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## CORN-HOG GROWERS TO SIGN CONTRACTS DURING FEBRUARY

Board of Directors for the County Will Be Selected When All Contracts are Signed.

Corn-hog growers in Nebraska will be signing a corn-hog adjustment contract the month of February, according to a tentative schedule drawn up and approved by the state corn-hog committee. In submitting this schedule to each county, the state committee asks that the county temporary committee and the agricultural agent begin to hold contract signing days as soon after the first of February as the local schedule permits.

Experience with the wheat contracts indicates that it is best to fill out every contract accurately and according to directions from the Washington office. In order to do this, the state corn-hog committee believe it advisable for each county to organize their work systematically and to train a few men very thoroughly in the details of the corn-hog reduction plan. These men will then help farmers to make out their blanks correctly on the contract signing days. Doing each step of the corn-hog program thoroughly and accurately will speed up the date when the benefit payment checks will arrive in this county.

Selection of men to form the board of directors in the county corn-hog production control association will follow immediately after the sign-up days in this county. As soon as the permanent organization is complete they will arrange for a check up of all non-signers in the county and for corn. This work and the summary of appraisal of the land taken out of corn. This work and the summary of the figures on the contracts must be done before the contracts can be sent in to Washington to be approved there for the benefit payments.

It is to be expected that several farmers will not be ready to sign the contracts until after the first of March and that individual men in the county will want to fill out their blanks at the county office after the schedule of sign-up days. No closing date for contract signing has been announced yet either at Washington or at the office of the state corn-hog administrator.

### "GO SLOW, MARY."

Last Monday and Tuesday nights the young people of the Presbyterian church gave the three act play, Go Slow, Mary, at the Presbyterian church to large and highly pleased audiences both evenings.

In this delightful play a young married couple worked through their early domestic difficulties in a most amusing and unusual manner. The young husband took over the house duties, while the wife went out to earn the living in the hard and wicked world. After a few days of trying experiences both agreed to return to their proper positions. These two leading roles were ably taken by Melvin Pilger and Myrtle Burge. They were supported by a very talented cast.

The success of the play was largely due to the naturalness with which each took the part and made it live. Before the end came the audience were well acquainted with the gallant Englishman, the burly ice man, the smiling grandmother, beautiful Sally Carter, the two restless children, the earnest but stupid policeman, the dutch maid, and the wealthy Harry Stevens.

Much credit is due to Miss Beryl Winchell and Miss Helen Toy who directed the practice and managed the staging. All gave freely of their time and energy to make it a great success.

The Young Men's Quartette, Donley Feddersen, leader, Melvin Pilger, Garland Breasler, Donald Pilger and Helen Toy accompanist, furnished a number of fine musical numbers.

The seating capacity was filled both nights and from all reports everybody was well satisfied. The proceeds will go toward the benevolent fund of the young people and much needed equipment for the church.

Wild hay is moving out of the Elkhorn Valley from Long Pine to Ewing to the drouth areas of South Dakota in greater volume than this commodity has developed in several years. "It is an ill wind that blows no one good" the hay producers say. The price paid is fair enough, considering the glutted market and other conditions.

Last Saturday at least 15 persons inquired of agents for vacant residences in O'Neill with a view to renting.

## O'Neill High Nips Lynch For A Pair Of Victories

Last Friday evening at Lynch both the first and second basketball teams of the public school here trimmed teams of the Lynch school. The first teams game resulted in a score of 18 for O'Neill and 15 for Lynch. The second teams score was O'Neill 15 and Lynch 10. A big crowd saw the conflicts. Basket shooters reported there was nothing very exciting during the plays and that the teams seemed evenly matched.

## Is Given Surprise Party On His 75th Birthday

Frank Bain celebrated his 75th birthday last Sunday and he was treated to a genuine surprise party by his children. To properly celebrate the event all of his children, except his daughter, Maude, who is in Arizona, were present and helped him enjoy his anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bain and children, Gregory, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson and children and Charles Mansfield, of Spaulding; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Matthews and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wolfe and children and Mrs. James Kelley and children, of O'Neill.

