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STUART BANK CASE AGAIN HOLDS SPOT IN DISTRICT COURT

Three Cases Consolidated For Trial,
In Which Officers Of Bank
Are Defendants.

An array of legal talent from Omaha and Norfolk is engaged in Judge R. R. Dickson's court here this week in an interesting lawsuit wherein three cases were consolidated for trial and wherein E. H. Luikart, receiver of the Citizens' bank at Stuart, is the plaintiff and the American Surety company, John and James Flannigan and Thomas Mains are the defendants. The Flannigans and Mains were bonded for \$5,000 each in the American Surety company at the time of the bank crash November 30, 1930.

John M. Flannigan was president of the bank, James C. was vice president and Mains was cashier. At the time the bank closed it was supposed to hold about \$300,000 of deposits.

The purpose of the present consolidated suit is to recover, for the receiver of the failed bank, E. H. Luikart, who is or was one of the officers of the bureau of banking under the Nebraska department of trade and commerce, damages as follows: excess salary drawn by John and James and their relatives; unlawful charges to the bank by all of the officers; excess loans made; preference by the officers to depositors, Shank, Stephens and others, depreciation of securities turned over to Shank and others before the bank recovered the securities; also the expense and attorneys fees, in recovering the securities from Shank and others.

E. H. Luikart, the receiver, and the plaintiff in these three actions is represented by I. J. Dunn, of Omaha, and Frank Warner, of Norfolk.

All of the defendants are represented by M. A. Hall, of Omaha, of the firm of Montgomery, Hall and Young.

Trial got under way Tuesday morning and indications were it would be completed toward the end of the week.

Both John and James Flannigan, as well as Tom Mains are present in the courtroom here daily during progress of the consolidated action. James was brought here from Lincoln and John came from his home at Stuart. Only a few days ago the Nebraska supreme court affirmed the conviction of John and reduced his six year sentence to three years.

The taking of evidence in the case was completed late Wednesday afternoon. As soon as the record has been prepared the attorneys will return and argue the case to the court, so that it will probably be several weeks before the case is finally disposed of.

Prairie Fire Sweeps Area Southwest Of Chambers

A severe prairie fire raged in the vicinity of Chambers last Friday afternoon that for a time threatened several ranch homes in the southern part of the county. We understand that the fire started with the explosion of a brooder stove at the farm home of Everet Jarman, southeast of Chambers. There was a heavy wind blowing from the north and the fire burned to the south line of the county. The wind then changed to the south and the fire headed north. A large force of men worked on the blaze which they say was finally whipped out by the wind, when it was crossing a pasture. We understand that considerable hay was destroyed by the fire, but no farm buildings.

Former O'Neill Resident Still Enjoys Frontier

The Frontier is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. George Cherry, Denver, Colorado, in which she enclosed a renewal of her subscription. Mrs. Cherry was formerly Mayme Welsh and was raised and lived for many years a few miles northwest of this city and after her marriage lived for a time in this city. She has been a resident of Colorado for about 20 years. In her letter she says: "I feel the same as Mrs. Hayes about the dear old home paper. I did not have any idea where Mrs. Hayes was living, so you can see the home paper keeps us up on the news. When I am thru reading the old reliable Frontier I send it to my sister, Mrs. W. B. Schaub, living in Durango, Colo. She has been away from O'Neill for forty years, but how she does enjoy reading the 'old home paper.' I extend best wishes to all old friends and hope they are all enjoying the best of health."

Only 10 days until Easter Sunday which this year falls on April 1, making of it a sort of double holiday.

Ben Hubbard Dies

Ben Hubbard, 45, a brother of Mrs. Chauncey Porter, died at his home at Chambers at 4:15 last Thursday morning as a result of cancer. Mr. Hubbard leaves his widow and one child, a daughter 21 years of age, and his brothers, Earl, of Buffalo, Wyo.; Arthur, of Miller, S. D.; Ivan, of Gordon, Nebr., and Hiram, Ace and Edward, of Chambers; and one sister, Mrs. Chauncey Porter, of O'Neill.

Mr. Hubbard's mother died at Chambers February 26, 1934.

Funeral services were read Saturday at 2:30 at the Chambers Baptist church. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

MARKED CHANGES IN GRAIN ACREAGES IN PROSPECT FOR YEAR

Due To Present High Prices, Potato
And Bean Plantings Will
Probably Be Large.

