium.

Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher was named general chairman and plans for the party have been completed under her supervision with Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Miss Bernadette Brennan, Mrs. C. V. Sullivan, and Mrs. John Davidson as committee chairmen.

Games will be offered in pitch, pinocle, auction and contract bridge with suitable prizes in each for high scorers. A six-tube electric bedside radio will be given away as door prize. Lunch will be served free.

Self-Invited Guests Surprise Mrs. Ross

INMAN — About 25 neighbors and friends surprised Mrs. Clyde Ross on Sunday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary.

The evening was spent playing cards. Clyde Ross held high score; Mrs. Ernest Brunckhorst, second high, and Mrs. Fred Ermer, low. A luncheon was served by the self-invited guests about midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White, of Denver, Colo., arrived January 14 for a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. F. Brede-meier, and family.

PIONEER DORSEY SETTLER DIES

Samuel Derickson, 88, Came to Holt in 1883 from Pennsylvania

DORSEY — Samuel Derickson, 88, who came to Holt county from Milton, Pa., in 1883, died early Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Georgia Butterfield, at O'Neill.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at the Butterfield residence, and burial was in the Dorsey cemetery. Mrs. Carrie Hunter and H. V. Rosenkrans were in charge of the rites.

Charter Lodge Member

The late Mr. Derickson was a member of a Lutheran church and was a charter member of the Highlander lodge of Hainsville, south of Dorsey. He joined the Highlander order 49 years ago.

He served on school and township boards and was active in community affairs.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—William, of Star, and John, of Dorsey; four daughters—Mrs. Sadie Derickson, of Dorsey; Mrs. Jeanette D. Derickson, of Oteo; and Mrs. Olive Lundeen, of Lincoln; 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the funeral were: Ralph Rosenkrans, Richard Marston, Herschel Miles, Ralph Nighentale, Ed Mulhair and Robert Wiley.

Rebekahs, Odd Fellows Install New Officers

On Wednesday evening the joint installation ceremonies of the IOOF and Rebekah lodges was held.

The officers of the Rebekah lodge, who were installed by officers from Page are as follows: Miss Ruth Hoffman, noble grand; Mrs. M. L. Harmon, vice grand; Mrs. A. B. Hubbard, secretary; Mrs. Esther Haris, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Porter, right supporter to the noble grand; Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, left supporter to the noble grand; Mrs. C. H. Switzer, chaplain; Mrs. Lee Osborne, right supporter to the vice grand; Mrs. L. A. Carter, left supporter of the vice grand; Mrs. Charles Vorce, warden; Mrs. Dale Petrow, conductor.

The IOOF officers, installed by officers of the Inman chapter, are: George Robertson, noble grand; Lowell Johnson, vice grand; Elmer Bowen, secretary; L. C. Gillespie, treasurer; J. Ed Hancock, trustee; C. W. Switzer, past grand.

Members of the IOOF served refreshments.

HOLT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The next "o-campus" college course offered by Wayne State Teachers' college and to be given in O'Neill is to begin on Saturday, January 31. Fred Dale is to be the instructor for "European Geography." Enrollments will begin at 9 a. m.

ELJA McCULLOUGH, County Superintendent

'Making Breek'ast' Topic of Meeting

INMAN — The Inman Workers Project club met Tuesday with Mrs. E. E. Keyes for a January lesson on "Making Breek'ast."

Mrs. Roy Gannon and Mrs. James Cronk were the leaders and demonstrated different ways of fixing fruit, omelet and pancakes.

Mrs. Keyes served dessert and coffee after the lesson.

Vi-its in Arizona

Mrs. James Kelly, Mrs. Ina Wolfe and Mrs. Ed Matthews have departed for Winslow, Ariz., for a visit in the name of their sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Wright.

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STOCK AND GRAIN SOUGHT FOR NEEDY

Holt Group Hopes to Add 2 Carloads to Friendship Train

Holt county soon will send two rail carloads of food to Europe's hungry if two dozen persons who gathered here Tuesday afternoon to form a Friendship Train committee are successful with their plans.

They set their sights on a carload of livestock and a carload of rye as the county's contribution to Nebraska's own Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train, which is scheduled to head East from Lincoln on February 12—the Great Emancipator's birthday anniversary.

Elected to direct the movement in the county were three officers and 19 community chairmen. Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, was named county chairman; Rev. W. C. Birmingham, of Atkinson, secretary, and Edward M. Gallagher, of O'Neill, treasurer.

