

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

HOMER

Mrs. Chas. Ostmeyer of Sioux City, was a Homer visitor Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Bates of Salem, attended Farmers' Institute both days.

Mrs. J. T. Graham, Mrs. Don Forbes and Mrs. S. A. Mason of Dakota City, were Homer visitors Thursday at the Farmers' Institute.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Rogers, of Sioux City, told us a lot about chickens at the Farmers' Institute last week.

Mrs. Almada Bean has been quite sick with stomach trouble.

Helen, Merrill and Viva Blacketer were passengers to South Sioux City Friday evening to visit in the Hal Blacketer home. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blacketer, and little Margie, motored up Sunday to bring them home.

Albert Bristol of Sioux City, visited his parents here between trains Sunday.

Forrest Buttler and wife, who are making Sioux City their headquarters just at present, visited Sunday at the E. S. Redden home. The ladies are sisters.

Mrs. Frank Church, principal of the Homer schools, was on the sick list the first of the week. Prof. Jacoby being in the hospital, there was no sessions in the high school Monday.

Albert Probst, of the Kettler & Probst hardware firm, has returned from Alton, Iowa, where he was at the bedside of his wife for several months.

Fred Wilkins returned Saturday from St. Louis, where he had been in the government hospital.

Mrs. Grover Davis returned from Rochester, Minn., Monday, where she had been for the past six weeks.

Prof. Jacoby, who is in a Sioux City hospital being treated for stomach trouble, is reported better.

The opera house being out of commission, Monday night's lecture course program was held in the M. E. church.

A small boy, with a small conscience and a small gun, shot the neighborhood squirrel. We fed and petted him (the squirrel) and loved him. Why do parents allow boys to have guns?

Harold Allaway of So Sioux City was a Homer caller Sunday.

Hubert Allaway was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Rachel Kinnear is quite low being sick for the past three years.

Mrs. H. A. Monroe of South Sioux City visited her aunt, Mrs. Rachel Kinnear Tuesday.

Mrs. Merrill Brasfield is a guest of her sister, Mrs. John Rockwell, at Crofton, Neb.

HUBBARD

Anna Mogensen was in the city on Saturday.

W. Hart, W. Lovig, Mrs. M. Hurley and daughter Mary, were in Sioux City Wednesday.

George Timlin, D. C. Heffernan and Emil Young were in Dakota City on business last Thursday.

Sine Rasmussen, who teaches the Bell school, was an over night visitor in her home here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hartnett, Mrs. George Hayes and Mike Hurley were in Sioux City last Thursday.

Joe Hartnett shipped hogs to the Sioux City market last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Waters of South Sioux City was a week-end visitor at the Tom Heffernan home and in the Emil Young home.

The Goertz and Biede families motored to the city Tuesday.

Anna Blanche Evans was home from Wayne for a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Evans.

Margaret R. Hartnett was a Sioux City shopper Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leedom and grandson, and E. Story motored to Pender Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. W. Pounds.

George Timlin was a business caller in the city Monday.

Alice Hartnett and Katherine Evans were home from Wayne for a week-end visit with home folks.

Ray Cullen was entertained at th. Will Evans home for Sunday dinner.

Katherine Long and Margaret Hartnett of South Sioux City visited over Sunday here with their parents.

The Christensen family motored to the city Tuesday.

The Emil Young family visited at the Chas. Young home near Dakota City Sunday.

Joseph Christensen of Wakefield, visited here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Christensen.

Charlotte Hartnett of Jackson visited the week-end at the John Hartnett home here.

Mrs. Fred Renze returned home on Sunday from Rochester, Minn.

Services as usual in the Lutheran church next Sunday, Feb 19th. Sunday school at 1:45, and church at 2:30. You are all invited to attend these services. Rev. Gilman, Pastor.

The Hubbard school house was destroyed by fire of unknown origin on Monday morning.

JACKSON

John Ryan has installed a new cash register in his store.

A number from here attended a dance at Hubbard last Friday evening.

Mrs. M. R. Boler departed Saturday evening for O'Neill, Neb., to spend the week in the Will Biglin home, and also visit her sister Anna, who teaches at Plainville, Neb.

Rev. Father O'Foole of Sioux City spent last Wednesday with Rev. Fr. Felix McCarthy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mooney, February 3, a son.

