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## NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ASKS GOVERNOR BRYAN FOR AID IN KILLING HOPPERS

The county supervisors from the counties of Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Holt met in this city last Tuesday and asked, in a resolution addressed to Governor Bryan and signed by the representatives of all the counties present, that the state grant aid to the above counties in their fight on grasshoppers, without any strings attached thereto.

O. S. Bare, state expert from Lincoln, was present at the meeting and made an appointment by telephone to present the resolution to the governor at Lincoln next Monday afternoon. A representative from each county will be present to urge the Governor to accede to the wishes expressed in the resolution.

Hoppers are present in alarming numbers, according to the members of the county boards of the above counties, and a large number still to be hatched within the next two weeks. The representatives of all the above counties, except Antelope, said that their reserve funds had been exhausted, and are without funds to match the state dollar for dollar.

Governor Bryan has announced that an \$18,000 state fund will be matched against an equal amount from the several counties for the purchase of poison bran.

According to Mr. Bare grasshoppers exist in large numbers from Valentine to the Missouri river.

## ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES

Charles Crosser, one of the pioneers of Inman, passed away at his home in that city at 6 a. m. on June 1, 1932, at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 23 days. Funeral services will be held from the M. E. church in Inman Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., burial in the Inman cemetery.

Charles Crosser was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on June 8, 1850. In April, 1883, he moved to this county and located on a farm just south of Inman where he lived up to the time of his death. He was a good citizen and respected and admired by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and one daughter, Mrs. M. Peterson, of Neligh, and one son, Elmer Crosser of Inman.

## MRS. LAURA J. SCOTT

Mrs. Laura Jane Scott died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie E. Farley at Page at an early hour this morning, at the age of 71 years and five months. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, with burial in the cemetery at Anselmo, Neb.

Laura Jane Avery was born at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on January 11, 1861. On March 12, 1869, she was united in marriage to Edgar Moore Scott at Peoria, Ill. The family lived there for many years and then moved to Nebraska. Mrs. Scott came to Holt county last October to make her home with her daughter at Page. She was the mother of ten children, four sons and six daughters, three sons and five daughters who are still living and left to mourn the passing of a kind and devoted mother. The children are: Hughes Scott, Horace Scott and James A. Scott of Anselmo, Neb.; Mrs. Jessie E. Farley, of Page; Mrs. Hazel M. Crist, Lansing, Mich.; Adele E. Scott, Chicago; Mrs. Doris Berry, Neponsit, Ill., and Jane W. Scott, Neligh.

## Death of Mrs. Peter Greeley.

Mrs. Peter Greeley died at her home in Lincoln on Decoration day and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m., with interment in the cemetery at Atkinson.

Mrs. Greeley was one of the pioneer residents of Northwestern Holt, living on a farm near Phoenix. She came to Holt county with her husband, Peter Greeley, in 1880, and resided there until about fifteen years ago when they moved to Atkinson, then later to Lincoln. The family has many friends in this county who will regret to learn of her death.

Gaius Caldwell and F. N. Gronin drove over to Boyd county last Sunday, where Mr. Caldwell was inspecting the damage done to Company farms in that county by the high water of last week. He says that there was considerable damage done to fences, barns and other buildings on many farms in that section, but he believes that the benefits derived from the heavy rain will make the damage done seem infinitesimal.

## BRIEFLY STATED

John Reimers, of Inman, was an O'Neill visitor Tuesday.

M. R. Sullivan was over from Hartington Sunday and Monday.

Dr. L. A. Carter made a business trip to Norfolk Wednesday.

Miss Mildred McNulty, of Atkinson, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter visited relatives at Brunswick Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Collins visited her parents at Plainview last Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. McKenna entertained the Contract Club last Friday evening.

The Catholic Daughters had a wrenier roast at the city park Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Abbie Nelson and children went to Wausa to spend Memorial day.

Mrs. Frank Froelich entertained the Delta Deck Club last Tuesday evening.

Clinton Gatz left for Omaha last Tuesday morning for a few days visit.

Jack Vincent and Sheridan Simmons spent a few days in Ainsworth last week.

Mrs. W. H. Harty entertained the Contract Club at her home last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Patrick Hughes returned to O'Neill last Tuesday evening for an extended visit.

Ezra Cook, of Chambers, republican candidate for representative was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Saunto visited relatives at Winner, S. D., last Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. LePage, of Omaha, was in the city over Memorial Day, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison made a business trip to Sioux City this morning, via automobile.

