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## PLANS FOR NEW COURT HOUSE SHOWN TUESDAY AT TAXPAYERS MEETING

Plans Call For Three Story Building With Basement of Brick, Cement and Steel Construction Measuring 106x70.4 Outside.

### \$49,500 FEDERAL GRANT ASKED, AND A LOAN

A good sized meeting of Holt county taxpayers was held in the court room in this city last Tuesday evening to discuss the proposed new court house and the probability of securing federal aid for more than half of the expenditure. Those at the meeting, realizing that in a very few years Holt county would have to build a court house as the present structure has about outlived its usefulness, were unanimously in favor of the application for a new building now while the opportunity remained to get a good portion of the cost from the federal government as a donation.

The plans for the new structure, prepared by John Latenser & Sons, architects employed by the county to draw plans for the building, were received that afternoon and were examined by those at the meeting. According to the plans the building will be 106x70.4 outside measurement, of brick cement and steel, and will cost completed the sum of \$110,000. It will be three floors with basement, over half above ground, and jail quarters and living rooms for the sheriff on the top floor, just under the roof.

In the basement there will be ten office rooms, besides store rooms, vaults, corridors and toilets. On the first floor there will be fifteen rooms, retunda, vestibule, vaults and stairways.

On the second floor there will be the court room, 48.1x40.6. The judges office; office and vaults for

the clerk of the district court; jury rooms; office for the county judge and vault; sheriff's office and office for the county attorney; ladies room, corridor and rotunda.

On the third floor, in the central part of the building, will be the county jail, with two blocks of cells, one block in a room 28.8x20 and the other 24.6 20. In addition to the cells there will be living quarters for the sheriff with lavatories and toilets, to make it very commodious living quarters.

Application has been made for a grant of \$49,500 and a loan of \$60,500. Those who have been looking the matter up are of the opinion that we might be able to get a loan of about \$60,000, leaving about \$50,000 to be paid by the county.

If the application of the county is acted upon favorably by the government then the next question will be the matter of voting bonds by the county to take care of their part of the contract. It would be like picking up dollars for the taxpayers of Holt county if they could get a modern court house erected in the county at a cost of only \$50,000, or even \$60,000.

Now is the time to try and get this thru as the government is going to spend the vast amount of money that has been appropriated and Holt county is certainly entitled to a portion of it as we will eventually have to help pay it back. Let us all boost for a new court house.

## Tornadoes And Heavy Rains Do Much Damage In Southern Nebraska

During the past week heavy rains and a couple of tornadoes caused great loss of life and property in the southwestern part of the state and southwestern Colorado. The towns hardest hit were McCook, Oxford, Alma, Culbertson, Arapahoe, Ogallala, Parks, Miller, Stratton, Franklin and Curtis. Practically every town along the Republican river for a stretch of 200 miles suffered more or less from the raging waters.

According to Senator Bullard, of McCook, chairman of the district relief committee the flood covered a stretch of country 200 miles long and four miles wide, with a death loss of 140 and property damage estimated in excess of \$12,000,000.

The heaviest loss of life is reported to have been in the vicinity of Oxford. Tuesday evening nine bodies had been recovered there and twenty-one others are reported as missing since Saturday and friends have given up hope.

Heavy rains of last Thursday and Friday were responsible for the flood. That section had been very dry all spring, until the past ten days; a rainfall of over four inches the forepart of the week and another of over five inches, just west of McCook, brought the flood waters down the Republican river valley, rendering hundreds of families homeless.

Governor Cochran was in Washington at the time of the disaster. As soon as the extent of the damage was known the Governor took the matter up with the federal government and asked for relief for the distressed people in that section. He came back to Nebraska Tuesday night by plane, and on Wednesday flew out over the devastated territory. Prior to leaving Washington he had been given authority by the federal government to take care of the needy in the state, and that the government would take care of the expense.