Twenty-nine relatives sat down at the dinner table and partook of the tempting viands that had been prepared for them. Mr. Bain says that it was a real surprise party as far as he was concerned. He said that he knew that it was his birthday, but he did not think anyone else thought about it and he was agreeably delighted to find that his children had not forgotten the day. Mr. Bain has been a resident of this county for forty years, coming here from Wheeler county in 1894. Since that time he has lived in this city or on his farm, a half mile north and a half mile east of town.

## All Farmers Asked For Production Information

Regardless of whether they sign the corn-hog contract, every farmer in the county who has produced corn and hogs in the last two years, will be asked to furnish certain information to the county corn-hog control associations. Those farmers who are not interested in the program can be neighborly to the men who are interested by filling out and sending in the information called for on the preliminary work sheet for the corn-hog contract.

Information desired regarding corn includes the total acres of land in the farm, the total number of crop acres on the farm, and the total acres that has been in corn in 1932 and 1933. Farmers are also asked to turn in the number of acres of corn harvested for grain. On hogs, they are asked for the number of litters produced, number of hogs raised from these litters, the number of hogs butchered for home use or on hand to be butchered for home use, and the number of hogs which have been purchased as stockers or feeders and which are now on hand on the farm.

Immediately after the permanent corn-hog production control association is formed by the farmers who sign up contracts, members of the association will be appointed to canvass all of the non-signers in the county to obtain this information. Should any refuse to give the information, the man doing the canvassing will make the best estimate he can from his own observation and by questioning the neighbors.

Every farmer who turns in the information without being visited by the committee will be saving his neighbors who are in the production control association some expense, since the canvassing will cost money which is deducted from the benefit payments coming to this county on the corn-hog contracts. Farmers who have had less than four litters of hogs per year or less than ten acres of corn, or those who for other reasons feel it inadvisable to enter into the corn-hog contract, are urged to turn in their information as soon as possible after they receive their sample work sheets and contracts. They can put the figures on the work sheet and return it to the office of the agricultural agent at O'Neill. The information may also be turned in at the community meetings or at the sign-up day.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice of a public sale being held by Earl Wrede on February 7, 1934, on the old Charles Wrede ranch 14 miles northeast of this city. Mr. Wrede is going to quit farming and has taken this means of disposing of his cattle, horses and machinery.

## Roosevelt Birthday Party Will Be Given Tuesday

A Roosevelt Birthday Party will be given at Danceland on Tuesday evening, January 30, 1934. The proceeds of the party will go toward the fund to raise an endowment for the Warm Springs Foundation for infantile paralysis. A series of these balls are being given over the country and it is expected that a large fund will be raised by this means.

### Peter Greeley

Wednesday news was flashed here that death had removed Peter Greeley, about 92, who has been making his home in recent years with one of his sons, Howard, who resides at Weston, Nebraska. Mr. Greeley died Tuesday, January 23, of a condition brought on by old age.

Peter Greeley and his wife occupied a homestead north of Atkinson about half a century. At one time there was a postoffice on the homestead and it bore the name of Greeley. Lack of business caused the office to be closed a good many years ago.

Besides the son, Howard, there are three other children, all living in the state of Washington. Mrs. Emma Moore, Spokane, Mrs. Bertha Brown and Warren Greeley, of Seattle. It is believed the children all plan to attend the funeral which is to be held at Atkinson next Sunday at 2 o'clock, the service to be read in the Methodist church and the funeral to be in charge of Atkinson members of the American Legion.

Mr. Greeley was a veteran of the civil war. His wife died at Weston May 30, 1932. She was buried at Atkinson and the remains of her husband will be placed beside her resting place there. Mrs. Greeley was 88 years of age when she died.

It is doubtful if any other Holt county homesteader became as well known as Peter Greeley. His reputation, and that of his wife, among early settlers, was one of hard and fast honesty, intense industry and a firm belief that everything in the end must come out in a way pleasing to everyone.