Miss Marian Golden, who has been teaching at Hartington the past year, returned home last Saturday.

N. F. Crowell and Dennis Criss, of Stuart, were attending to business matters in this city last Tuesday.

Harlan Agnes, who has been attending school at Dubuque, Iowa, the past year, returned home Thursday night.

Harry Haffner came up from Omaha the latter part of the week for a few days visit with the home folks.

Mrs. F. N. Cronin entertained the Martez Club Wednesday evening, with lunch at the Grand Cafe after the cards.

Miss Grace Quilty went to Omaha the latter part of last week to spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

M. M. Higgins, one of the prosperous and successful ranchers of southwestern Holt, was in the city last Monday.

Miss Catherine Lawler, one of the teachers in the O'Neill public schools, left for her home at Lincoln Sunday morning.

Miss Nellie Toy, who has been attending the Wayne Normal for the past year, returned home last Monday evening.

Miss Ella Caffrey, one of the teachers in the O'Neill public schools, left for her home at Orleans last Sunday morning.

H. L. Beal, one of the teachers in the O'Neill public schools, left for his home at Washington, Iowa, last Sunday morning.

Miss Ruth Barnard, of Omaha, arrived in the city Friday evening for a weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Yantzi.

Walter Puckett and Miss Leona McConnell, both of Emmet, were granted a license to wed by County Judge Malone last Tuesday.

## Jury in Flannigan Case Returns Verdict of Guilty

The jury in the John Flannigan case, which has been on trial in the district court before Judge Landis of Seward for the past two weeks, brought in a verdict of guilty a little after 2 p. m. last Saturday afternoon. The case had been submitted to them about 8:30 the night before. Sentence was not passed, pending motion for a new trial.

He was convicted on three of the nine counts contained in the indictment against him.

The evidence in the case was completed last Thursday night when the defense rested. Then Friday morning the arguments of counsel were made. County Attorney Cronin made the opening argument for the state, taking most of the forenoon in presenting to the jury an analysis of the evidence presented by the state. He was followed by Judge J. J. Harrington and J. C. Cook for the defense. Assistant Attorney General Stalmaster of Omaha closed the argument for the state. All of the arguments were ably presented and were listened to with rapt attention by a large audience. After instructions by Judge Landis the case was given to the jury about 8:30 Friday evening, who returned a verdict as above stated a little after 2 p. m. Saturday. Sentence was deferred, pending the filing of a motion for a new trial.

The motion for a new trial was filed last Tuesday. It is a very voluminous document and contains 105 reasons why a new trial should be granted, according to the attorneys

for the defendant. Among the reasons given, in asking for a new trial, are: Irregularity in the proceedings of the court; irregularity in the orders of the court; that the verdict is not sustained by the evidence; that the verdict is contrary to law; that newly discovered evidence, favorable to the defendant has been discovered and objections to the instructions of the court.

Affidavits will be filed by the defendant's attorneys to support some of the allegations made in their motion for a new trial. Then a date will be set by Judge Landis for hearing the motion when it will be argued before him.

There has been a good deal of discussion over the county as to the cost of the three Flannigan trials, growing out of the failure of the Stuart bank. At our request, Clerk Moss of the district court, made an estimate of the costs to the county of the three cases and found them to be as follows: First trial \$2,670.00; Second trial \$1,963.00; third trial \$1,960.00, or a total expenditure for the three trials of \$6,593.00. In arriving at these results Clerk Moss figured jury fees and mileage, extra expense of keeping the jury, witness fees charged the county and officers fees for serving writs. However, items of cost which the county may be compelled to pay upon appeal of the cases to the supreme court are not included in the above estimate.

Mrs. Mildred Spann, of Atkinson, spent Sunday in the city visiting at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. J. Malone.

Mrs. David Lahm, of Norfolk, arrived in the city last Saturday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Abdouch.

Rev. B. J. Leahy went down to Jackson last Monday morning to spend the day with relatives and friends in the "old home town."

The Misses Mary and Martha Hanley, of Omaha, arrived in the city Saturday evening for a few days visit with relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sisco and son, of Pawnee City, arrived in the city last Saturday and spent the week end visiting relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chapman drove up from Omaha last Saturday and visited at the home of his mother in this city Sunday and Monday.

Dale Tressler, Paddy Carr and Neil Ryan went to Omaha last Saturday morning to take in the air races and to visit friends for a few days.

