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Many Restrictions On Use Of Contracted Acreage

The only reason for allowing contracted farm acres to be grazed under administrative ruling number 20 is to avoid the fencing of such acres in cases where the fencing might involve considerable expense, Dr. A. G. Black, head of the corn-hog section at Washington explains in discussing the use of contracted acres.

The only conditions under which the corn-hog section is willing to allow grazing of contracted acres are conditions under which there will be very little to graze. This will be readily seen when the limitations placed on the use of contracted acres are considered.

Eighty to ninety per cent of the Nebraska farmers who expressed an opinion at the first corn-hog meetings took the attitude that contracted acres would be rented to the government and that a good return would be received for them. These farmers intended to take the contracted acres entirely out of production so far as getting anything of value from them in 1934 is concerned.

The limitations upon the use of contracted acres can be summarized as follows:

It must be first year seeding of permanent pasture, (Sweet Clover has been removed from list of permanent pasture crops by Administrative Ruling No. 40).

It must be additional permanent pasture (that is, permanent pasture in addition to the acreage of permanent pasture in 1933).

No nurse crop may be used, if the land is grazed.

Nothing can be sold either directly or indirectly from contracted acres. (Milk must not be sold from a cow which is pastured on contracted acres.)

Contracted acres must not be used to replace land which would normally be used to produce feed for livestock on the farm.

Bones Of Clarence Coy Returned To Holt County

The bones of Clarence Coy, alleged to have been murdered on Spring creek, a tributary of Otter creek, in northwest Holt county, about April 1, 1932, again rattled in a court room a few days ago when they were re-boxed in the clerk's quarters for re-shipment back to O'Neill where they may be used again should Julius D. Cronin decide to try Treppish again for the slaying of his trapper partner.

Earl Treppish, 33, is in the penitentiary at Lincoln serving a life sentence for the slaying. The supreme court granted Treppish a new trial and whether one is held here or not is entirely up to Mr. Cronin.

Claims Sankey Was Intended Kidnaper

Publication of the pictures of Verne Sankey after he was captured at Chicago resulted in Chris Hansen, of Laurel, Neb., identifying him as one of two men who made an abortive attempt at kidnaping Hansen sometime in September, 1932.

According to Hansen, two strangers accosted him in his Laurel shoe store and asked him to trade his store for lots in South Dakota and asked him to accompany them to inspect the land. Hansen consulted Earl Sutherland, attorney, who noticed California license plates on the stranger's car and told Hansen not to dicker with the men.

The very next night the two men kidnaped Henry Tietfort, clerk in Hansen's store, resembling Hansen, took him to some small room, probably a school house vestibule in the country, flashed a light in his face and found they had the wrong man. "Hell, we've got the wrong man; this old fellow has gray hair," one of the strangers remarked.

The clerk was much older than the owner of the store, yet he resembled him and could easily be mistaken for him, especially in a poor light. The clerk was closing the store after dark when he was captured.

Tietfort was hustled into an automobile and let out at the Laurel cemetery. Hansen says he nor the clerk did not tell anyone of the incidents because they figured if they did the kidnapers would come back and make them regret it.

Only Sankey has been identified in the matter and the other man may have been Alcorn or some other understudy of the wily Sankey.

Two outbreaks of anthrax in Knox county have been reported to Dr. H. L. Feistner, state veterinarian at Lincoln. Anthrax in 1934 has killed 18 head of stock and a heavy toll is indicated before the end of the year.

Hen On McDemott Farm Lays Big Egg

A few days ago one of the largest hen eggs ever heard of in this part of the country was laid by a Jersey White Giant hen on the J. W. McDemott farm one mile south of town. The egg was large enough to make a breakfast and a half for a man and a half. It is six inches around this egg the small way and from one end to the other, straight measurement, is 3 1/2 inches. Mrs. McDemott said she plans to bring the egg to town and have it weighed. It is rather dark brown and seems to have a shell constructed to hold the oversize content.

If Holt county hens have beat the McDemott hen record we should be pleased to hear of the size and weight of the eggs.