Marked changes in crop acreages are in prospect this year if the spring planting survey intentions are carried out says the State and Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. The reduction in acreage will be heavy in corn, spring wheat and barley, but there will be a marked increase in the acreage of potatoes and beans unless present planting plans are changed.

According to the returns from the planting intentions survey, the corn acreage will be 81 per cent of last year; spring wheat, 56 per cent; oats 100 per cent; barley, 80 per cent; flax, 100 per cent; grain sorghum, 100 per cent; tame hay, 96 per cent; potatoes, 117 per cent, and beans, 130 per cent. No estimate of winter wheat or rye was made. A survey made a month ago indicated some abandonment of winter wheat.

The change in corn acreage is due largely to the participation in the corn-hog reduction plan. Although the acreage of oats will be about normal, a heavy decrease in barley is in prospect. Last year's acreage was high due to the replacement of winter wheat with barley in western Nebraska. However, the harvested acreage was not so large because of the extremely low yields, near failure and cutting of barley for hay.

The marked reduction in spring wheat acreage is due partly to the result of the wheat reduction program. Last year's acreage was over twice the normal acreage because it was sown to replace abandoned winter wheat. A survey made about February 1 indicated a 7 per cent abandonment in winter wheat. If the abandonment is not above normal the acreage left for harvest will be larger than last year because of the extremely heavy abandonment of the 1932 and 1933 winter wheat crops.

A large increase in the acreage of potatoes is in prospect. If farmers carry out their intentions, the acreage will be 17 per cent greater than last year. Owing to the extremely short crop, last year prices have been good and as a rule a large acreage follows a year of good prices. Edible beans with an increase of 30 per cent shows a larger percentage increase than any other crop.

The acreage of tame hay is 4 per cent lower. Last year's acreage was increased considerably due to cutting small grain crops for hay. Flax and grain sorghum acreages will be the same as last year.

Planting intentions for the United States in per cent of last year's harvested acreage are as follows: corn, 90.1 per cent; all spring wheat, 97.5 per cent; oats, 105.7 per cent; barley, 117.6 per cent; flax, 121.5 per cent; grain sorghum, 107.4 per cent; potatoes, 107.2 per cent; sweet potatoes, 104.2 per cent; beans, 116.4 per cent; tame hay, 100.5 per cent. On the whole, the planned plantings are conservative except potatoes, beans and grain sorghum. Planting intentions show a 6 per cent increase in potatoes in the surplus late potato states, 2.8 per cent increase in the other late potato states, 11.2 per cent increase in the intermediate potato states and 14.1 per cent increase in the early potato states.

The regular March 1 report indicated 26 per cent of the corn would be shipped out, 71 per cent of the wheat, 3 per cent of the oats, 7 per cent of the barley, 16 per cent of the rye, 60 per cent of the potatoes, 5 per cent of the tame hay and 7 per cent of the wild hay crop. About 5 per cent of the wheat and 35 per cent of the rye crops will be fed according to the report.

The returns on land values indicated an increased price. It is doubtful if

there has been any material rise in the price of land, but prices are somewhat higher and the tendency is upward. No doubt greater confidence and more hopeful aspect accounts for the higher values reported rather than any actual material increase. The demand for land is better and if the present more optimistic view prevails, higher land values may be expected.

Horses Ordered Returned To Their Original Owner

A unique case at law was heard Monday forenoon by the Holt county judge, C. J. Malone. John Crandall was the plaintiff and Horace Crawford the defendant. Erwin Cronin appeared as attorney for the plaintiff and Emmet Harmon for the defendant.

About two years ago, according to Mr. Crandall he thought he could help out his neighbor and so loaned him a team of young horses which Crawford was to break. Finally it became known to Crandall, he so testified, the team was no longer in possession of Crawford and he found they were in the hands of a man named Black. It was testified the horses were resold on a supposed order from Crandall. With all the sales it was testified no money nor paper passed hands and the charge accounts remaining unpaid was all that there is to show for the deals in the team.

Some of those who testified were Garin Black and his sons, Halran and Cecil, John Crandall, Horace Crawford, Floyd Burley and Charles Fontaine.

