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O'NEILL REALTOR MAKES \$40,000 CASH REAL ESTATE DEAL

M. O. Howard Makes Sale of Ten Thousand Acres of Land To Charles Peterson.

Holt county real estate, long a drug on the market like the real estate in every county in the state...

Last week M. O. Howard, of this city, as representative of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, of Lincoln, sold 10,000 acres of Holt county real estate to Charles Peterson...

There are five different ranches in the tract of land sold to Mr. Peterson. One of the tracts, the old Payne & Sargerson ranch...

Mark Howard has been in the real estate game a long time and does not make much noise, but it is evident that he is right on the job.

Mr. Peterson has been one of the large landowners in the southwestern part of the county and has been that section's most successful stock men for years.

Emmet Residents Living On Fish

Guy Cole was down from Emmet Wednesday. Guy says that the residents of Emmet are living on fish these days.

When Guy was reminded that Roger might sue them for the value of the fish taken, as they came from his lake which is a private one, Guy replied that Roger would be lucky if some of the inhabitants of Emmet did not sue him.

Cutworm Control Demonstrations

The presence of cutworms in large numbers has caused many people to make inquiry as to effective control should they prove dangerous later on.

Cutworms, the same as grasshoppers, can be effectively controlled if proper methods are used at the right time.

Meetings will be held as follows to which the public is cordially invited:

- 9:30 A. M., Stuart, Ramm Brothers farm. 1:30 P. M., O'Neill, Otto Lorenz farm. 4:00 P. M., Page, B. H. French farm.

Mrs. Egger Thwarts Attempted Hold-Up

A would-be hold up artist tried to gain entrance into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egger last Tuesday evening about 9:30. Mr. Egger was not at home and when a knock came on the door about 9:30 Mrs. Egger opened the door to find a man standing there with a gun in his hand and who promptly inform-

ed here that it was a "stick up." She grabbed the gun, forcing it down and away from her and managed to get the door closed. She then called the police and Chief Calkins was on the ground in about five minutes but the would-be robber had made good his escape.

Plans Complete For Celebration In O'Neill On Memorial Day

Plans have been completed for the annual observance of Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, under the auspices of the American Legion. The program will be held at the K. C. Hall commencing promptly at 10:30 a. m.

Flowers to decorate the graves are requested and will be gratefully received by the committee in charge. Also, more flower girls are needed. Persons desiring to contribute flowers and young ladies who desire to serve as flower girls will please get in touch with Roy Carroll, Chairman of the committee.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell

More germane to the average Nebraskan right now than the dying kicks of the legislature is the subject of the weather which holds forth bright prospects of good 1935 crops in practically every section of the state.

T. A. Blair, government meteorologist at Lincoln, says that rainfall up to this week has been general enough to foster strong hopes that not only will Nebraska have moisture enough for crop and pasture needs, but that Kansas and Oklahoma too may benefit with the result that the hot winds that played havoc with those Nebraska communities that did have prospects of a corn crop last year will not be so likely to come scorching their way up from the south.

Bright spots in the South Platte region include the southeastern section from Fairbury over to Auburn and parts of the McCook area. Things look least hopeful in the Red Cloud vicinity where approximately 2.5 inches of rain had fallen, or about a third less than for the same period a year ago.

Exceptionally good moisture conditions prevail around Alliance, O'Neill, Broken Bow, Columbus, Hartington, Elgin and Albion, and South Sioux City.

The Elkhorn river region, always a favored section of Nebraska, holds the rainfall record for the first four and a half months of this year.

State control commission to consist of three members to serve six years and receive \$4,000 annually. Secretary to be paid \$3,200. Offices of commission to be located in Lincoln.

U. S. Senate Sustains President's Bonus Veto

The president vetoed the Soldiers Bonus bill last Wednesday and immediately thereafter the house of representatives passed the bill over his veto with a vote of 322 to 98. All of the Nebraska Congressmen, except McLaughlin of Omaha, voted to override the veto.

NEBRASKA SOLONS PASS THIRD LIQUOR BILL OF COMMITTEE

Liquor By The Drink Will Not Be Permitted Until Cities Hold Elections On The Issue.

After nearly five months of bickering the Nebraska legislature finally passed a liquor law on Wednesday afternoon, the brainwork of the third conference committee.

Liquor went over the top Wednesday when House and Senate adopted conference committee report No. 3, the former 74 to 21 and the upper branch 25 to 3, both safely above the required two-thirds vote to sustain the emergency clause, which makes the measure effective upon approval by the governor.

Some delay will be necessary while a state commission is being appointed and puts its regulatory house in order. Other delays are mandatory because the requirements as to fitness to sell liquor which will require investigation and study.