Wood User Finds Rattle Snakes In His Fuel Bin

Here is something the coal dealers have been waiting for a long time. The scene is Bassett. About a week ago a man there by the name of Ernest Huston calmly went down in his basement where he had stored a nice pile of Niobrara river hardwood against the mean tricks old zero is liable to pull this winter and there, ready for business, was a medium size rattlesnake. Ernest never cared much for rattlesnakes so he accepted the challenge the snake offered and whacked it to death in a jiffy. How the snake got in the basement was a puzzle.

In the basement of the residence of a Mrs. Myers, Robert Huston went to do some looking around and he heard something he just as soon the thing had kept to itself, another rattler broadcasting what it would do if it had a fair chance.

Robert procured a suitable club and soon stretched the deadly reptile out in death. The mystery unraveled itself. Rattles seem to know what kind of winter is coming and when it is to be mild they crawl into hollow logs or any surface shelter. The Niobrara river trees were cut and hauled to Bassett and when they became warm enough the snakes came out of their hibernation and at once got sassy and ready for work at their old trade.

CARRIE ELIZABETH SNOW

Carrie Elizabeth Snow was born in Clinton, Conn., on February 11, 1864, and died on February 16, 1934. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church in this city last Monday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

She was united in marriage to Wallace H. Fowler on June 4, 1888. She united with the church at an early age and was an active worker for the church and community where she lived.

Since the death of her husband in 1928 she has lived with her only child, Mrs. Bert L. Powell of this city. She is survived by a brother, W. Astor Snow, of New Jersey, a stepson, Leon B. Fowler, of East Haven, Conn., a daughter, Mrs. Bert L. Powell and several grandchildren.

Youth of Joy Community Will Give Three-Act Play

The young people of Joy community will present a three-act comedy, "The Ranch on Sunset Trail," Saturday, February 24th at 8:30 p. m. It will be given in Aaron Boshart's barn, nine miles north of O'Neill, with an admission of 10 and 20 cents.

Cast: Mrs. Norton, Mistress of the ranch, Mabel Erb; Virginia Norton, her daughter, home from the Female Cemetery, Zelma Johnson; Billie Norton, a precocious daughter of twelve, Alice Erb; Betty Randolph, Virginia's friend, Dorothy Ott; Dinah, Mrs. Norton's mammy, Barbara Mitchell; Carrots, ranch house boy, Virgil Ott; Marie, Virginia's maid, LaDonna Kurtz; Celeste, Betty's maid, Opal Boshart; Jack Weston, from the East, Ned Allendorfer; Lawrence MacDonald, ranch superintendent, Jim Donlin; Heinrich Heidelburger, Wisconsin cheese manufacturer, Arthur Givens; Babe Honeywell, a hearty invalid, Donald Boshart; Dr. Cyril Loring, Babe's companion, Dick Robertson; Bobby, train newsboy, Robert Ott; Pete, a cowboy, Andy Kurtz; Red Top, another cowboy, Orville Thorson.

William Gruetsch, rancher on upper Eagle creek, has added to his collection of antiquities a petrified bison head of an extinct type, the horns of which have a spread of about 40 inches instead of the 18 the present living species has. A few years ago William picked up two of the large heads which are now petrified.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todsens and child, ren drove down to Grand Island last Saturday night, and spent Sunday visiting with relatives and friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell, who are now stationed at Randolph, came up last Saturday evening and spent Sunday with the home folks, returning to Randolph Monday morning.

A rifle dropping to earth was grabbed by Everett Roberts and the gun discharged, sending a slug thru both hands of the unfortunate man. The gun slipped off a load of hay in charge of Delbert Roberts, the injured man's brother, and the gun was fired as it struck the ground.

Jonas C. Ecker, who, in the boom days of Holt county, ran a newspaper at Mineola and later in this city, but who left here in the early nineties and ran a newspaper for several years at Winside, Nebr., died at the home of a son in the state of Washington a couple of weeks ago.

Saturday afternoon, Donald Mitchell reported, the public school Fifth and Sixth graders football machines mixed on the field north of the library. When the young gladiators had cooled off it was found that the Fifth graders made 12 scores and the Sixth 239, without aid of an adding machine.