Vera Miers invited a number of her school mates to her home Tuesday afternoon school to a Valentine party. Each guest brought a valentine. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess at the close of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., were called here last week by the illness and death of their

RUSSIAN FAMINE'S AWFUL TOLL WORST SINCE 'BLACK DEATH' ERA

Likely to Be Greatest Catastrophe in World History Says McBride.

By ISAAC McBRIDE

NOT since the "Black Death" swept Europe in the Fourteenth century, taking a toll of 25,000,000 lives in a single year, has such a horrible calamity threatened the world as now is taking form in the famine-stricken regions of the Volga valley in Russia. Twenty-five million people are facing starvation and experts on the ground estimate they will die literally by the millions unless aid is speedily forthcoming.



This is the first of a series of four articles on the Russian famine situation by Isaac McBride, well known American writer and lecturer, one of the first Americans to enter Soviet Russia after the allied intervention and blockade. He spent eight weeks in Russia, traveled 3,000 miles, visited many villages and the large cities, inspected the schools, factories and industries, interviewed practically all of the government officials and leading public men, and capped his experience by spending three weeks in the field with the Red army. Mr. McBride wrote, upon his return, for the International News service, and articles by him on Russia also appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, the London Daily News, Asia magazine and many other publications.

The famine is likely to become the most ghastly catastrophe in world history. Not only will millions die of hunger, but typhus has made its appearance in the famine region, and, unless checked, this dread scourge may spread to other parts of Russia, and even to neighboring nations, and kill additional millions.

The districts of the Volga valley where acute famine prevails comprise 600,000 square miles, or an area comparable to the total area of the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Kansas. The Volga valley has a population of 25,000,000 and is the great grain growing region of Russia. The situation in Russia is much the same as it would be in America if practically all the crops of the great agricultural states of the Middle West were totally destroyed by drought.

Land Parched by Drouth.

In April, 1920, a severe drouth affected the whole Volga region. There was practically no rainfall for seven months. The excessive heat and the lack of moisture left the land parched. All vegetation was burned up, and in the few fields where any grain appeared the sparse and stunted plants were carefully cut, one by one, and what few grains of wheat, rye, or barley they bore harvested by hand.

War has been almost continuous in Russia since the outbreak of the European conflict in 1914—a period of more than seven years—and this, with the economic blockade which has existed since 1917, has affected the famine region with peculiar severity. One military expedition after another was launched against Russia after the armistice in 1918 which served to complete the work of destruction which the war had begun.

Over the Volga valley in 1918 and 1919, and as late as the spring of 1920, invading armies fought and destroyed buildings, farm machinery, farms, railways, stations, water tanks, bridges and

appropriated \$20,000,000. Grain has been purchased and some of it is already on its way; but even this amount will feed but 20% of the stricken people.

With the hunger of these people has come the icy blasts of winter with the thermometer dropping many degrees below zero and a blanket of snow and ice covering the whole region.

American Committee Organized. The American Committee for Russian Famine Relief was organized to help meet this emergency. The government appropriation of \$20,000,000 is admittedly insufficient and although other relief organizations on the ground are doing heroic work, they are only rescuing very small proportions of the famine sufferers in the Volga valley. The district is zoned and the American Relief commission and the Quakers do not even touch parts of the territory. It was for this reason that the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief has decided to distribute directly through the Rus-



TEN MILLION CHILDREN TO BE FED Reports of American relief workers in Russia say there are 10,000,000 children to be fed over there, otherwise they will die in the next two months.

greatly damaged means of communication. Draft animals were seized and carried away and wherever grain could be found this too was carted out of the valley by the retreating armies under Kolchak, Deniken and others. The unprecedented drouth then put the finishing touches upon the devastation wrought by seven years of war and this explains why millions in this valley are facing slow death by starvation.

**Eat Mice and Locusts.** In August a cry went out to the world that millions were actually starving, living from day to day on acorns, locusts, field mice, grass, bark from the trees and the sun-parched clay of the earth, and that if help were not immediately forthcoming the famine of the Volga valley of Russia would in the short space of six or eight months take a greater toll of human life than the World War.

This acute condition was called to the immediate attention of the governments of the world and the United States government sent a mission to Russia with a corps of workers to relieve some of the distress. Colonel Haskell, who is in charge of the American relief work in Russia, said: "Two weeks ago the children in the Volga valley were dying by the thousands; today they are dying by the tens of thousands and in a month more they will be dying by the hundreds of thousands."