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The County Contest of the National Educational Better Housing Contest was held in the O'Neill High School Auditorium Friday evening, May 17.

High Spots of the Bill. Universal sale of liquor by package with no option until April 30, 1937. Sale of drink only on vote of electors prior thereto.

Separation of sale at retail of beer and liquor into one licensee may hold both licenses. In such event liquor and beer shall be sold in separate and distinct rooms.

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Mayor John Kersensbrock presented the O'Neill high school band with a beautiful banton last week. When the members of the band get their new uniforms and the drum major parades down Douglas at the head of the band, swinging his banton, he will the envy of every boy in the city.

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS. The Frontier expects to go to press next Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday, so the force can properly observe Decoration Day. Please get copy in early.

License Provisions. License provisions also same as in former report. Distillers, \$1,000; brewers, \$100 to \$800, based upon average daily capacity with \$500 to be paid where there is no experience table; wine manufacturers; \$250; liquor wholesalers, \$500;

beer wholesalers, \$250; beer, on-sale license, \$10 to \$100, according to population; beer, off-sale, \$25; liquor retail, \$250; package liquor, \$150; beer, outside corporate limits, by drink only, \$25; railroads, \$100 and \$1 per car; nonbeverage users, \$5 to \$250.

No alcoholic liquor to be furnished at retail on credit. Privilege gallonage tax, 3 cents on beer, 5 to 15 cents on wine and 50 cents on liquors.

O'Neill Group Attends Highway 281 Meeting Friday At Spalding. A good-sized delegation from this city drove to Spalding last Friday to attend a meeting of the 281 Highway Association.

The delegation returned home Friday evening and said they had a splendid meeting at Spalding with about 75 representatives in attendance from practically all the towns along the Highway.

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The winners of the first prize of \$10.00 were Delta Gunn and Clarence Selah, both of the O'Neill High school. The winners of the second prize of \$2.50 were Myrtle Brown and Dale Sterns, also of the O'Neill High school.

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COUNTY RESIDENTS JOYOUS IN AMPLE MOISTURE SUPPLY

Rain Fall of First Five Months of 1935 Near Total Precipitation During Year of 1934.

The past week has brought joy to farmers and business men in Nebraska and thruout the entire country. In fact the past two weeks have been ideal, a lot of moisture, 1.79 inches falling here since the 17th. It was a slow drizzle and every drop went down into the soil so that now the subsoil is wet clear to the bottom, and prospects at this time of the year were never better.

With the rainfall Tuesday evening and night the total precipitation, according to the records kept by Harry Bowen at the court house, from January 1, 1935, to June 22, at 6 a. m., amounts to 11.47 or 3.93 inches less than was received during the entire year of 1934.

The rainfall during the month of May is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Precipitation. Rows: May 1 (.05), May 3 (.02), May 8 (.09), May 11 (1.01), May 12 (.26), May 14 (.01), May 15 (.07), May 18 (.36), May 19 (.80), May 20 (.62), May 21 (.19), May 22 (.01). Total: 11.47.

The precipitation so far this year, up to Wednesday morning, May 21, was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Precipitation. Rows: January (.51), February (.85), March (.68), April (5.97), May (3.48). Total: 11.47.

The precipitation during the year 1934 was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Precipitation. Rows: January (.45), February (.34), March (2.11), April (.06), May (1.34), June (4.36), July (1.90), August (1.03), September (2.00), October (.59), November (.87), December (.35). Total: 15.40.

O'Neill Lady Celebrates Eighty-Second Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan, one of the pioneer residents of this county, will celebrate her 82 birthday tomorrow, Friday, May 24. Mrs. McMillan was born in Canada and came to this county fifty years ago this month.

Martin-Wilcox. Charles E. Martin and Mrs. Ruby M. Wilcox, both of Chambers, were united in marriage at the county court room last Monday afternoon, Judge C. J. Malone officiating.

Says Prod. Credit Ass'n Not A Relief Agency. Correcting an impression that seems to be common in this vicinity, James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill Production Credit Association, of O'Neill, said that the association is not a temporary "emergency" or "relief" organization and does not loan government funds.

NOTICE. All stores and places of business are requested to close promptly at 10:30 A. M., Thursday, May 30, for the annual Memorial Day exercises.

JOHN KERSENBROCK, Mayor.

ed that the O'Neill Production Credit Association is intended to provide for the farmers of this territory a permanent source of low-interest, short-term credit for agricultural purposes. The interest rate is 5 per cent a year. Funds are obtained from private investors through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Omaha.

Adequate security is required for every PCA loan. Mr. Rooney declared, and every borrower is a stockholder and has a voice in the association's affairs. Eventually it is expected the entire production credit system will be owned by the farmer borrowers.