The first of the week Mrs. Korab purchased from Cap Uhl the old residence that had been setting "cross-wise" with the world in the northeast part of town for the past year, and had same removed to the western part of the city, where she will have it remodeled into a modern home.

Figured on the basis of 13 tons to a carload, the 184 carloads of wild hay shipped out of here in January put in circulation in the O'Neill territory \$10,775. It is estimated there are to be 240 carloads shipped in February, 3,120 tons, or about \$14,000 worth of hay, and cash in hand at that.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McInerney, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, arrived in the city last Sunday evening for a visit with relatives. Mr. McInerney returned home Monday, while Mrs. McInerney remained here for a protracted visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. O'Donnell and with other relatives here.

City politics are beginning to take on a little life. The first of the week petitions were in circulation for the renomination of C. E. Stout for the office of Mayor. Mayor Stout has served four terms as Mayor, thus setting a record for this office in the city. His administrations apparently have given satisfaction and there is little talk of opposition.

Judge and Mrs. J. A. Donohoe came up from Omaha last Friday evening and supervised the packing of their household goods, which they have moved to Omaha. While here they sold their residence in the western part of the city to Dr. L. A. Burgess who will move therein about the first of the month. The judge and Mrs. Donohoe left for home Tuesday morning.

Last Saturday afternoon six friends of Meredith McKenna, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenna, attended Meredith's birthday party at which games and luncheon were highlights of the program. Those present as guests were John Osebaugh, Bobby Bachman, Jerry Toy, Paul Wyant, Warren Burgess and Robert Selah, according to Hugh McKenna, brother of Meredith.

Michael Vaughn, of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived in the city last Monday evening for a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. P. C. Hughes. Mr. Vaughn was raised just west of this city, but left this county 42 years ago and for several years made his home at Alliance, then moving to Salt Lake City. He says that he was having an enjoyable time here, visiting with his old time friends.

Friends here reported that a major operation was performed at Sioux City recently on the person of Rev. Benjamin Kuhler, Methodist minister who was stationed here before the coming of Rev. F. J. Aucock. Ruth Kuhler was caring for her father at an apartment at Sioux City, the information here disclosed, and the operation was of a nature to leave the patient in critical condition.

Book Being Prepared For Keeping Farm Accounts

Hundreds of Nebraska farmers have been asking about farm account books of various kinds this spring, Nebraska agricultural agents report to the state wheat and corn-hog administration headquarters. The amount of figuring the wheat and corn-hog producers have had to do in connection with their adjustment contracts in the last six months undoubtedly accounts for the increasing interest in account books.

The agricultural adjustment administration at Washington is now printing a specially designed farm account book which will be distributed free of charge to those who sign wheat and corn-hog contracts in Nebraska. The books will be distributed by the agricultural agents in the respective counties. It is hoped that the supply of books will be available so that meetings can be held soon after the first of March. At the meetings, farmers can fill in their inventories and get started with their accounts.

The account books will serve as a basis for information required in filling out contract application and proofs of compliance, as well as helping the farmer to plan his crop production. They will also provide basic data of great value in the agricultural adjustment program, and as a foundation for agricultural credit.

Forms for taking inventories of all basic farm commodities at the beginning and end of each year, with the farm values of the crops produced, are provided in the record books. Also included are forms for keeping record of crops bought and sold; a crop production summary showing the usage of the land, and a layout for a crop map of the farm; crops processed for family food; use of contracted or rented acreage; and net income from production of crops.

New Pest In Form Of A Bird, Is Working Westward

A new and formidable pest for farmers of this section to combat is slowly working from east to west and has been reported in Iowa. This is the European starling. The starling is about the size of the blue bird, it is pugnacious, hardy, noisy and very prolific. It thrives anywhere, drives out other birds and will eat anything. Its song is entrancing. It is black with buff tipped feather ends. It came here from England in 1890 and now migrates. It is a serious pest in the East.

