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O'NEILL PAYS IN OVER \$300 TO RED CROSS FLOOD AID

County's Total Contributions To
Ohio and Mississippi Flood
Relief Is \$840.29.

With the aid of a goat sale at the O'Neill Livestock market pavilion which raised \$19.50, and \$50.00 contributed by St. Patrick's church and other donations, \$146.75 was added to the Red Cross fund here for relief of flood sufferers in the Ohio river valley. This brings the total donated in this city to \$314.65 up to noon Thursday.

A dance held at the K. C. Hall Wednesday night, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for flood relief funds, netted \$37.25.

A goat contributed by Elmer Neal was put on sale at Monday's auction at the new sale pavilion and was first purchased by R. R. Morrison for \$5.00. The goat—of doubtful value—was put back in the ring and resold eleven more times. Purchase by the sale ring owners netted four dollars more. Ed Evans bought the goat for \$1.50 and Max Golden, Joe Cunningham, Richard Gertz, Homer Ernst, Ed Kennedy, Mr. Boshart, Otto Lorenz, L. W. Sabotka and John Walters each paid a dollar for the goat. Joe Cunningham is reported to have obtained permanent possession of the whiskered gent for 25 cents.

Does all of this procedure mean a goat is worth \$19.50 or only 25 coppers?

Following is a list of the money received for the Red Cross fund up to noon Thursday:

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| Previously acknowledged | \$167.90 |
| Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell | 1.00 |
| Marjorie Dickson | 1.00 |
| Art Cowperthwaite | 1.00 |
| Pete Morgan | 5.00 |
| George Shoemaker | 3.00 |
| Mrs. R. L. Arbuthnot | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Anna Sausser | 1.00 |
| Meredith McKenna | 1.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carmony | 1.00 |
| Fred Cronk | 2.00 |
| B. T. Winchell | 2.00 |
| Arbuthnot & Reka | 2.00 |
| St. Patrick's Church | 50.00 |
| J. O. Walker | 2.00 |
| Guy Cole | 3.00 |
| R. R. Morrison | 5.00 |
| Golden Hotel | 2.00 |
| Max Golden | 1.00 |
| O'Neill Livestock Market | 4.00 |
| Ed Evans | 1.50 |
| Joe Cunningham | 1.00 |
| Richard Gertz | 1.00 |
| Homer Ernst | 1.00 |
| Ed Kennedy | 1.00 |
| Mr. Boshart | 1.00 |
| Otto Lorenz | 1.00 |
| L. W. Sabotka | 1.00 |
| John Walters | 1.00 |
| Art Auker | 2.00 |
| O'Neill Methodist Aid | 3.00 |
| Ruth Kraemer | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Irving Graves | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Addie L. Wrede | 2.00 |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars | 37.25 |
| Bert Gaffney | 1.00 |
| Joy School | 1.00 |
| Ralph Ernst | 1.00 |
| Total | \$314.65 |

The total amount raised in the county to date was \$840.29. Other towns in the county contributed \$525.64. The money donated to the Red Cross fund in each town is as follows:

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| Atkinson | \$222.00 |
| Ewing | 82.50 |
| Chambers | 20.00 |
| Inman | 55.30 |
| Page | 35.00 |
| Stuart | 110.84 |

O'Neill \$314.65

County Total \$840.29

Chinese Elm Popular Tree For Windbreaks

That ever-popular Chinese elm tree apparently will be planted in greater numbers than ever before in Holt county this spring for windbreak purposes, according to indications reported by the county farm bureau office. In making application for Clark-McNary seedlings so far, many farmers have specified their desire for this specie.

A native of Asia, the Chinese elm has become very popular in this section during the past few years because of its rapid growth, even under adverse conditions. It seems to stand dry conditions as well or better than any other tree grown in Nebraska. It does not, however, do well on low ground.

This particular tree develops a rather dense crown and produces branches from the ground up. For these reasons it is particularly desirable for a windbreak or screen planting and not well adapted to

street planting where the lower limbs have to be pruned.

Although little is known regarding this rather unique broadleaf tree, foresters at the Nebraska college of agriculture say it has a place in windbreak planting. The tree has been growing in Nebraska for about 25 years. H. A. McComb of the North Platte experiment station has done considerable work in developing certain strains of this species and has growing on the station grounds there some of the oldest Chinese elms in the state.