The O'Neill PCA serves farmers in Boyd, Garfield, Holt and Wheeler counties. Entirely separate are the county emergency crop and feed loan committees. They have been set up as temporary governmental agencies to care for only those farmers who cannot obtain credit elsewhere for the purchase of seed and feed.

County Board Holds Special Meeting To Prepare Application

The County Board met in special session last Tuesday to complete their application to the federal government for a loan and grant to assist in erecting a court house. They are figuring on a building to cost \$110,000.00 complete. The firm of John Latenser & Sons, of Omaha have been engaged as architects to prepare plans for the building, which will accompany the application to Washington.

In preparing the application it was necessary to furnish many figures as to the condition of the county's finances. One set of figures gave the assessed valuation of the county; another gave the amount of taxes collected; another the amount of delinquent taxes for the years 1931, 1932 and 1933. From these figures we find that for the above years there is still unpaid \$134,911.03 on Holt county real estate and \$34,840.07 on personal property, making a total of \$169,751.10 taxes for the above three years that are unpaid. The non-payment of these taxes accounts in a large measure for the financial stringency of the various county funds.

Find Ample Rain In Southern States

Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Moss and W. J. Hammond left last Friday morning on a little business trip to Amarillo, Texas, returning home Monday night. Ira says that there is water all over that country now, as they had from 4 to 6 inches of rain in the Texas panhandle within the past week. They crossed the Republican river at Alma, Nebr., then went south thru Kansas to Texas. Ira says that after they got about 100 miles south of the Nebraska line there was nothing but sand and deserted farms for the next 100 miles in Kansas. That section was once thickly settled but the drought and windstorms drove most of the settlers out. Ira says that it was impossible to tell a plowed section from a pasture, it all looked about the same. Now he says the whole country is covered section to come back strong. In coming home they were compelled to go about 500 miles out of their way in order to get passable roads.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to give our thanks to all our kind neighbors and friends for the kind words spoken to us, and for the help they offered. Also to Rev. Vahle for his sympathetic words and to the choir. Especially do we wish to extend our thanks for the beautiful flowers that were sent us in our bereavement, the tragic death of our dear husband, father, son and brother. Your kindness will never be forgotten.—Mrs. Eugene Luben, Eugenia, Dorothy, Esther and Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Luben Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luben, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Luben.

W. E. Stewart, the new FERA work director for the counties of Holt and Boyd, moved his family to this city last Sunday from Burwell, where they had lived for the past year, while Mr. Stewart was FERA work director for three counties in that section of the state.

CALF THIEF TAKES OWN LIFE RATHER THAN A SENTENCE

Alvin Odren Uses Shotgun On Self When Permitted To Enter House For Clothing.

Rather than submit to arrest on the charge of calf stealing, Alvin Odren, 22, killed himself at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cleveland, southeast of Opportunity, about 8:30 last Saturday morning, using a .410 gauge shot gun.

For the past month several farmers have complained about losing calves from their pastures. Two head were taken from the pasture of Mrs. Jardee, a widow living in the Opportunity neighborhood; a couple from the farm of Den Murphy, living northeast of this city, and a couple more from the farm of Joe Pritchett, living in the Opportunity neighborhood.

Investigation by the sheriff's office disclosed the fact that Odren had sold two calves at the Atkinson sales pavillion on Tuesday May 7. This was the day after the two calves were taken from the farm of Mrs. Jardee. On May 14 he sold four head of calves at the pavillion sale. Murphy's calves were taken the night of the 13th and those from the Pritchett farm on the same night.

With this information in his possession Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom started last Saturday morning for the Cleveland farm home to question Odren, the latter being a son of Mrs. Cleveland by a former marriage. Bergstrom told Odren that he would explain where he got the calves he had sold at Atkinson the forepart of the week and last week. Odren said that he had bought the calves from Henry Butterfield and they started for Butterfield's place to verify his story.

When half way there, Odren in his car and Bergstrom in his, Odren stopped his car, halted Bergstrom and asked what the penalty was for cattle rustling in Nebraska. The deputy sheriff gave him the desired information and then Odren told him that he was guilty of taking the Pritchett calves and said that he had used the proceeds to make a payment on his automobile.

They then returned to the Cleveland home and Odren asked if it was possible to keep his mother from knowing anything about it. The deputy sheriff told him that he did not think it would be possible. He then asked permission to go to the house to bid his mother good bye and to get some clothing, which permission was granted, and he entered the house. In a few moments two loud reports were heard and a little girl ran out and said that Alvin had shot himself.

When Odren entered the house he went upstairs, got the shotgun and fired one shot and missed; then he went down stairs, fired again, the charge striking him one inch above the left eye, tearing the top of his head away.

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