

Over the County

MEEK AND VICINITY

Quite a large crowd attended the Ladies' Aid Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Hansen. Mrs. Hansen served a delicious lunch. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Prayer meeting was held at A. L. Borg's Thursday evening. The next meeting will be held at the William Hubby home.

Miss Mary Emma Spindler came out from O'Neill to spend Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford and daughters, Wilma Jean and Ladomora Mae, spent the week-end at the Heminway home at Ewing.

Virginia Rausch spent Saturday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Will Kaczor.

Horace Rouse spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. H. Rouse.

Mary Emma Spindler, of O'Neill, Mrs. Roy Spindler and Leone and Leroy, were dinner guests Sunday at the Frank Griffith home.

Mrs. Orville Harrison and daughter, Mary, called Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Rouse.

Lois Jean and Ilene Robertson spent Sunday with Laverne and Helen Borg.

Ed Henifin and family were Sunday guests at the George Hansen home.

Walking seemed to be the fad last Sunday as Elmer Devall decided that the hill was much to bad for his Buick to climb.

Arthur and Lawrence Rouse spent Monday evening at the Frank Griffith home.

We've had rain or snow every day or night for a week and a half, in this locality. The moisture is bringing the grass on nicely, but the snow has been hard on the stock as most of them are thin and feed is getting scarce. Warm sunshine and rain is needed now.

Some from here attended the funeral services Monday for Mrs. Barney Hynes. The Hynes family formerly lived in this locality, but moved to O'Neill several years ago.

INMAN NEWS

E. L. Watson has been quite ill for a week. He is resting comfortably at this time.

Harvey, small son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sobotka, Jr., is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. George Laney is suffering with an infection on her face this week.

The measles epidemic is still flourishing here. Attendance at school has been very irregular.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphy, of Page, spent Sunday here at the William Thompson home.

The W. C. T. U. will hold an institute at the M. E. church Friday of this week. Two sessions will be held, morning and afternoon. Lunch will be served at noon.

Clifford Andrews, of Stanton, spent the week-end here at the W. H. Chicken home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson and son, Robert, have gone to Chambers where Mr. Jackson will edit the Chambers Sun. The Jacksons will move their household goods to Chambers later if they decide to keep the job.

The R. N. A. Lodge met with Miss Gladys Hancock Wednesday of last week. Mrs. W. S. Goree was assisting hostess.

W. H. Chicken and daughter, Miss Dorothy, drove to Sioux City Friday for a days shopping. Miss Muriel Chicken, who is a student at the Wayne State Normal, accompanied them home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tompkins drove to Norfolk Saturday taking with them their son, Dr. Charles Tompkins and wife and son, Harvey. After spending Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Doughty, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tompkins left for their home in Indianapolis, Indiana. Harvey returned to Lincoln where he is a student at Nebraska Wesleyan university. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tompkins returned to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky were called to Omaha the first of the week on account of the death of her brother, James Holub. This is the third time during the last thirty days that Mr. and Mrs. Kopecky have been called to Omaha. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Holub passed away about a month ago and her mother, Mrs. Marie Holub passed away about ten days ago.

Holy week services will be held at the M. E. church every night next week. The local pastor, Rev. Mertie E. Clute will bring the messages.

A surprise party was given for Mrs. J. R. Hopkins at her home Friday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. About thirty guests were present and a lunch

was served. Mrs. Hopkins received a nice gift.

EMMET ITEMS

Jimmie, Anthony, Helen, Anna Rose, and Mrs. James O'Donnell, were shopper in Atkinson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Mohr and children returned to their home at Orchard after spending the winter at the Charles Vogel home.

The Misses Evelyn Tomjack, Teresa Pongratz and Geraldine Harris attended the Omaha Flower Show during the week-end.

John Tenborg and Pat McGinnis trucked a load of cattle to Omaha last week. Mr. McGinnis returned with a new Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keller and family, of O'Neill, called at the Gene Luben home Sunday.

Quite a crowd attended the sale at the Andy Brown farm Monday.