O'Neill Water Supply Mentioned In Roosevelt Public Works Request

President Roosevelt sent to Congress Wednesday a public works program that will require \$5,011,000,000 to be expended by the federal government during the next six years. The program contemplates the expenditures in curbing the rivers of the nation and to prime the economic pump against future depressions.

Specific projects, number nearly 10,000 in all parts of the country were suggested in the report of the Roosevelt national resources committee, the work of the committee being the basis for the request, including the expenditure of \$85,000,000 in the Ohio valley. Among the many projects submitted by the president for immediate construction O'Neill is listed for a water supply extension, but no amount is designated. If it is found necessary to go outside the city limits to get a sufficient water supply the appropriation will probably be between ten and fifteen thousand dollars.

The recommendation calls for spending \$1,658,650 the first year and \$753,733.48 the sixth year. Distribution would be on the basis of 25 per cent for streets and highways, 24 per cent for irrigation, drainage and flood control; 17 per cent for buildings and equipment, and the remainder for soil conservation, forest conservation and game protection, grade crossing elimination, water navigation and aviation aids, recreation projects, low cost housing and other public undertakings.

A system of reservoirs was advocated by the committee as the "most practical means of controlling" the floods of the Ohio and its branches.

Eagle Creek Used As A Roadway

Fred Johring was in from the northeast section of the county last Thursday. Fred, who asked how he managed to get thru the drifts in that section, said that was easy. He drove up the Eagle, until he came to a bridge, then took the bank and after he had passed the bridge took the Eagle again. He said it was nice traveling on the creek and he had no difficulty whatever in getting thru to the highway and then into town. Charles Ross came in from the same section of the county Saturday and he said that he also took the river route and had no difficulty in making it to the highway.

Roy Carroll Gets His Masters Degree

Roy William Carroll of O'Neill, received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska at the close of the first semester last week. Mr. Carroll's advanced degree was taken in School Administration; his master's thesis was on the Social Science, English, Foreign Language Classroom for the small high school.

Mr. Carroll was one of 142 to take their degrees at mid-year; this figure compares with a total of 133 recorded a year ago. For the graduates at this time there are no formal exercises held by the university.

Accident Record

During the week ending Jan. 23, 1937, there were 318 accidents in the state, in which 170 people were injured, 2 disabled and 23 deaths. Of this number other public accidents led the list with a total of 164 in which 59 people were injured, 1 disabled and 6 deaths. There were 71 motor vehicle accidents during the week in which 65 were injured and 7 deaths. In agricul-

ture employment there were 15 accidents in which 10 were injured, 1 disabled and 1 death. There were 39 home accidents during the week, in which 27 people were injured and 8 deaths. These figures are compiled by the Nebraska State Press association and the state superintendent of public instruction.

Hay Moves Out of City In Large Quantities

Several hundred tons of hay have been trucked out of this county during the past week. The demand the past month has been good and several truckers in counties to the east of us are making three and four trips a week to this city for hay. Notwithstanding the great demand for this valuable Holt county product, the price has advanced very little and good number one hays is selling at \$11.00 and \$12.00 per ton.

Ranchers from the southwestern part of the county say that the past month, when they were compelled to feed their cattle hay every day, has made quite a dent in the available supply in that section of the county, but there is ample for all home needs as well as some for our less fortunate neighbors.

The Seed Corn Situation

No new developments have taken place in the seed corn situation in Holt county during the past week but the county-wide seed survey is now near completion it was announced today by agricultural agent F. M. Reece.

A county seed corn show may be held in the near future, weather and roads permitting, as an aid in helping farmers to get their seed for 1937 planting. This would be in line with other shows planned in various parts of the state. Central Nebraska farmers are exhibiting their seed at Gibbon Thursday, Feb. 4, in a district show. Later, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, the second annual Custer county show is scheduled to be held at Broken Bow. Farmers in those areas with a surplus of seed will exhibit samples of their corn. Producers lacking 1937 seed will have an opportunity to inspect the seed and make plans for securing adapted seed from these growers.

Skating Rink Flooded

Mayor Kersensbrook had the tennis court—the old skating rink—flooded last Sunday and now the youngsters of the city have some place to skate. John was handling the hose when the flooding was started but it got away from him and he succeeded in getting a good ducking, but emerged Monday morning none the worse for his icy bath.