Community Heads Named

Named to head the Friendship Train drive in the various communities were: O'Neill—F. N. Cronin and Mrs. C. E. Lundgren; Stuart—Joe Brewster and M. S. F. J. Clark; Atkinson—B. H. Wilson and Mrs. Robert Martens; Amelia—Glen White and Mrs. Vern Sageser; Page—Otto Terrell and Mrs. Har y Harper; Ewing—Rev. C. D. Vogel and Mrs. John Archer; Chambers—Leo T. Adams and Mrs. C. V. Robertson; Emmet—Rev. Joseph Lane and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney; Dorsey—H. H. Miles; Phoenix—George Syffe; St. John's—Rev. J. J. Urbanski.

A tentative date for shipping the gifts from the county has been set for February 7.

The Abraham Lincoln Friendship Train plan originated with the Geneva Commercial club. The suggestion gathered momentum and a statewide organization was planned at Lincoln to cooperate with the Christian Rural Overseas Program in moving food to Europe's starving.

Slogan Adopted

The Nebraska organization has adopted a slogan, "A Car of Friendship from Every Nebraska County."

The officials of the county organization and the community chairmen will meet in O'Neill Monday at 2 p. m. to further plans for assembling and shipping the contributions.

Tuesday's session was arranged by the Holt county extension service, which cooperated with the University of Nebraska extension service in bringing civic, school, church and club leaders together to assist with the mercy program.

HUBBY RITES ARE HELD AT BUTTE

Deceased An Employee of Spencer, Lynch for 20 Years

BUTTE — Funeral services were here at 9:30 a. m. last Thursday in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church for Frank Hubby, 77, who died three days earlier.

Rev. F. J. Werthman officiated in the requiem mass and six nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers: H. E. Bradstreet, George Krikac, Gus Sieler, Clarence Hicks, Tom Keefe and Dwight Hubby.

The late Frank Hubby was born December 20, 1880, in Holt county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hubby. He was reared on a farm northeast of O'Neill and moved with his parents to Lynch in 1904.

In 1916 he went to Kennebec, S. D., where he was employed in a garage and afterwards worked in the light plant at that place. In August, 1917, he was united in marriage to Catherine E. Moran. In 1919 they returned to Lynch and Spencer, where he was employed by the two villages until 1939, when failing health caused him to resign his work. They then moved to Butte, where he resided until his death.

Survivors include:

Widow; two sisters—Mrs. Gertrude Hicks, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Maude Hoyer, of Seattle, Wash. Attending the services were relatives and friends from Ravenna City, Prehno and Gregory, S. D.; O'Neill, Spencer and Lynch. These included: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hubby, all of O'Neill.

Return from Coast

DORSEY—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richter, of Dorsey, returned January 14 from an extended visit on the West coast. While there they visited friends and relatives.



Pictured is the "new" Holt county board of supervisors at the annual reorganizational meeting last Thursday. The "new" board is exactly the same as the "old" board which served during 1947 with the chairman, Ed J. Matousek, of Atkinson, reelected for the third consecutive term and all committees were renamed. Members of the board (left-to-right) are: Andy

Clark, O'Neill; H. W. Hubbard, Chambers; Albert Sterns, O'Neill; George Collins, Atkinson; W. E. Wulf, Ewing; and Matousek. Supervisor Joseph Schollmeyer, of Dorsey, was not present when the photograph was taken. At right is Miss Ruth Hoffman, Holt county clerk (See story below). — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarrillo.

ROCKFORD LOSES FIGHT FOR LIFE

O'Neill Man, 22, Dies Monday in Omaha Hospital

Benny Rockford, the 22-year-old O'Neill youth for whom an appeal was made last week for blood donations, is dead. He died at 7 p. m. Monday in the University hospital at Omaha.

Afflicted since childhood with diabetes, he was stricken on Thanksgiving day with an acute appendicitis attack. On Christmas day he was taken to the Omaha hospital where surgeons were unable to operate because of his weakened diabetic condition and peritonitis that had set in.

Many blood donors responded to the plea for type "O" blood and by late Saturday the hospital attendants were obliged to turn away donors. Young Rockford had required a pint of blood every 24 hours since December in his fight for his life. When the blood bank at the hospital for Rockford's type blood became low, the appeal was made for donations. Over 30 pints were supplied by O'Neill people going to Omaha for that purpose.

The death late Monday climaxed an illness which began in 1933. Relatives said that young Rockford fought long and hard against overwhelming odds.

Born at Battle Creek on June 4, 1925, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rockford, he spent all of his life in Nebraska and finished two years of high school at Stuart. He moved with his parents here from Stuart four years ago.

Survivors include: Parents; eight brothers—William, of Columbus; Dale, of the Army; Alfred, of the Navy; Warren, Merwyn, Robert, James and Chester, all of O'Neill; two sisters—Elsie and Marjorie, both of O'Neill.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church here with Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, church pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. The body arrived from Omaha early Wednesday and is at Biglin Brothers pending the funeral.