Rev. T. C. Priestly went to Inman to show some pictures at the Methodist church Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloppenborg and family called on Mr. and Mrs. William Luben, Sr., Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Kane, of Chicago, is visiting at the Cal Tenborg home.

Miss Dorothy Sesler is visiting at the Sam Thompson home in O'Neill.

Harold Wilson, who is in the O'Neill hospital, is said to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole attended the Flower Show in Omaha last week.

Helen Peterson went to Atkinson Tuesday to have dental work done.

Mrs. John Lowery received word from her daughter, Lucille, who is visiting in Montana and she says the snow is three feet deep there.

PLEASANT DALE

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritz and daughter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shellhammer and son Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz Sunday evening, March 31. A delicious lunch, consisting of cake, strawberries and ice cream, was served by Mrs. Lorenz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Segar and family, of Norfolk, spent the week-end visiting the G. H. Frohardt and Gus Segar families.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family called on their new neighbors, the H. A. Crawford family, Friday evening.

Lowell Johnson is building a new five room house in O'Neill.

Mrs. Ada Stahley and LaVerne, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz and Glen, were dinner guests Sunday, March 31, at the Charles Greig home near Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin E. Seger visited a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burge and family.

The seventh and eighth grade pupils are preparing for examinations to be given this month.

Mrs. Gus Seger and Mrs. Harold Seger and Phyllis June and Harold Eugene spent Monday afternoon visiting at the Ralph Beckwith home.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bogue Saturday, March 30. Mrs. Bogue before her marriage was Miss Mable Werner.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoehne, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz and Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family spent Friday evening, March 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith spent Sunday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Schmoor and children.

Sketch On the Life Of Thomas Crowe

(Nebraska offered a prize for the biography of the life of a Nebraska man who has made the most of his opportunities and the following

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Mr. Crowe gave for this purpose but refused to sign his name at the last, thus it was never printed. As it told so many things of his early life we have decided to pass this on to his friends.)

A highly respected man and an authority on cattle, he leads a happy life on his holdings of some 7,000 acres along the Niobrara river in Northern Holt county. He had a dislike for notoriety, hence his name will not appear in this story.

Born in Northumberland county, England, Feb. 22, 1862, he was one of a family of seven children.

One early spring morning in June, 1887, found our cattleman landed at Quebec, Canada in charge of fourteen head of cattle and two horses. Employment on a large Shorthorn farm kept him until Sept. 14, 1887. Not having any desire to have the monotonous life the laborers on this farm led, he bought a ticket to the end of the railroad, signing his life over to chance. The railroad went to Running Water, S. D. The next morning he crossed into Nebraska on a ferry to Niobrara.

Fifteen dollars a month hired a farm hand then as it did during 1932-'33 and our pioneer "hired out" for that sum on his second day in Nebraska.

The seed for his domain of 7,000 acres of today south of Lynch, Nebraska, was soon sown; a pony and saddle were traded for a preemption.

A shack built, where supreme simplicity reigned. Gunny sacks filled with husks were his bed. Little by little his ranch was added, until it now cares for from 500 to 700 cattle yearly, which frequently top Chicago's market, as well as 600 head of hogs. Part of the grain for this stock is stored in a huge elevator made from native timber, containing in its make-up 72 tons of cement and 2 tons of nails. The buildings on the home place are well arranged, numbering about fifty.

After our pioneer had been here a few years he discovered that a widow with two small children was homesteading not so far away. This widow soon became his wife. His wedding suit consisted of blue shirt and overalls.

The Indians in the early days each fall came to camp along the Niobrara river to peel bark from the trees. They did not cause any trouble, however they were treated nicely and given small amounts of food.

In the winter of '94, after the crop failure, the river did not freeze and everyone turned their stock loose to rustle for themselves.

When Boyd county was first opening up, he found room for as many as fourteen at one time in his home, who were going there to settle and needed a place to spend the night.

The first steers which were shipped to Omaha were taken from grass and brought \$2.75 a hundred. The highest price received was 14 cents in 1918.