Does The New York Fair Need Charity?

They are going to have a world's fair in New York city in 1939. Publicity agents of the fair have notified newspapers all over the United States that they will furnish them free matrices telling of the many displays that will be at the fair and the newspapers are to run them without cost to the fair association. What a graft. And surprising as it may be many newspapers are falling for it. Why should the promoters of the New York fair spend good money for advertising when they can find hundreds of country editors that will run their stuff for nothing, merely as a filler. None of it for us. If they cannot pay for their advertising in the columns of The Frontier then they do not get any, except this item which we willing donate to them.

The first sale at the O'Neill Sales Pavilion was held last Monday. Notwithstanding the fact that the sale was scantily advertised the sale was well attended and we understand it was successful. Most of the cattle and horses purchased at the sale were bought by people from other counties who had attended the opening sale.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, was ground-hog day and the little cuss had no trouble seeing his shadow. Now, according to old time legends we are in for six more weeks of winter weather, unless, as one O'Neillite remarked, the ground-hog was frozen up and could not get out.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. R. H. MURRAY HELD LAST SATURDAY

Was One of the County's Pioneer
Mothers, Having Lived Here
Since February, 1885.

Mrs. Richard H. Murray passed away at her home in this city last Thursday afternoon after an illness of a couple of weeks with the flu at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 27 days. The funeral was held last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church, Rev. P. F. Burke officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Julia Agnes Roach was born at Monmouth, Ill., on July 1, 1864, where she resided for several years when her parents moved to Iowa. In February, 1885, she came to this county and on May 5, 1885 she was united in marriage to Richard H. Murray, the ceremony being performed in this city, Rev. Father Brophy officiating. Ten children were born of this union, nine daughters and one son, nine of whom are living and left with their father to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are:

Mrs. Ellen Blomberg of Gill, S. D., Catherine Perkins of Page, Mrs. Mattie Soukup of O'Neill, George Murray of Lead, S. D., Lauretta Jones of Miles City, Mont., Gertrude Streeter of O'Neill, Anastasia Williams of Sheridan, Wyo., Elsie Streeter of Page, and Winnie Matthews of Norfolk, all of whom were present at the funeral except Mrs. Williams, who on account of sickness was unable to be present.

Mrs. Murray was one of the old time pioneers of the county being a resident of Holt county for 52 years. For many years she made her home on the farm about ten miles northeast of this city, where they lived until about twenty years ago when they retired and moved to O'Neill, erecting a home on east Douglas street where she resided up to the time of her death. She was one of the pioneers of the early days of the county and suffered all the hardships and privations of the old timers in this section. She was a splendid wife and mother, a kind neighbor and an affectionate friend.

She had many friends over the county who will learn with regret of her death.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending condolence in their hour of sorrow.

O'Neill Recreation Ass'n.

The O'Neill Recreation association is a group of O'Neill people who with the help of the government are interested in providing various forms of free recreation for the people of O'Neill. With the cooperation of Mayor Kersensbrook and the O'Neill Fire department the skating rink has been flooded. In spite of the cold weather a large group of O'Neill's younger set have been enjoying it.

Clubs are being formed with the purpose of providing a place to work and instruction on a number of hobbies.

The Dramatic Club: Every Monday evening the Dramatic club will meet to work up and present plays, readings and other forms of entertainment. The following are the present enrolled members: Dorothy Reardon, Ruth Harris, Peggy Campbell, Charles Herrick and Clarence Selah. For any information see Clarence Selah.

The Art Club: Every Tuesday evening the Art club will meet. The members will choose the type of work they want to do. Facilities will be available for painting, pen and pencil sketching, charcoal drawing and carving. The following are the present enrolled members: Gerry Yarnall, Ethel Bennett, Eddie Ryan, Olive Beckwith, Alice Sexsmith, Beatrice Harris, Fern Rhode, Helen Rhode, Leone Spindler, Wm. Allendorfer, Charles Smith, Vernon Spangler, John Schmidt, Robert Rees, John Rhode, Cleland Johnson, Neva Lierman, Irene Moler, Allan Spindler, Leroy Spindler, Lucille Penland and Dale Stearns. For information or enrollment see Dale Stearns.

Boxing Club: Permission has been secured to use the high school gym for a boxing club to be organized soon. They will meet each Wednesday evening. Dick Tomlinson has offered to come to each

meeting and give instruction to those who don't feel they could lick him.