Miss Nancy Beha, of Omaha, arrived in the city last Friday for a couple of weeks visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beha.

Petersburg Index: Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Donohoe, of O'Neill, were Sunday guests at the A. D. Duffy home. Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Donohoe are sisters.

Louis R. Suchy and Miss Vlosta A. Krupicka, both of Niobrara, were united in marriage by County Judge Malone at the county court room last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Cliff and son, George, of Long Pine, were in the city Sunday and Monday visiting at the home of Mrs. Cliff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beha, of Sioux City, arrived in O'Neill last Saturday evening for a few days visit at the home of Mr. Beha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beha.

Mrs. Constance Wattles, of Hot Springs, S. D., arrived in the city last Sunday morning for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harrington.

Miss Florence Malone came up from Omaha last Saturday evening and spent Sunday and Monday visiting at

the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. J. Malone.

Miss Grace Quilty closed a very successful term of school in District number 141, on May 23rd with a picnic for pupils and parents, at which all enjoyed themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walters and children and Mrs. Mike Boler, of Cherokee, Iowa, visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. J. Biglin in this city Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. G. F. Dyer, who has been in the city for the past two weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Brennan and other relatives, returned to her home in Omaha Monday morning.

Mrs. Byron Reeve arrived here Saturday evening from McCook to join her husband, who is a representative of the Standard Oil Company. They will make their future home in this city.

Dick Tomlinson, who has been attending Creighton University, and incidentally making a name for himself in the field of athletics, arrived home the latter part of the week for a few days visit.

Mrs. E. L. Kinney, of Omaha, and sister, Miss Mollie O'Malley, of Lincoln, spent the week end in O'Neill, the guests of Mrs. T. A. Quilty and other relatives. They returned to their homes Sunday.

Archie Bowen left this morning on a business trip to Gregory, S. D. He owns a Racket Store in that city and went over to help move the store to larger quarters, an evidence of increasing business.

Miss Geraldine Davies, who has been teaching school at Gordon the past year, returned home Sunday morning. Miss Davies has taught in the High School at Gordon for the past two years and has been re-elected for next year.

Mrs. James Moore, who has been seriously ill the past two weeks, is much better this morning and her speedy recovery is looked forward to, which will be pleasing news to the many friends of the family in this city and county.

The rains of the past week have caused the rivers and creeks in this county, and to the west of us, to rise and local lovers of the piscatorial art are talking of making a raid on the finney tribe. So look out for fish stories in the next few weeks.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day was observed in this city last Monday with appropriate exercises.

At 10:30 the O'Neill Cornet Band and the flower girls, with veterans of the Spanish-American and World wars met on the court house lawn, where an appropriate concert was rendered by the band. Then they formed in line and, headed by the band, marched to the cemetery where the graves of those comrades who had passed beyond were appropriately decorated, and salutes were fired in their honor.

During the afternoon the Washington Bi-centennial Pageant at St. Mary's Academy was largely attended and well received. This Pageant was presented by the pupils of St. Mary's with the co-operation of the Sisters and the business men of this city, as part of the Memorial Day celebration.

Lucille Hough, who has been one of the teachers in the Pawnee City public schools for the past two years, arrived home Saturday for the summer vacation. She will return to Pawnee City at the beginning of the school year, having been employed for next year.

The Christianson pool hall, which was run in the McManus building south of the Grand Cafe, has been closed and the fixtures removed therefrom and placed in storage. Mr. Christianson left for Pierre the first of the week, where he has secured employment.

Joe Obermire, one of the old-timers of Northwestern Holt was in the city Wednesday and made a pleasant call at this office, renewing old acquaintanceship. Joe says that things are looking fine in his neighborhood and that no hail visited his section, during the heavy rain and hail storm of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schroeder and daughters, Maurine and Jean and their niece, Miss Meta Cliff and Elwood Page, of Omaha, arrived in the city last Saturday to spend Sunday and Decoration day visiting at the home of Mrs. Schroeder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatz and with other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thomas, of Lincoln, were in the city last Tuesday, leaving for the west Wednesday morning. Mr. Thomas was, for many years, publisher of a newspaper at Harvard, Nebr., and later private secretary to Senator Norris, but is now in the employ of a Lincoln publishing firm.

Another nice rain of three quarters of an inch fell here last Monday night and was quite general over the county, and, we understand extended east to Sioux City. West of us, in Rock and Brown counties, they had a very heavy rain Monday morning, amounting to about four inches, between Bassett and Ainsworth.