The present depression in round figures has cost him \$30,000.00 not only thru drop in prices but notes, which he held from those hard working people who haven't been able to pay their debts.

This pioneer coming to America with no worldly goods, has proven that America is truly the land of opportunity.—Lynch Herald-Enterprise.

Corn-Hog Sign-Up Higher Than 1934

The sign-up of applications for 1935 corn-hog contracts in Nebraska now totals higher than the number of contract signed in 1934. Over 92,000 applications have been signed in the state.

In this county, 1,509 applications have been signed compared with 1,386 contracts last year. This represents about 80 per cent of the number of corn-hog growers in this county.

The amount of corn acreage involved in the 1935 applications will run four to five per cent higher than the acreage signed under the 1934 contract. The amount of land retired from corn production in 1935 is likely to run 10 per cent higher than the corn contracted acreage in 1934. The acreage retirement on the 92,000 applications is about 28 per cent, which indicates that most farmers took out the maximum amount for benefit payments which they are regarding this year as crop insurance.

County offices are busy making the final changes on applications, summarizing and listing the figures, and getting the listing sheets ready for approval by the state board of review. As soon as this is done the majority of the farmers who signed up their farms with no change from last year will receive their typed contracts for final signature.

This county is aiming to get these contracts out to the men at corn planting time or before so that they will know about their acreage of corn before they finish planting the crop.

Other cases involving some changes since 1934 will be only a few days later. Those who established new hog bases will be delayed slightly longer, but the county office expects to clean up all of these cases within the next six or eight weeks.

Explain Wheat Modifications

Wheat contract signers in Nebraska who have an extra acreage of winter wheat or who are in areas where the moisture supply will permit the seeding of spring wheat, may increase their wheat acreage in 1935 up to 165 per cent of their wheat base providing they sign a supplementary contract agreeing to continue the wheat adjustment program thru 1936, and to show compliance in the two years as a total.

The modification of the wheat compliance program for this year will be of greatest benefit in southeastern Nebraska where quite a large percentage of farmers have extra wheat in the ground which they have been using for pasture and to hold the soil. A few contract signers in northwestern Nebraska may be able to seed a little spring wheat if the moisture conditions are favorable.

In other areas of the state contract signers and committeemen are already asking if the modifications can be worked backwards. They want to make their reduction

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in 1935 and seed the extra acreage in 1936. This proposal is being submitted to Washington for the consideration of the wheat section which will look at the matter from a national standpoint.

Borrowing wheat acreage from next year may not be attractive to many general farmers of southeastern Nebraska since they have a fairly definite crop rotation system and like to have some wheat each year. It may, however, permit them to harvest a little extra acreage this year at the expense of the 1936 crop.

The acceptance of the supplementary contract and modifications is entirely voluntary. Each wheat grower is being mailed a letter and given additional information if he comes to the county office of the wheat association. The decision is to whether or not he makes use of the modification, rests entirely with the producer.

Under the provisions of the supplementary contract the man who signs it can use his wheat contracted acres in 1935 for wheat or any grain providing he lays out an equal number of acres in 1936, in addition to whatever contracted acreage may be required under the 1936 contract. Farmers in the drouth area interested in working the modification backwards are also asking that they be permitted to lay out enough contracted acres for two years in 1935 and then use all of their land in 1936.

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WHAT'S THE DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE (Continued from page 1.) old constitutional salary of \$5,000. Under the law enacted two years ago, his salary is cut to \$3,400 per year.

While brother state officers may regard Taylor with a kindly eye, he is no hero to the legislature. A resolution was immediately introduced taking Taylor and other state officers who are abetting him, severely to task for the court action. Governor Cochran is commended, however, in the same reso-

lution for having accepted the salary cut, being the only state officer to collect his check for the first quarter of the year based on the reduced rate.

In 1933 the state supreme court gave a decision which enabled elective officers of the state to collect under the old rate until January 1,

this year. Harvey Johnson, Omaha attorney, was named by Attorney General Wright to represent the state in the action filed by Taylor. Wright took the course in view of the fact that he is one of the officers whose salary would be lowered if the act is upheld.

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