Handicraft Club: The Handicraft club will organize this week and have their first meeting next Thursday evening. For information please see Grace Quilty.

Anyone interested in joining one of these groups or having suggestions to offer on forming new ones, please see Art King, county supervisor of recreation.

Legislature Will Pass New Moratorium Bill

By the Lowell Service
Lincoln, Neb.—After several weeks of deliberation and with only a few hours of debate, the new moratorium bill has been sent on its way to ultimate passage.

The measure, with the one year provision based on the emergency caused by the 1936 crop failure, is considered fool proof as to constitutionality. As explained by Armstrong, Regan and a number of senators the opponents of the moratorium will hardly seek a test in the supreme court on a one year moratorium provision. If there is another crop failure the emergency can be met by a special session.

More than a dozen of the senators declared that they would come to Lincoln and reenact the bill in 1938 without expense to the taxpayers if there was another crop failure.

Nebraska's mode of election will be decidedly changed if three bills now before the legislature are passed. J. N. Norton of Polk, has offered a short ballot bill proposing a constitutional amendment making the only elective constitutional officers the governor, the lieutenant governor, a non-partisan comptroller, and the state superintendent. Another bill offered by Mr. Norton proposes a constitutional amendment providing for the nomination and election of members of the state railway commission on a non-partisan ballot. The third bill, by P. M. Howard of Flats, provides for the nomination and election of all county officers, clerk of the district court, town clerk, justice of the peace, town treasurer, precinct assessors, road overseers, and district supervisors on a non-political ballot.

Senator Norton's short ballot bill would abolish the office of state auditor, and would substitute a comptroller at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Power would be given to the governor to appoint, with the consent of the legislature, a tax commissioner, a secretary of state, an attorney general, and a state treasurer, just as, in the national government, a president appoints his cabinet. Four-year terms would eventually be effected. The board of educational lands and funds would be composed of the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, the attorney general, and the secretary of state.

Senator John Knickrehm of Grand Island, has introduced a bill to extend to July 1, 1939, the time in which the commandant of the Soldiers and Sailors home at Grand Island must furnish rations, fuel, and medical supplies to families of eligible soldiers and sailors living "on the line," that is within a half-mile of the administration building of the home. This practice, which has been authorized for many years will stop July 1, 1937, unless Senator Knickrehm's bill is passed.

A violation of the Constitutional provision guaranteeing freedom of religion will be given legal status if a bill introduced by Senator A. L. Miller of Kimball, and E. E. Brodbeck of Howells, is passed, according to the claims of its authors. The bill would make it unlawful for school boards, or teachers' placement bureaus or agencies, or others to question applicants for teachers' positions concerning their religious affiliations. Provision is made for a fine of from \$5 to \$50 or a jail sentence of from 5 to 30 days for violation, and it is provided that violation shall be a cause for removal from office of any superintendent, school board member, or other public school official.

A health-districting measure for a three-member board to be appointed by the governor and action has been offered to come to each

The Weather

We have been having right snappy weather here the past week. For four nights of the seven the thermometer registered below zero. The wind has been blowing intermittently nearly every day and Tuesday and Wednesday the highways leading into and out of this city were blocked for a few hours, but the highway crew soon opened the roads. Highways in the country are impassable and the few farmers that have been getting to town the past week have been compelled to go thru fences, pastures and meadows in order to get to the main highways, where travel has been fairly good.

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| Jan. 29 | 8 | 0 |
| Jan. 30 | 8 | 2 |
| Jan. 31 | 2 | -15 |
| Feb. 1 | 19 | -12 |
| Feb. 2 | 30 | 10 |
| Feb. 3 | 30 | -2 |
| Feb. 4 | 30 | -8 |

Soil Conservation Payments Arrive

Holt county has received approximately \$50,000 in soil conservation payments on the 1936 contracts. This is money received on the first transmittal which was sent to Lincoln about six weeks ago. A few of the contracts were delayed on the first transmittal and individual notices will be sent out to those having checks in the office.

Funds Needed To Finish Elkhorn Basin Survey

State planning board members are hopeful the legislature will appropriate funds for continuance of a survey of water resources in the Elkhorn river basin which has been partially completed. H. H. Tracy, Norfolk, member of the board said Monday.