Drive On Unemployment

A spring drive on unemployment will be launched with regional meetings to be held at Norfolk, February 21; Lincoln, February 20; Kearney, February 26; North Platte, February 27, and Alliance, February 28, according to announcement made by Federal Reemployment Director Hodge.

Rules and Regulations relative to work on streams, highways, PWA and private projects are to be discussed and explained at round table gatherings. Every interviewer, and clerks, and county reemployment managers, are to attend. The sessions in forenoon are to be devoted to regulations, rules, instructions and interpretations, while the afternoon sessions are to be for the round table talks where any and all problems may be sifted.

D. L. Spellman and son, John, of Omaha, came up last Saturday and spent the day and Sunday looking after business matters. Mr. Spellman made a pleasant call at this office and extended his subscription to this household necessity. Mr. Spellman is the owner of considerable hay land southeast of this city and he came up for the purpose of disposing of his hay crop. He found a very good market, the demand for hay this year, he said, reminded him of the good old days about fifteen years ago; the demand today is just as great as it was then, but the price is not as high.

George Van Every, highway foreman, who has been down in Wheeler county on a project, was here Sunday visiting his family. George reported there is a highway under construction from Elgin to No. 281, near Bartlett, which may be completed by next fall. Van Every will be foreman of men building 15 miles of this new highway. There are 8 1/2 miles of this that has not been touched up to this time. The new route strikes the 281 highway seven miles north of Bartlett.

Mrs. George Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. Weldon, left Tuesday for a few days visit with friends in Omaha.

St. Mary's Cardinals Trim O'Neill High

St. Mary's academy and O'Neill public school basketball teams played two games on the academy floor last Friday evening. The first team game was won by the academy 24 to 16 and the academy reserve team won their game also, 18 to 7. The spectator seats were mostly filled.

There was a time when the youngsters of the schools here thought they did not like pupils of the other school; there was rivalry of too keen a type, considerable scraggin' resulted after school hours. To the credit of both coaches that atmosphere has blown away. Now the youngsters realize the winning or losing of a game is not all there is to life.

Monday evening here, on the academy gym floor, the Lynch public school basketball team was defeated by St. Mary's basket shooters 31 to 17. This Friday the Page team is to come here and contest for top score against the speedy St. Mary's team.

Outdoor Lovers Send SOS To Pass Wild Life Bills

Washington, D. C.—With the adjournment of Congress approaching, friends of the outdoors, hunters and fishermen are becoming alarmed at the threat of three important wildlife restoration bills dying in House committees, according to a special bulletin of the American Game Association. These bills have already passed the Senate.

These bills are respectively Senate Bill 2633, the Duck Stamp Bill, providing revenue thru waterfowl hunters for purchase and maintenance of sanctuaries; Senate Bill 227, establishing fish and game sanctuaries in national forests and on the public domain with state approval; and Senate Bill 2529, coordinating the activities of all departments of the government in conserving wildlife. None of these bills calls for the expenditure of Federal money.

Various rumors around the national capitol tentatively fix the adjournment of Congress from March 1 to April 1. The calendars of both houses are crowded. The danger of defeat lies not in opposition, for there isn't any, but in the congestion of the House calendar, according to a statement of Harry B. Hawes, former senator of Missouri and then member of the special committee of the United States Senate on the conservation of wild life resources, which fathered these bills.

Officials of the American Game Association beg of the Press and every lover of the great outdoor to write or wire as many Congressmen as they will to please pass these bills immediately for the benefit of wildlife.

President Roosevelt has endorsed all three of these bills. All have the approval of every wildlife conservation group, farmer organizations, the Press generally, all of the sporting magazines, game and fish commissioners and millions of hunters and fishermen in addition to other outdoor lovers numbered in legions, officials of the American Game Association point out.

There being no opposition, the one great need is urgency to get the bills called before the House for vote, officials state.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Lloyd Britell was dismissed from the Hospital and went to her home in Inman Friday.

Mrs. James VanEvery is getting along nicely at the present time.

Mrs. Lyle McKim, of Opportunity, was dismissed from the Hospital on Monday.

Harold Summers left the Hospital Sunday morning.