The American Relief commission is feeding at present somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 children in the Volga valley, but there are 10,000,000 to be fed if death is to be averted.

The United States government has

sian Red Cross which has local units organized in every section of the famine region and can get supplies to the people quicker than any other agency without the necessity of building up an expensive organization.

The Russian Red Cross is organized exactly as the American Red Cross and has the same international standing. It was recognized at the international conference of the Red Cross in Geneva, which certified that it administered relief without the distinction of sex, faith or political opinion, thus satisfying the essential requirements which must be met by every national Red Cross society. All money raised by the American Relief Committee for Russian Famine Relief is being used to purchase supplies inside the United States. These supplies will be shipped directly to Russia and the United States shipping board has made a special rate for this purpose. The American committee reserves the right to supervise the distribution of these supplies.

Ten United States senators, many representatives in congress, 11 western governors, mayors of most of the large western cities, more than 15 bishops of several denominations, leading educators and prominent business, and professional men and women from all walks of life regardless of race, creed, color and politics comprise the Committee for Russian Famine Relief and are taking an active part in this work.

The committee has opened headquarters at 405-409 Steinway building Chicago, and is rapidly completing state organizations throughout the Middle West. Local committees will be organized in every city and town in the country.

Specials for Saturday

BACON—Good Lean—Per lb. (By the Strip)...21c  
CHEESE—brick or cream—fresh—per lb.....29c  
PORK CHOPS—Good lean—per lb.....21c

Sugar---10 lbs. for 59c  
Oranges-- Good Sweet Navals-- Thin Skinned-- Medium Size-- Per Doz..... 25c  
With your order for \$1.00 allow 10

COOKIES—Fresh baked in Sioux City—per lb...20c  
HEBE—Tall cans—per can ..... 9c  
HEBE—Small cans—3 cans for .....14c  
CARNATION—Tall cans—per can .....13c  
CARNATION—Small cans—4 cans for .....25c  
MACARONI or SPAGETTI—3 pkgs for .....25c  
3 STAR Oats—30c Package .....24c  
LUNA SOAP—10 Bars for .....14c  
PEACHES—Blue Ribbon—dried and peeled— 2 lb. Package .....49c  
PINEAPPLE—Hawaian—Sliced—Per Can .....29c

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Public Sale!

Having decided to quit farming and move to town, I will offer all my personal property at public auction on the farm known as the Chas. Ostmeyer farm on the Meridian road, 1 mile east and 3 miles north of Homer, 2 miles west and 3 miles south of Dakota City, on

Thursday, February 23d

FREE LUNCH AT NOON. SALE STARTS AT 12:30.

5 head of Horses

1 black gelding, 9 years old, wt. 1400; 1 bay gelding, 9 years old, wt. 1400; 1 bay mare, 7 years old, wt. 1200; 1 sorrel mare, 8 years old, wt. 1200; 1 roan gelding, 10 years old, wt. 1200.

12 head of Cattle

8 good milk cows, all giving milk; 1 thoroughbred, coming 2 year old Red Polled bull, and 3 small calves.

17 head of Hogs

12 good brood sows, bred to farrow in April, 5 fall pigs and one thoroughbred Duroc Jersey boar.

Farm Machinery, Etc.

One 6-foot cut Planb binder; 1 Jones mower; 1 McCormick hay rake; 1 Hoosier seeder; 1 disc; 1 corn planter with 80 rods of wire; one 2-row Bailer cultivator, nearly new; 1 P. & O. riding cultivator; one tongueless cultivator; 1 Beggs wagon and grain box; 1 wagon with hay rack; 1 wagon with Waterloo manure spreader box; 2 top buggies, one nearly new; 1 Emerson 16-inch sulky plow; one 16-inch walking plow; 1 hand corn sheller; 1 hog waterer; 1 tank heater; one 1 1/2 horse, Wisconsin gasoline engine; 1 power washing machine; one 8-gallon barrel churn; 1 bob-sled; 1 feed bunk; throw boards; wire cribbing and hog wire; 1 garden plow complete; one 50-gallon coal oil barrel; 1 hog oiler; 1 V hog house; 1 Dairy Maid International cream separator; 3 sets of work harness; and many other articles.

1200 bushels of Corn in crib. 500 bushels of Oats in bin. 1 straw stack 10 DOZEN BARRED ROCK CHICKENS.

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