Judge Malone decided the horses must be returned to Crandall and that defendant must pay costs of suit which are not known exactly because it was expected the case will be appealed to the Holt county district court.

The county court case of Joseph Sedivy, plaintiff, against Tom Bowers, wherein it is asked that Bowers be disposed of a farm owned by Sedivy, north of here, has been indefinitely postponed by Judge Malone.

Mrs. Florence Ratliff Dies

Mrs. Florence Ratliff died at her home in this city last Saturday noon, after an illness of several weeks at the age of 68 years, 8 months and 29 days. The funeral was held last Monday afternoon at 2 P. M. from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Johnson officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Florence Harp was born at Bennett, Lancaster county, Nebr., on April 18, 1865, and lived in Lancaster county for many years. On February 21, 1882, she was united in marriage to William T. Ratliff at Lincoln, Nebr. To this union five children were born, two boys and three girls, who are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving mother. The children are: Mrs. Matt Cleary, Atkinson; Fred, Salt Lake City, Utah; David, Atkinson; Mrs. Henry Murray, O'Neill; Mrs. T. J. Woods, Excelsior Springs, Mo. All of the children were present at the funeral, except Fred. She also leaves to mourn her passing 26 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff came to this county from Douglas, Otoe county, Nebraska, in the spring of 1900 and settled on a farm northwest of this city. Mr. Ratliff passed away on November 21, 1902, and the family remained on the farm for several years thereafter, moving to this city something like 20 years ago, where Mrs. Ratliff had since made her home. She was a kind and indulgent mother and had a host of friends in this city and vicinity who extend to the family their condolences in their hour of sorrow.

Swallows Sewing Machine Needle

A common sewing needle accidentally was swallowed by "Aunt Em" Stevens, 93, at her home at Page last Wednesday about noon and in spite of efforts to remove the needle by Dr. O. W. French, the steel point remained in the woman's body.

J. B. Mellor went down to Omaha last Friday, returning home Monday night. Jess went down to inspect the new Ford truck, which has been placed on exhibition in the metropolis. Jess says that it is a dandy and he expects to have one on exhibition here within a few days.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our baby.—Ambrose Slattery and family.

Joe Cuddy was a business visitor at Plainview Wednesday.

MEETINGS PLANNED TO TRAIN LEADERS FOR 4-H CLUB WORK

Miss Helen Noyes, Assistant State Club Leader Will Be Here April 7th, and May 11th.

This year Miss Helen Noyes, Assistant State Club Leader, will come into Holt county on April 7 and May 11, to give help to the local leaders. When the girls consider the kind of 4-H club they will organize this year Agricultural Agent Rooney urges that they remember that special training is offered to local leaders of girls room clubs.

The first morning's program will give emphasis to the management of 4-H clubs and the developing of a year's program. The afternoon will include a demonstration in making picture frames and home made rugs. The morning will apply equally well to all home economics clubs while the afternoon program will apply primarily to girls' room clubs.

In Holt county emphasis this year will be put on "Problems in Room Improvement," the second year of girls room club work, the cycle project for 1934. Clubs made up of girls over 16 years of age should find it more interesting to take this work rather than any of the other Home Economics clubs since Miss Noyes will give assistance to leaders on this line of work.

Agricultural Agent Rooney recommends that younger girls organize Learning to Cook, Learning to Sew, Canning, Keep Well, or Fix It clubs. They may then enroll in a cooking club in 1935 and 1936. The local leaders will then be able to take advantage of the training to be given.

Holt county as well as other north-east Nebraska counties will receive leader's training work this year in girls room. In 1935 and 1936 training work will be given to cooking clubs and the following two years the clothing club leaders will be given help. This completes the cycle in which two years help is given to the different kinds of home economics club—home management, foods, and clothing.

Keith Neville Democratic National Committeeman

Former Governor Keith Neville was elected democratic national committeeman at the meeting of the democratic state committee at Grand Island last Saturday over William Ritchie, of Omaha, who was supported by the Bryan faction of the party, with a vote of 38 to 23. The election came on the first ballot.

Arthur Mullen again proved his power in the democratic party of Nebraska. The result of this election and the subsequent events seems to indicate that the democratic party in the state, at least the anti-Bryan faction thereof, are greasing the chute in order to slip Bryan into political oblivion at the next election, even if he wins in the primary.