The planning board also is asking the legislature to pass a law creating a planning board. The board now in existence was created at the request of the federal government.

Although the survey in the Elkhorn river basin is incomplete, the planning board has made several recommendations for conservation and development of resources in the White, Niobrara, Elkhorn and upper Missouri river basins.

Recommendations pertaining to water resources follow:

Conservation—Provisions for the conservation and more effective utilization of all the water resources within the basin.

Irrigation—Construction of pump or gravity irrigation work wherever adequate precipitation is lacking and the water supply and the soil fertility such that economic development is possible.

Hydro-power—Detailed investigation of the economics of physically feasible hydro-electric developments with special attention to the present and potential markets in proximity to the proposal.

Rural electrification—1. Construction of rural electrification facilities wherever the concentration of consumers is sufficient to warrant the expenditure. 2. Direction of special attention to the development of new rural markets such as that necessary for supplying energy to electrically driven pump irrigation.

Domestic water—1. Developments to place emphasis on conserving and replenishing the source of supply. 2. Present rural and municipal supplies to be improved and extended.

Recreation—1. The development of facilities such as swimming pools, recreational lakes and ponds, and the improvement of streams suitable for such purposes. 2. All developments for the conservation and use of water to be so constructed that such projects will be conducive to the propagation of wild life and to provide recreational facilities wherever feasible.

Storage—1. Development of upstream storage to control surface runoff and to promote percolation of precipitation to the soils. 2. Construction, when practicable, of on-stream and canyon reservoirs to control flood flows of major streams and to provide better utilization of water for irrigation, power, domestic and recreational purposes.

Groundwater—1. Development of conservation practices which will assist in replenishing the groundwater storage. 2. The flow of artesian wells to be restricted and (Continued on page 4, column 2.)

DEATH TAKES C. D. KEYES, ONE OF THE EARLY PIONEERS

Had Been County Supervisor From
His District and Was Later
County Assessor.

In the death of Chauncey Keyes at his home in Inman last Saturday Holt county loses one of its stalwart citizens and one who contributed much to the upbuilding of the county. Coming to the county as a young man of 26 he at once entered into the civil and social life of his adopted home community and county.

During his residence of 57 years in the county he filled many positions of trust in his home community. After filling various township offices he was selected as a member of the county board and served the people of his district and the county with honor and credit. He was then selected as county assessor of Holt county and this position he filled with credit and honor to himself and his constituents for eight years, retiring from that position two years ago last month.

Chauncey Keyes was a cool headed conservative gentleman of the old school and a good business man. He loved his fellow men and his cheerful "How are you," with which he greeted his friends, was a pleasing greeting to his hundreds of friends in the county. Chauncey always proceeded with care. If a problem confronted him upon which he had his doubts as to the proper remedy he at once consulted some friend who was familiar with the particular question that bothered him and its solution was made easy.

He was a loyal true blue friend, and always willing to front for them, without hope of reward. It was part of his nature, loyalty to his friends, his neighbors, his community and county. In his passing the people of his home community lose one of their foremost citizens and the people of Holt county one of their stalwart sons who helped develop this section of the west.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Inman Tuesday afternoon with Rev. E. B. Maxey in charge. Following the service, under the direction of Judge R. R. Dickson the Masonic funeral service was conducted. Burial was in the Inman cemetery.

An obituary for Mr. Keyes written by Gladys Hancock of Inman, will be found on page 5, with the Inman news notes.

Thirty-four New Cars Registered In January

During the month of January, 34 new automobiles were registered in the office of the county treasurer. As January was a very poor month for auto travel, roads over the county, except the main highways, being blocked most of the month, it looks as if the year 1937 was going to be a very good year for auto dealers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and many acts of kindness and to those who sent the beautiful floral offerings; also to Garfield Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M. for their assistance during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. C. D. Keyes and Mildred; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Keyes and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Rouse and family; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keyes and family.

CARD OF THANKS

To every friend and neighbor who expressed sympathy or extended aid to us and for the many beautiful floral offerings on occasion of our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife and mother, the late Mrs. R. H. Muarry, we here offer our heartfelt thanks. Your thoughtfulness and kindness in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mrs. R. H. Murray and family.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for their many kinds acts of help, and sympathy shown us, during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Your kindness will never be forgotten.—Mrs. Bertha Pritchett and family.