### Mrs. Clark Young

Mrs. Clark Young died at her home northeast of this city at noon last Thursday after an illness of three weeks, at the age of 68 years and 14 days. The funeral was held at the Methodist church in this city last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Rev. Aucock officiating and burial was in the cemetery at Mincola. The funeral was very largely attended, practically all the people living in that neighborhood paying their last respects to their departed friend and neighbor.

Maggie B. Long was born in Illinois on January 4, 1866, and when a little girl her parents moved to Iowa. In the spring of 1884 they came to this county and settled northeast of this city, in the neighborhood in which the deceased has lived ever since. On October 17, 1886, she was united in marriage to Clarkson Young, at Inman, Nebraska. To this union seven children were born, all boys, six of whom, with her loving husband, two sisters and a brother, are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving wife, mother and sister. The children are: Orton, Ralph, Paul and Walter, O'Neill, Guy, of Winnetoon, Nebr.; Robert, Woodbine, Iowa. Her brother, J. B. Long, of Opportunity, and her sisters, Mrs. S. L. Creamer, of Elmwood, Nebr. and Mrs. W. E. Dimmitt, of Long Pine.

Mrs. Young had been a resident of this county for fifty years, being among the pioneer settlers in the country northeast of this city, where once stood the flourishing little town of Mineola. Like all the pioneers she endured all the hardships of the early days, hardships that would cause the present generation to give up in despair, but not the hardy pioneers of those days; they persevered and finally seen their efforts crowned with success and their final days passed in peace and contentment. She was devoted to her home and family and had many friends in the eastern part of the county who will regret to learn of her death.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for the kindness, sympathy and assistance rendered during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved wife and mother.

C. I. Young and Family.

James Seybold has opened up a garage in the Golden building north of the post office, where he is prepared to take care of automobile repairing.

## NEBRASKA SHOWS AN INCREASE IN CATTLE ON FEED THIS YEAR

Corn Belt As A Whole Shows Decline In Cattle On Feed For First Part of the Year.

There are about three per cent more cattle on feed in Nebraska on January 1, 1934, than on January 1, 1933, according to E. V. Jones, Assistant Agricultural Statistician. There were about 8.5 per cent fewer cattle on feed in the eleven Corn Belt states this year than last with only Nebraska and Iowa showing slight increases.

All indications point to a small increase in the number of cattle on feed in Nebraska as compared to a year ago. Records of cattle shipped thru markets into Nebraska, railroad records and returns from a large number of feeders show that Nebraska farmers had slightly increased operations by January 1. With plenty of hay and corn on hand and with feeder cattle selling at extremely low prices, cattle feeders are carrying on with operations despite advanced corn prices and low fat cattle prices.

There was a decrease of about 8.5 per cent in the number of cattle for market in the eleven Corn Belt states on January 1, 1934 over the number on January 1, 1933, according to the cattle feeding estimate of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. There were decreases in all states except Iowa and Nebraska, where small increases are estimated. The decrease in the area east of the Mississippi river, where cattle feeding had been increasing for several years, amounted to 17 per cent. In the area west of the Mississippi the decrease was only 6 per cent in spite of a decrease of 50 per cent in South Dakota.

In the Western states the number of cattle on feed January 1, 1934 was not greatly different from the number a year earlier, a small decrease being indicated. In Texas and Oklahoma, however, the number on feed this year was sharply reduced with the estimated number this year for the two states combined one-third less than a year earlier. Shipment of feeder cattle into the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, feeding area also indicate a material reduction in feeding from last year.

Reports from a large number of feeders as to the weight of cattle on feed January 1, this year, showed larger proportions of cattle over 1,000 pounds and of light weight feeders (under 750 pounds) and of feeder calves and a smaller proportion of medium weights than did similar reports of a year ago. These reports agree with the records of shipments from 4 leading markets except in the case of heavy feeders, the proportion of which was considerably smaller in the shipments during the last six months of 1933 than for the same months in 1932. Reports from feeders, however, indicated that there were still a considerable number of long feed cattle still in feed lots that normally would have been marketed before January 1, but which had been held in the hope of price improvement. This situation, and the reduced supplies and relatively higher prices of feeds, were reflected in the reports on the months of probable marketing. These showed increases in the proportions of the cattle on feed to be marketed in January, February and March over the proportions shown by similar reports received a year earlier.