Two hundred and fifty national guardsmen were mobilized and sent to the devastated area to assist in any way they could the stricken people of that section. They were demobilized Tuesday and returned to their homes.

Red Cross officials say there are 2,000 families in the valley that are homeless, or seriously affected by the worst flood in the history of the valley.

The republican river valley is one of the richest in the state, its farm lands being especially valuable. This flood wiped out all crops in the territory affected and it is so late in the season there is very little opportunity for them to replant, as it will take some time for the water to recede sufficiently so they can enter their fields.

Highways along the river valley were also badly torn up with the flood waters. Railway time tables were smashed as the flood took out several miles of track along the Burlington railroad. For a couple of days the only way to enter several of the stricken towns was by airplane, as other means of communication were covered with water.

Flood waters started to recede Monday and the work of rebuilding is under way.

Mrs. Nate McGraw and daughter, Mrs. William McCormick, of Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city the latter part of last week for a visit with relatives and friends here. Mrs. McGraw is a sister of William and Daniel Cronin of this city and made her home in O'Neill for many years. About twenty years ago the family moved to Omaha, where they resided until a few years ago when they moved to Dallas, Texas. They left for their southern home Wednesday morning.

Willima Cronin returned Tuesday night from Savannah, Mo., where he had been receiving medical treatment for the past three weeks. He got back in time to have a visit with his sister, Mrs. McGraw, who, with her daughter, Mrs. McCormick were here for a short visit, from their home in Dallas, Texas. William is well pleased with his southern visit and feels that it was very beneficial to his health.

Workmen started the later part of last week getting Fourth street ready for the paving gang and it looks as if they would be ready for the cement gang about the first of the coming week.

## Country Club Notes

The Club House has been decorated for the summer season. Cob Olson was in charge of the decorating and he has received many congratulations from members who say that the present appearance of the interior of the club house is the most pleasing in recent years. Visitors at the 1935 tournament will find many improvements at the Club. The children's playground equipment is ready at this time. The many new trees and shrubs are making splendid progress. The decorations in the club house and the entire well-kept appearance of the grounds will certainly impress the visitors.

The tournament committee has devised a plan to eliminate confusion at the dancing party on June 24. All in attendance must be registered entrants in the tournament and members expecting visitors should arrange for their guests before the dance. All dues are to be paid before the date of the tournament. The officials of the club report that the membership for 1935 will be as great as in former years.

Anticipating the usual Fourth of July celebration those in charge of that affair have ordered an elaborate display of fireworks.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Judge R. R. Dickson and L. G. Gillespie went down to Omaha on Monday morning to attend the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which was held in Omaha the forepart of the week.

Edward Kirkpatrick visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Hayne at Page Wednesday. He rode down with Al Deitchler, Sioux City Tribune fieldman and came home that night on the Burlington.

County Clerk Gallagher and the members of the County Board of Supervisors went down to Norfolk this morning to attend a district meeting of the county clerk's and supervisors, which is being held there today.

Mayor John Kersbrock and Supervisor Sullivan drove down to Lincoln Wednesday, returning that afternoon. They left here at 6 o'clock in the morning, arrived in Lincoln, attended to their business, loafed around a few hours and then came home, arriving here at 6 o'clock in the evening. No, John says he has no wings on his car.

Peter Duffy returned last evening from Omaha, where he had been for several days on business and incidentally taking in the races at the Ak-Sar-Ben field. Pete says they are having splendid crowds at the race meet and that several of his former racers are at the meeting and he looks for some of them to be in the money before the meeting ends.

Edward Earley, one of the pioneer residents of Shields township and quite a student of current events, has maintained for the past couple of years that the reason we were not receiving rains like we did in the good old days, was on account of the radio waves, as they were taking all the electricity out of the air. We wonder if Ed has changed his mind.