Mrs. James Oppen entered the Hospital Wednesday evening and was operated on for appendicitis and had her tonsils removed Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hunt were present at a surprise birthday on Joe Filsinger at his home last Friday night. Cards were the principal form of entertainment and a delicious lunch was served at midnight to the assembled guests and when they left for home they all decided that they had an enjoyable time and wished Joe many more happy birthdays.

Gerge Hunt, of Huron, S. D., federal relief director for the state of South Dakota, was looking after business matters in this city last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Hunt has charge of the purchasing and disbursement of the Holt county hay that is being shipped into South Dakota for the relief of the stock in that state.

Threatening Prairie Fire Brought Under Control

Monday about 10 a. m. the fire siren sounded and the report said there was a prairie fire out of bounds near the Frank Pribil, Jr., farm seven miles south of here, near Dry creek bridge. The department responded and the chief was told when half way to the scene, the fire had been extinguished by the Pribils and neighbors.

Mr. Pribil said there had been some one near the scene of the fire that morning at sun-up. The fire blazed to fury about 10 o'clock, fanned by a stiff breeze and had it worked a few hundred yards farther "it would have been just too bad."

The fire was headed straight toward O'Neill and it would not have been impossible for a conflagration to have resulted as there is little between to halt such a fire. The blaze burned over about three acres on J. B. Ryan hay land.

Mr. Pribil said the fire was confined to an area from which it would seem it would not work out, but anything may occur in grass fires, and he called here for help as soon as possible. A number of fence posts burned.

Holt County Pioneer Dies In Wyoming

Jacob Beaver, one of the pioneers of this county, died at the home of his son, Ernest Beaver, at Deaver, Wyo., the first of the week. The body will be brought to this city, arriving in the morning and the funeral will be held from Marquette Chapel at Blackbird at 2 P. M. Friday afternoon.

Jacob Beaver was for many years one of the prominent citizens of this county, operating an extensive ranch northeast of this city. He disposed of his holdings here about twenty years ago and for several years has made his home with his son in Wyoming. He was 87 years of age at the time of his death.

Corn-Hog Questions

Numerous questions have been answered by the corn-hog section to clear up problems that have been presented by Nebraska farmers wanting to sign the corn-hog contract.

If a man is allowed under the contract to plant 80 acres of corn, but he only wants to plant 50 acres, he can plant the other 30 acres to barley, oats, or any other feed grain crop.

There is no objection to using land on which the wheat winter killed this winter as contract corn acreage. The land to be taken out of corn, however, must be specified at the time the contract is filled out.

Land taken out of corn as contracted acres cannot be rented to a corporation, individual, or a group of individuals to be used as an airport, baseball diamond, or any similar purpose. The land rented out for such purposes is no longer a part of the farming unit of the man signing the corn-hog contract.

An old alfalfa field can be used as contracted acres if the alfalfa is not cut for hay or pasture, and if the land has been in corn once in the last five years, 1929-1933, inclusive.

If a man wishes to fill his silo with cane in 1934 he can use the cane instead of corn if he counts the cane acres as corn acres in complying with the corn-hog contract.

Land which was idle in 1933 cannot be planted to forage crops in 1934 unless an equal number of acres of other land in the farming unit is left idle during 1934.

The man living on the county line or along the state line should sign up on all of his farming unit in the county or state in which he lives, regardless of the location of the land in another county or state. If this man signs up on more than one farming unit he should sign the contract or contracts on each unit in the county or state in which the land is located.

The signing of the first part of the corn-hog contract by the tenant will start the contract thru the summarization process in the county corn-hog office. The landlord may put his signature on the form in the two required places at the same time when the contract is completed. It is highly important, however, that the tenant get in touch with his landlord to make sure that the landlord is willing to go into the corn-hog contract.

Rev. F. J. Aucock was called to Bristow Wednesday to officiate at the funeral of Theodore Anderson, well known merchant of Boyd county.

Members of the O'Neill Stamp club, according to Hugh McKenna, secretary, held a regular meeting at the home of Ray Toy Wednesday evening.