The estimated number of cattle on feed January 1, 1934 as a percentage of January 1, 1933 for the different Corn Belt states is as follows: Ohio, 80 percent; Indiana, 82 percent; Illinois, 80 percent; Michigan, 92 percent; Wisconsin, 95 percent; Minnesota, 86 percent; Iowa, 103 percent; Missouri, 98 percent; South Dakota, 50 percent; Nebraska 103 percent, and Kansas, 85 percent. Corn Belt (weighted), 91.5 percent.

A wedding dance was held at a local dance hall last Monday night for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming, whose marriage was solemnized at the Catholic church here by Father B. J. Leahy last Monday morning. Mrs. Fleming was Mary Brown before marriage and she is a daughter of Mrs. Blanche Brown. Mr. Fleming is a son of James Fleming. Both the principals of the wedding gave O'Neill as their home town.

Mrs. F. J. Dishner, Mrs. E. R. Morrison and Mrs. J. J. Harrington were in Omaha last week. Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell returned home with them.

James Brown, now of Omaha, was attending to business here last Friday and incidentally visiting old time friends.

## St. Mary's Cardinals Take Two From O'Neill High

A packed house at the O'Neill public school gymnasium Wednesday evening witnessed two of the liveliest basketball games played here this season. The games were between the first and second teams of the public school and St. Mary's Academy, both of O'Neill.

The result of the senior team's game was 10 to 7 in favor of the Academy players and the second teams game also was won by the Academy performers, 9 to 8.

## Organize Star Route Mail Carriers Association

The star route mail carriers of the country have formed an organization which they call the National Star Route Carrier Association, of which E. J. Velder, who carries the mail on the Bonesteel route north from here, is vice president. The members of this organization are petitioning congress to have the bids that were recently submitted for carrying mail on star routes in different parts of the country, set aside for a year or six months and let the present contractors continue to carry mail on their present contracts.

In their petition, or letters, they allege that a number of bids have been submitted to the department by men who have no idea of the operating costs of a car on a regular schedule. They claim that for the past four years most of the star carriers have barely made expenses, and they say that in order to retain their routes some of the present carriers are bidding as low as fifty per cent below their present contract. They claim that the present method of bidding on star routes is not in keeping with the times. They say the law under which these bids are asked was enacted in 1874 and they say let at this time, under the bids recently submitted, that it will make paupers out of practically all the successful bidders.

They say that if the contracts are that the advancement made in transportation since that time makes this method of procedure unfair.

## Neighbors Join In Helping Sick Couple

In these days of adversity, when everyone is struggling to get enough together so that he can furnish the necessities of life to his dependents, it is fine to note that the old-time spirit of neighborly interest in each other still lives in the hearts and minds of our people. This was brought to light last week when twenty men, friends and neighbors, went to the home of Lynn Carns, living twenty miles south of this city, to haul hay and alfalfa, cut, saw and split wood and pile it up nicely near the kitchen door, so that Mr. and Mrs. Carns could keep the fires burning. Mr. and Mrs. Carns were sick for several weeks and unable to work and the neighbors saw to it that they were provided for. The ladies helped Mrs. Carns with the dinner, furnishing part of it.

## Conditions Show Large Hopper Crop In 1934

The northern part of Holt county is included in a map of a great area in which heavy grasshopper infestation has been forecast through great numbers of egg ponds found in the ground by experts. Grasshopper trouble is said to be a serious threat against the 1934 crops.