JUNGMAN FILES FOR UNICAM POST

Atkinson Man 2d to Toss Hat in Non-Political Race

Fred J. Jungman, Atkinson livestock man and Holt county American Legion commander, became the second person to file as a candidate for the state legislature from the 28th legislative district. Frank Nelson, O'Neill farmer, went through the formalities two months ago.

The secretary of state's office reported in Lincoln last week that State Senator John Copeland, of Mariaville, had not yet filed.

The position is non-political and the two candidates with the most votes at the primary election in April will decide the senate seat in the November general election.

The 28th district comprises Holt, Rock, Boyd and Keya Paha counties.

Mr. Jungman, a veteran of World War I, has been a resident of Boyd, Holt and Rock counties for more than 40 years. He formerly operated a farm southwest of Atkinson, operated a farm and feed store in Atkinson for several years, and has always been a hay dealer.

The Jungman family has lived in Atkinson for 25 years. Two sons served in World War II. One son, Robert, was killed in France.



Benny Rockford . . . blood donors responded but the odds were too great. (Story at right.)

1948 POLIO DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY

Mrs. D. A. Kersenbrock, of O'Neill, Chairman for County

Initial responses are already being received in the 1948 financial campaign of the Holt County Infantile Paralysis Foundation, according to Mrs. D. A. Kersenbrock, of O'Neill, who has been named chairman of the drive in the county.

Mrs. Kersenbrock stated that a year ago the county raised \$3,010.16, half of which stayed in the county, the other half going to the national foundation to help in the program of research, hospital expansion, and training of personnel in the care of polio victims.

"During 1947," Mrs. Kersenbrock continued, "the Holt chapter spent \$1,280.17 for treatment of five polio patients, making good the chapter's pledge that no victim of infantile paralysis shall go without care and treatment for want of funds.

Dime Campaign On

"The 1948 March of Dimes is in full swing throughout the nation. It is up to everyone in Holt county to do his or her utmost to put our own campaign for funds over the top. Money contributed to fight infantile paralysis is the best insurance you can buy against polio."

Although no quota has been fixed, officials of the Holt chapter are hopeful that all previous records will be broken. The costs for polio treatment have skyrocketed and larger contributions are needed.

Community chairmen are: O'Neill—Mrs. Thomas Greene; Stuart—Joseph Brewster; Atkinson—Mrs. Charles E. Chace; Emmet—Mrs. Walter Puckett; Chambers—Mrs. J. W. Walters; Amelia—Mrs. Blake Ott; Inman—Mrs. James McMahan; Ewing—Miss Frances Rotherham; Page—Page Improvement club (Mrs. M. Copes); rural schools—Miss Elja McCullough, of O'Neill, county superintendent of public instruction.

The drive opened last Thursday, January 15, and closes January 30.

Marriage Licenses

James C. Taylor, 23, of Amelia, and Esther I. Freeman, 19, of Burwell, on January 17.

Elroy Brunner, 45, and Alverta Banton, 40, both of Verdigré, on January 21.

Inman Visitor Returns to Illinois

INMAN — Mrs. Louis Fiedler, of Auroa, Ill., returned to her home Tuesday morning after spending the past week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keyes, and Donald.

MATOUSEK AGAIN BOARD CHAIRMAN

Supervisors Reorganize; Committees Are Reappointed

The Holt county board of supervisors held its annual reorganizational meeting here last Thursday.

Ed J. Matousek, Seventh district supervisor, was reelected chairman of the board for the third consecutive year. Other members of the board are: Albert Sterns, First district; Joseph Schollmeyer, Second; Andy Clark, Third; W. E. Wulf, Fourth; H. W. Hubbard, Fifth, and George Collins, Sixth.

Chairman Matousek reappointed the same committees that served during 1947. These are: Courthouse—Clark, Wulf, Collins; finance—Schollmeyer, Hubbard, Sterns; printing—Sterns, Collins, Clark; tax—Clark, Hubbard, Schollmeyer; bond—Hubbard, Wulf, Schollmeyer; bridge—Collins, Sterns, Clark; road—Schollmeyer, Hubbard, Collins; settlement (county officers)—Sterns and entire board; claims—Wulf and entire board.

The Frontier was designated as the official Holt county newspaper for 1948, and the proceedings of the board were ordered to be published in the newspapers—the Ewing Advocate, Stuart Advocate and The Frontier.

NEPHEW DIES

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, sr., were called to Newman Grove Saturday by the death of their nephew, Joe Kopecky, who died that morning at 9:30 at a hospital in Keary. Mr. and Mrs. Kopecky remained for the funeral on Tuesday and returned home on Wednesday.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IS REDEDICATED

Visiting Clergy Take Part in Service at Chambers

CHAMBERS — Four visiting clergymen took part in a special service here Sunday in which St. Paul's Lutheran church was rededicated. They were: Rev. John R. Sternberg, of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church at Neligh, who was the guest speaker; Rev. Clyde O. Cross, of Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill; Rev. L. W. Steffen, of Concordia Lutheran church at Clearwater, and Rev. Gerhart Walther, of Tilden.