Jack Jones, about 50, was before the insane commission last Monday, adjudged insane and ordered committed to the asylum. Nebraska asylums are full and there are now three insane patients confined in the Holt county jail, pending receipt of word from the asylum that they are in a position to receive them. The patients confined in the county jail are: Carl Crawford, Harry Clements and Jack Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chapman, Mrs. Ronald Wolfe and Junior Baker came up from Omaha last Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman spent Decoration day here at the home of Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPharlin, while Mrs. Wolfe went on to Valentine to visit her parents and Mr. Baker to Ainsworth to visit at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman also visited at the home of his mother, southwest of Atkinson before returning to Omaha. They went back Sunday afternoon.

## SHORT ILLNESS OF HEART, FATAL TO MRS. M. HUGHES

Funeral Services Held At Catholic Church Monday For Pioneer Resident of County.

Mrs. Margaret Hughes died at the O'Neill hospital last Thursday morning at about 9 o'clock, after an illness of a few days of heart trouble, at the age of 72 years.

Margaret Vaughn was born at Des Moines, Iowa. When a young lady the family moved to Lancaster county, Nebraska, where they lived for a couple of years and then came to this county in the spring of 1881 and settled on a farm a few miles west of this city where they made their home for many years.

On January 29, 1899, she was united in marriage to Patrick Hughes, who passed away in November, 1924. Mrs. Hughes was the mother of one daughter, who passed away several years ago. She is survived by one brother, Michael J. Vaughn, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and one sister, Mrs. Campbell, of McCook, Nebr. Mr. Vaughn came here for the funeral, which was held last Monday morning from St. Patrick's church, interment in Calvary cemetery. Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. Campbell, had intended coming for the funeral, but the recent flood in and around McCook prevented her from coming here. The funeral was very largely attended attesting the esteem in which the deceased was held by the people of this community.

## Mallory Ranch Near Dam Made Into Game Reserve

Huge signs have been placed in various spots about the Mallory ranch in Holt county, adjoining the dam, to inform the public that the famous fishing and picnic territory is now a game reserve and any trespassing of any kind is prohibited. A large number of golden pheasants have been released on the place. The streams and the ponds they run into have been stocked with trout and bass, and more will be released in the near future.—Spencer Advocate.

## Former O'Neill Girl Prefers Plains To Eastern City Crowds

The charm of living on the prairies with entrancing changes of weather, drouth, flood, winds, hot and cold, and unsurpassed freedom and open spaces in which to live and work is something appreciated only by those who leave and reside in the crowded sections.

Some years ago the Frank Youngkin family, after living in a dozen cities of the east, came to this city where the father and a man named Purcell started a poultry plant. When the Armour Creameries entered the field here, Mr. Youngkin operated a retail coal business until the family moved east three years ago.

The children, Dorothy, Eleanor, Frances and Andrew, knew little of the east and supposed they would enjoy living there yet. They came here when very young and grew up with the breath of the west in them. The family home is now in a suburb near Bethlehem, Pa.

Eleanor, now 19 years of age, married May 20 and she now is Mrs. John Oldham. Mrs. Oldham and her husband came straight to O'Neill as a feature of their honeymoon. Both expressed a desire to remain here. Mrs. Oldham says neither her mother, brother nor her sisters are satisfied with living in the east—"too many people there."

Mr. Oldham, as well as his wife, should be an exceptionally valuable acquisition to this vicinity. He graduated from high school at the age of 16 and from engineering college at 20. The couple came by way of the south by automobile and are temporarily at home at the service station and cabin camp just south of town. They arrived here May 29.

In the east Eleanor was something of a sensation at school since she was from the west and other pupils hung an atmosphere of cow girl aspect about her, electing her president of a class of 300 and tendering her many other honorary positions.

Mr. Oldham's folks reside at Greenwich, Connecticut. Lately he

has been employed by a nationally known steel company.

Mrs. Oldham says she feels that every member of her family will eventually follow her lead and come back to reside in Holt county should she and her husband decide to remain.