The "No Name Bridge Club" held a picnic last Tuesday evening. Those in attendance were: Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yantzi, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauer, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todson and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walling.

E. F. Porter, former county clerk of this county, was up from Chambers last Friday and favored this office with a pleasant call. Ed says that the rains the forepart of last week made the south country look better than it has for several months and placed the smiles back on the faces of the farmers of southern Holt.

A concrete example of what a small plot of ground can be made to produce is found at the home of Vince Sucky in the southwest part of town. Vince possesses the rare ability of a gardener. He has a wonderful garden growing this season, everything from strawberries to cabbages. The patch is protected on all sides but the east by a dense growth of trees and shrubs which prevents damage from wind. The rich black earth is kept entirely clean of weeds and the vegetables, plants and vines of all kinds stretch in straight lines, row after row, across the plot on both sides of the walk which is laid through the center of the lot. There will be no "depression" this summer at Vince's household.

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## O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS COMMENCEMENT GRADUATE CLASS TWENTY-FIVE

The commencement exercises for the class of 1932, of the O'Neill High school were held at the K. C. Hall last Thursday evening when twenty-five young people bade farewell to their high school days.

Hugh J. Boyle was the orator of the evening and he delivered an address to the class that has received universal commendation from those who were present. His subject was "Character" and, it is said that it was filled with good advice and a glowing tribute to his subject. Hugh has always been a favorite with O'Neill audiences but from the consensus of opinions expressed on his latest effort it was a masterpiece.

After his address Dr. H. L. Bennett, president of the Board of Education, presented the graduates with their diplomas, while Supt. Miller performed a like service for the Eighth Grade graduates.

The members of the graduating class this year were Ned Allendorfer, Ralph Auten, Garland Bressler, Marjory Brittlev, Richard Cromwell, Mary Louise Davies, Gerald Donohoe, Marjorie Gillespie, Helen Hancock, John Harbottle, Mary Elizabeth Henry, Scott Hough, Beatrice Kranig, Ruth Kuhler, Geraldine Madison, Mae Meyer, Frank Peter, Thelma Sanders, Andrew Schmidt, Jeanne Selah, Sylvia Sprague, Clarence Saunto, Ruby Tomlinson, Wilda Wolf and Marie Williams.

## ACADEMY CLASS DAY AND COMMENCEMENT

The Class Day exercises of the Class of 1932 will be held in the gymnasium of the Academy at two-thirty on the afternoon of Monday, June sixth.

The Commencement Exercises will take place at St. Patrick's church on Tuesday morning, June 7, at ten o'clock. Rt. Rev. Bishop Rummel, of Omaha, will preside.

## AGED COUPLE DROWNED

Mr. and Mrs. John Clinch, an aged couple of Lynch, were drowned during the storm a week ago last night when their home, on the banks of Whiskey creek, was washed into the creek, which had become a roaring torrent, and was swept down stream. The bodies were not recovered until about noon of last Thursday. They were still in the house which had floated down stream to Ponca creek, on the edge of town and stranded there. Mr. Clinch was eighty years old and his wife seventy-six. The Clinch home stood only about two blocks north of Main street. Following the downpour, in which some estimate that five inches of water fell, both Whiskey creek and Ponca creek flooded suddenly without warning. About half of Lynch was under water, which flowed over the highway.

Rescue parties with boats, ropes and on horseback were formed and about twenty families were assisted out of the flooded region. The Clinch home could not be reached in time to rescue the occupants before it had been swept away.

The flood receded rapidly, but floors in the houses that were flooded were left covered with mud and the basements were left full of water.

## EVADING GAS TAX.

James K. Braddock, of Page, was arrested last Wednesday by John D. Culver, of Lincoln, a special representative of the department of agriculture and brought before the county court charged with having in his possession on or about the eighth day of April, 1932, in the county of Holt and state of Nebraska, 600 gallons of gas that had not been inspected and stamped as required by law and had not been reported to the Department of Agriculture of the state of Nebraska. Mr. Braddock, when arraigned in county court pled guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs, amounting to \$3.25.

Mr. Braddock stated that he had purchased the gas for his own use in Sioux City and that he did not know that he was violating the law in doing so and hauling the gas to his home at Page, as he was assured in Sioux City that the tax had been paid. It probably was in Iowa, but when he brought it into Nebraska he was liable for the Nebraska tax.

Herman Rakoff, of Page, was ransacking business in this city Wednesday.