Store Being Prepared For Opening Day

Men are busily engaged in getting the new Gamble store in readiness for the opening which will be held on Saturday, March 31, according to Jack Heilman, manager. The store is being freshly painted and outfitted with new modern fixtures. The store front and store signs are painted orange and blue, the colors adopted by the Gamble stores.

Gable stores handle an extensive line of automotive supplies, hardware, paint, radios, radio supplies, electrical appliances and supplies, household necessities and sporting goods. Their slogan is "The Friendly Store," and personal, friendly service is the aim of every Gamble man. Although Gamble stores number over 200 and operate in twelve middlewestern states, they are all employee owned.

They expect to make the opening day a gala celebration with exceptionally fine values on every counter. Watch for coming ads and news items regarding this new store.

Filings For County Offices

Joe McNichols, O'Neill, has filed for the democratic nomination for supervisor from the Third district, a position now held by John Sullivan, chairman of the county board.

C. E. Tenborg, of Emmet has filed for the republican nomination for sheriff of Holt county.

Mrs. Mabel Ford, of Atkinson, filed for the democratic nomination for county assessor, a position now held by C. D. Koyes, Inman, republican. Mrs. Ford is the first candidate to file for this office.

Hospital Notes

Shirley Ann Appleby went to her home in Inman Sunday afternoon.

Donald Callies, of Leigh, Nebr., who was injured in an auto accident, entered the hospital Sunday noon with a fractured collar bone and head injury. He was dismissed the same day.

Jess Weaver is in the hospital with a fractured collar bone and ribs. He came in Tuesday evening. He was injured when he fell from a load of hay.

HIGH SCHOOL PUTS ON ATHLETIC SHOW IN THE SCHOOL GYM

Boxing And Basketball Provide The
Main Features of Wednesday's
Entertainment Program.

Athletes and actors, many of whom had not performed on sawdust for years, unlimbered before one of the largest crowds to gather here since October, 1929, in the public school gymnasium Wednesday evening and did their stuff in the first frame of the greatly under advertised school carnival.

The show was so good some of the spectators wanted to pay an admission to get out of the building. Financially, the production was a box office buster and entertainingly it was hysterically laugh-out-loudically to the limit.

Boxing was dished out so generously one could turn any direction and see stars astronomer never heard of. Young Bob Medcalf traded concealed fists with Lightning Len Bergstrom and they called the match a draw. That was proper from a spectator's standpoint because there was plenty of drawing of arms and designs on the other fellow's slate.

An exciting and interesting bout was put on by the Cook Brothers, Jiggs, not the Jiggs of McManus fame, but Jiggs Cook and his brother, Robert Cook. They put on a nice bout, which was also called a draw.

Battling Bob Gaskill tied into Juggling Joe Cadwell and while Gas could not kill Joe, he found Joe was not hidden in a well. Ascending Arthur Leach and Jack-in-the-Box John Lubin boxed as representatives of two schools of thought, one thinking of the other fellow taking a beauty nap on the floor and the other thinking of himself waiting for the other fellow to get out of bed. All of the boxing was called draws by the referee, Dick Tomlinson, the human machine gun from Omaha, O'Neill and Red Bird canyon, or canon.

A game of basketball was played between the Kersenbrock Bears and the McNally Tigers. The spectators went into a community coma one second after the gladiators made faces at each other, and an old phonograph, hatching in a nest it took away from a wild spider, yelled, "Is there a doctor in the house?" "Seven of them," replied a trick dust rag, "but they are under the influence of suspended animation." "O. K. then, I mean K. O., which seems to be what the doctor ordered before he went under the influence of the coma-coma-comical-carnival."

In spite of the fact that all of the adult players on both sides of the basketball classic had not placed a foot on a basketball floor or ceiling for many years, the players showed a new generation many tricks they never dreamt of.

Kersenbrock had three opposing players in a shirt pocket before the referee took soundings, or donned armor, or loaded his cannon with whistles. Fred McNalley retaliated by whipping out a step ladder, flying to the top of it and renouncing pick-axes, Kersenbrocks and elephants who play basketball on a Jimmy-nasium, then he landed on three and a half of the enemy, tied one by the hair to a rafter and sent the ball into a basket by postcard.