## County Baseball League Formed

Organization of the Holt county Town baseball league has been completed with the towns of Red Bird, Page, Stuart and Atkinson represented. Ernest Richter, of Red Bird, is president, and Charles Dugan, of Atkinson, is the secretary-treasurer. The schedule follows:

June 9—Stuart at Red Bird; Page at Atkinson.  
June 16—Stuart at Page; Red Bird at Atkinson.  
June 23—Red Bird at Sautr; Atkinson at Page.  
June 30—Atkinson at Red Bird; Page at Stuart.  
July 7—Stuart at Atkinson; Page at Red Bird.  
July 14—Atkinson at Stuart; Red Bird at Page.  
July 21—Page at Atkinson; Stuart at Red Bird.  
July 28—Red Bird at Atkinson; Stuart at Page.  
Aug. 4—Red Bird at Stuart; Atkinson at Page.  
Aug. 11—Page at Stuart; Atkinson at Red Bird.  
Aug. 18—Page at Red Bird; Stuart at Atkinson.—Graphic.

## RED CROSS ASKING FUNDS FOR FLOOD RELIEF IN STATE

Ask Holt County To Raise \$340 To Aid Republican Valley Flood Sufferers.

Last Monday morning Dr. L. A. Carter, president of the Holt county chapter of the American Red Cross received a telegram from St. Louis appealing for aid for the flood sufferers of southern Nebraska. The telegram stated that the Red Cross had sent into Nebraska \$10,000 for the immediate relief of the sufferers of the flood and that the Holt county quota for the relief was fixed at \$170.

Tuesday morning Dr. Carter received another telegram stating that the damage to the southern part of this state was much heavier than was at first estimated, therefore calling for more relief than originally figured, and increased this county's quota from \$170 to \$340.

Tuesday morning Donald Stannard, whose mother, Mrs. D. Stannard, is head of the local chapter, started out with a subscription list to raise money for the relief fund.

During the drouth in this section a few years ago the people of the Republican river valley sent several carloads of feed and grains to this county and our people should respond liberally to this fund now in the hour of their need.

If you do not happen to see the collector you can make your donation direct to Dr. Carter or to the Red Cross treasurer, F. N. Cronin, in the O'Neill National bank. According to the daily press the devastated territory covers a strip three miles wide and 200 miles long and thru a densely populated area, so that thousands of people are homeless.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and old time neighbors for the many courtesies extended during the illness and burial of our beloved sister, Mrs. Patrick Hughes. Your kindness will always be gratefully remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Vaughn and family.

Uniforms have been ordered for the O'Neill High School band. The band is composed of fifty members and with the leader it makes fifty-one uniforms that have been ordered. A portion of the cost of the uniforms will be paid by the school district while the business men of the city will put up the balance. Every youngster in town will want to join the band when he gets a glimpse of the nice, natty uniforms.

W. J. Froelich came out from Chicago last Thursday night and spent the week-end with his family here, returning to Chicago Monday,

## HEAVY RAINS IN EASTERN PART OF COUNTY DAMAGE BRIDGES AND LIVESTOCK

Rainfall Of Over Four Inches In Vicinity of Inman And Page And On North Washes Bridges And Fences Away And Drowns Poultry.

### WASHOUT AT INMAN DELAYS RAIL SERVICE

The month of May went out in a blaze of glory as far as moisture is concerned and the rain storm on the last day of the month did considerable damage to bridges, farm buildings, fences, chickens and hogs in the northeastern and eastern part of the county.

South of this city the Elkhorn river overflowed its banks, as did also Dry Creek and the South Fork. The meadow land south of O'Neill, along the river, was covered with water for the first time in years, reminding old timers of how it used to be. While the Elkhorn overflowed we have heard of no damage from its raging waters.