John G. Kennedy, of Page, an old time Frontier reader, was a pleasant caller at this office last Monday morning. Mr. Kennedy has been a resident of Verdigris township for fifty-two years, coming here when a young man, two years after his father located there in 1880 and he has been a resident of the county ever since. Mr. Kennedy has a distinct recollection of the old times in this county, when such a thing as a horse and buggy were almost unknown, farmers going to town, to church or to visit their neighbors in lumber wagons, horseback or walking. Now we have the automobile and places that were considered inaccessible years ago, on account of their distance, are now only a few hours drive. What a change there has been in this country the past half century! Will the next half century bring about as great changes as the last half? Time alone can tell.

Bert Shoemaker is the first candidate to cast his hat into the political arena for the 1934 primary campaign. Bert filed a couple of weeks ago for the democratic nomination for supervisor of this district, a position held for several years by John Sullivan, chairman of the board.

## NO DEDUCTION FOR DEATH LOSS WILL BE MADE ON FALL PIGS

Due To Delay In Getting Contracts Ready, Pig Death Loss Clause Should Be Ignored.

Farmers who sign up the corn-hog contract will not have to deduct anything for death loss on fall pigs which they have on hand at the time they sign the contract. They need not pay any attention to this item on their work sheet or contract, according to a recent announcement from the corn-hog section in Washington.

When the contract form was drawn up, the Washington office explains, it was thought that some of the contracts might be signed before the first of January 1934. Since farmers are allowed to include in their hog base all pigs farrowed up to December, 1933, the provision was put into the contract for a 15 per cent deduction for death loss on these late pigs.

Many of the 1933 fall pigs will be marketed by farmers of this section before they sign the corn-hog contract. In practically all cases the pigs will be weaned and large enough so that figuring a 15 per cent death loss on them would be excessive. The corn-hog section at Washington has therefore announced that no one need pay any attention to item number 4, table 5, in the corn-hog contract and on the work sheet for the contract. This news will probably answer several puzzling questions which farmers have been facing in connection with the deduction for death loss.

No provision has been made to make up for abnormal death loss due to cholera or other causes. The actual number of litters farrowed and the number of hogs marketed from those litters make up the base for the individual farmer. The period of time over which the average is taken is from December 1, 1931 to November 30, 1933. All pigs farrowed in that 24 months period and marketed or still on hand to be marketed are included in the farmer's hog base upon which his benefit payments are made.

## Wild Hay Business Not Free From Depression

One of the hardest hit industries during the late financial debacle was the wild hay business and any development that would move this commodity had been eagerly awaited. The long hoped for stimulus seems to have started about January 1st when agents began buying hay here for shipment to South Dakota points in need of stock feed.

J. B. Ryan reports that since January 1st his firm here has loaded and shipped about 100 large box cars of wild hay. The shipments represent about 2,000 tons. This firm also shipped hay from Emmet.

The price paid producers range from \$5 to \$5.50 a ton, not as high, perhaps as it should be, but enough to give the man having hay a fighting chance. Most of the producers figure this better than having the hay in the stack and no market at all.

On the Northwestern railway here, locomotives have been working night and day at switching great strings of cars which have taxed the side tracks to capacity.

The movement of this hay has aroused a sagged industry and put many men at work.

### GOSPEL CRUSADE

The Gospel Crusade in O'Neill was opened Monday night by the Radio Minister of Radio station WOW, Rev. R. R. Brown.

The Rev. Brown spoke at the K. C. Hall Monday and Tuesday nights to representative audiences from the following towns and communities: Lincoln, Norfolk, Ainsworth, Bassett, Atkinson, Creighton, O'Neill, Brunswick, Spencer, Butte, Chambers, Stuart, Page, Inman, Paddock and Opportunity.

Evangelist Paul E. Berg is the second speaker in connection with the crusade and will speak each night at 7:45 at the Episcopal church.

The services are interdenominational. Everyone is welcome. All seats are free.

John A. Robertson, of Joy, now a member of the Nebraska corn-hog committee, returned from a business trip to Lincoln and many other Nebraska points last Tuesday night. Wherever corn-hog meetings were held intense interest was shown by farmers in the corn-hog branch of the industry.

Frank Dishner made a business trip to Omaha the latter part of last week.