The spectators went wild at the first jump and remained beyond the pale of civilization during the game.

Kersenbrock's team was composed of Roy Warner, Peter Todsén, Jimmy Tuor, Fritz Bazelman and Joe Cuddy. McNalley's, Jack Arbutnot, Fritz Welsh, Jack Davidson, Matt Beha, Dick Tomlinson and Fred McNalley. The score was: Kersenbrock's 18, McNalley's 18.

Tonight, Thursday, the carnival is to be continued and the chief attraction is to be a basketball game between girl and women players. There is to be plenty of other attractions, so many rings in operation it might be well for one to bring the whole family so there shall be plenty of eyes to see the entire show.

ANGELA MULLEN IS HOLT COUNTY ORAL SPELLING CHAMPION

Muriel Graham and Marjorie Pklapp
First In Oral and Written
For The Grades.

MOORE WORLD-HERALD WINNER

The annual Holt county spelling contest was held last Friday evening at the O'Neill public school, and in spite of the wind and dust storm a very good crowd attended. J. Mike McCoy, county superintendent of Cedar county, conducted the contest.

The following named students have been announced by the Holt county superintendent, Luella A. Parker, as winners in the various divisions of the 1934 spelling contests conducted in the public school auditorium the evening of Friday, March 16:

City, 5th and 6th grades—Oral: First, June Carol White, St. Mary's academy; second, LaVonne Haigh, St. Joseph's Hall. Written: First, Mary Maxine Harrington, St. Mary's academy; second, Catherine Finley, St. Mary's academy.

Rural, 5th and 6th grades—Oral: First, Jennie Lockman, District No. 58; second, Dona Rae Slaymaker, District No. 143. Written: First, Mary Ellen Gilg, District No. 99; second, Delores Claussen, District No. 92.

City, 7th and 8th grades—Oral: First, Lois Spease, Stuart; second, Arlie Powell, O'Neill. Written: First, Mary Catherine Kubitschek, St. Joseph's Hall; second, Robert Lowery, St. Mary's academy.

Rural, 7th and 8th grades—Oral: First, Muriel Graham, District No. 8; second, Donald Moore, District No. 111. Written: First, Marjorie Pklapp, District No. 56; second, June Finley, District No. 88.

World-Herald contest, oral, winner, Donald Moore of District No. 111.

High school—Oral First, Angela Mullen, St. Joseph's Hall; second, Mildred Taylor, O'Neill public school. Written: First, Mary Virginia Agnes, St. Mary's academy; second, Mildred Taylor, O'Neill public school.

Mary Catherine Kubitschek, of St. Joseph's Hall, winner of first place in the city, written, and Muriel Graham, District No. 8, winner of first place in the oral, rural contest, will be given a free trip to Shenandoah, Iowa, when the Interstate spelling contest is held there some time in April.

Lois Spease, Stuart public school, winner of first place in the oral city, and Marjorie Pklapp, District No. 56, winner of first place in the written rural contest, will be given free trips to the State Fair in the fall to enter the State contest.

Donald Moore, and eighth grader in District No. 111, was the winner of the World-Herald contest, and will represent Holt county in the World-Herald spelling bee to be held in Omaha on April 21. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, of Inman. Miss Leona Pribil is his teacher.

Little Jennie Lockman of District No. 58, south of Stuart, the winner of first place in oral spelling for rural fifth and sixth graders, attracted a great deal of attention. She was the youngest contestant to take part in the contest and rather small for her age. She is only eight years old and in the fifth grade.

Emergency Crop Loan Committee

Word has been received from the Emergency Crop Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration and the Production Credit Corporation that all applicants for emergency crop loans should apply to the county emergency crop loan committee as a first step. Procedure will then be explained and the application handled with a minimum loss of time.

The committee for this territory is as follows: Ed. Campbell, Francis Cronin and Judge R. R. Dickson.

CWA Information

During the past few weeks the National Reemployment Office has received and filled out many requests for labor of all kinds, particularly farm hands and housekeepers. If there is any one in the county who desires a position of this kind, will they please call at the National Reemployment office at once and register, as these calls are coming in every day.

Inasmuch as grasshopper pods have been reported numerous in sections it should be interesting to hear of first hatches of any of the 154 kinds of the insects, the estimated number per acre and what they are eating.