The rainfall was much heavier north and northeast of here and directly east of O'Neill than it was here. Supervisor John Carson says that they had five inches at his place and that about forty bridges in his district were taken out by the flood. Louse creek, ordinarily a very quiet little stream became a raging torrent and caused immense damage to farms, and in some instances farm buildings, as its raging torrent rushed downward toward the mouth of the stream.

Mr. Carson estimates that it will cost Holt county at least \$20,000 to replace the bridges and roads that were washed away with the flood. John has lived in that section of the county about fifty years and he has never seen as much water as there was in that section last Saturday morning.

Oscar Newman, who a short time ago put in a fine dam and stocked his pond with fish, was compelled to let the waters out of the dam to prevent serious damage to his home and buildings. Even this was not sufficient and his farm yard was covered with a couple of feet of mud and debris that was carried down the little stream with the flood waters.

W. C. Crumley, who lives ten miles east of this city and a half a mile north, says they must have had a cloud burst in his neighborhood. He set out a gallon fruit jar Friday evening before the rain and the next morning it was running over, and he said he did not know how much escaped. He is convinced they had at least 6 or 7 inches there. He said that his garden was under four feet of water and on his farm and on the farm of R. H. Murray, and on the Grass farms was taken out and part of it swept away with the flood of water. Every hollow and slough in that section is now filled with water.

## CORN HOG WORK PROGRESSING

The Holt county corn-hog listing sheets have been sent to Lincoln for review by the State Board of Review. As soon as they are returned the Group I contracts will be typed up and presented to producers for their final signature. Group I contracts are those covering the same land as last year. Those in Groups II and III will be somewhat slower, since there will probably be some adjustments made.

Quite a number of inquiries have been made requesting permission to plant corn for fodder, but to date this has not been granted. Grain sorghums, canes, and any other crop may be grown, however, without any limitation, as far as the corn-hog contract is concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack France, of Norfolk, pioneer residents of the northeast section of this county, were visiting old time friends in the Dorsey neighborhood and in this city the latter part of last week and the first of this. They returned home Tuesday.

Miss Marjorie Dickson is confined to her home this week with an attack of the measles.

Peter Rodybush, who formerly lived just southeast of this city, but traded his farm for one two miles east of Page a year ago, lost all of his outbuildings, all of his hogs and chickens. Water was up around his house and the foundation damaged slightly.

The garage of John Finch, Middle Branch, washed away. A store building at Middle Branch that was 15 feet upon low water mark had a porch torn off and washed away.

Dave Bowen, northeast of Page, lost a large number of chickens and some hogs. Mrs. Trowbridge, living just east of Page, is reported to have lost 500 young chickens, just about ready for market.

Highway grades in the vicinity of Page, on No. 20 were cut half in two in the low places by the wash of flood waters thru the gulleys. Logs up to 18 inches in diameter had been washed up onto the highway just east of Page, indicating that over a foot of water had been running over the road sometime during the night. At the sale pavillion in Page water had flooded in forming a body of water of lakelike proportions.

At Inman one of the worst floods ever remembered in that section visited them last Saturday morning. It is estimated that more than four inches of water fell there the night before and a large ditch west of town broke out, running over and flooding the town. Row boats were used on the streets Saturday morning. Basements and cellars were full of water and hundreds of young chickens perished. Many fine gardens were totally destroyed. Northwestern passenger train No. 14 was detained at Inman all day Saturday as there was 1,000 feet of track washed out just east of town.

According to Weather Observer Bowen, 32 hundredths of an inch of rain fell in the early evening of May 31, bringing the total for the month to 4.47 inches. A heavy rain fell about 10 o'clock that evening, another rain from 2 to 3:30 o'clock, bringing the total for two rains to 2.40 inches, which is credited to June 1.

On June 4 we had .04, and on the 5th of June .01, bringing the total for the month of June to 2.45 inches and the total for the year, up to June 5, of 14.91 inches, or only .49 of an inch less than the rainfall for the entire year of 1934, or only 1.76 inches less than the rainfall for the entire year of 1933.