St. Paul's church has been recently remodeled and redecorated. Rev. Leonard A. Dale is pastor.

Special music was furnished by the choir and Sunday-school at Sunday's service.

CIVIL AIR PATROL MAY BE ORGANIZED

A Civil Air Patrol may be established here, according to officials of the Municipal airport.

A meeting will be held at the O'Neill public school auditorium at 8 p. m. Tuesday for the purpose of enlisting interest of 18- to 25-year-olds and others.

Gordon Harper, of the Municipal airport, said men and women of all ages are eligible, and urged parents to accompany the youths if they wished.

A CAP executive officer from the state organization will be present and outline the plans for offering instruction at no cost on meteorology, navigation, civil air regulations, aircraft, engines, code, radio, navigation, civil air procedure and other basic air courses.

Further details of the meeting and the CAP program are available at the airport, Harper added. The program, if developed, will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

BASIN BOARD IN MEETING HERE

Memberships Sought in Niobrara Development Program

Directors of the Niobrara River Basin Development association, representing four eastern counties in the north-Nebraska organization, met here Tuesday to hear a progress report from Clyde E. Burdick, bureau of Reclamation engineer.

Antelope, Boyd, Rock and Holt counties were represented. Each county has three members on the board of directors. The Holt board members are Ed J. Matousek, of Atkinson; Tony Astimus, of O'Neill, and Lyle Dierks, of Ewing.

Burdick reported to the board that the preliminary survey along the entire Niobrara basin indicated that an area in Holt county, between O'Neill and Atkinson, has the biggest irrigation possibilities on the eastern end of the basin.

Burdick said that surveys by engineers showed approximately 4,268 acres of class I irrigable land in the O'Neill-Atkinson region and 63,228 acres of class II irrigable land. In all, there were over 187 thousand acres in Holt county alone.

Classes Defined

He defines class I land as "highly suitable" and class II as "moderately suitable" in which there would be a narrower range of crops and slightly higher expense.

The water in this area would be brought in through a gravity canal which would originate in reservoirs in the Johnstown region.

E. A. House, of Ainsworth, president of the Niobrara Basin association, presided.

The association plans to fully exploit the basin's irrigation, flood control, power, recreation and wildlife possibilities, and to further the movement House said that more individual memberships and more interest is needed in all the communities.

Ways of developing this interest were discussed. The session was held at the Golden hotel, beginning at 5 p. m.

Part of Missouri Basin Development of the Niobrara

Development of the Niobrara project is an important part. The Niobrara organization was founded two years ago.

SIDERS HEADS WEED DISTRICT

Ray Siders, of O'Neill, was elected chairman of the board of supervisors of the Holt county noxious weed district in the organization's first regular meeting held here. Carl Lambert, of Ewing, was named treasurer, and L. C. Rakow, of Page, was made secretary.

Supervisors for the county-wide district have been appointed as follows: Southwest—Ed Bouska, Stuart; northwest—Elmer McClurg, O'Neill; eastcentral—Ray Siders, O'Neill; southeast—L. C. Rakow, Page; southeast—Carl Lambert, Ewing.

A spokesman for the supervisors said that every farmer interested in the treatment and control of noxious weeds is urged to contact one of the supervisors. The board will have at its disposal equipment and chemicals for use in the control of weeds.

An estimated budget of \$4,000 was filed with Holt county clerk.

Loys Smith, state director of the noxious weed division of the state department of agriculture, was present to discuss the use of chemicals, equipment and weed survey.

MRS. DOWNEY'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. John H. Rustemeyer, 79, mother of Mrs. Sumner Downey, of O'Neill, four other daughters and five sons, died here at 4:30 p. m. Saturday as a result of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bonesteel, S. D., where an interment was made.

The late Mrs. Rustemeyer, nee Eleise Maria Schlaman, was born at Hanover, Germany, on June 13, 1868.

Survivors: Daughters—Mrs. Frances Ho'lie, of Gregory, S. D.; Mrs. Lydia Mullendorf, of Bonesteel; Mrs. M. J. Shaks, of Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Downey; Mrs. Carl Anderson, of Custer, S. D.; Mrs. Walter Rustemeyer, of South Gate, Calif.; Rudolph Rustemeyer, of Eureka, Calif.; John Rustemeyer, of Bonesteel; Theodore Rustemeyer, of Hastings, and Gifford Rustemeyer, of Rapid City, S. D.

Two daughters, Mrs. Clara Thor and Leota, an infant, preceded her in death.