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HOME BUILDING AND LOAN ASS'N MAY BE STARTED IN O'NEILL

Samuel N. Reep, of Minneapolis, Minn., Looking Over Prospects In This City for Federal Government.

Samuel N. Reep, field organizer for the Federal Home Loan Board, Washington, D. C., was in the city today and favored this office with a short call.

Mr. Reep is the president of the Home Building and Loan Association, of Minneapolis, Minn., and is in the employ of the government temporarily in assisting in the organization of Federal Savings and Loan Associations, and it was for the purpose of looking over this city with a view to the establishment of an association here, that Mr. Reep visited the city. The establishment of federal savings and loan associations were provided for in the Home Owners Loan Act, passed by congress in 1933.

Mr. Reep was very favorably impressed with this city as a business center and believes that this would be a splendid point for the establishment of a loan association. He pointed to the fact that this city has no loan association and that funds for building purposes had to be procured in other cities and that the money paid in on these loans had to be sent out of the city.

In order to secure a charter for an association it is necessary to secure thirty subscribers, subscribing to at least \$25,000 par value shares, and must pay in cash, upon the grant of the charter, at least \$2,500. Officers of the association, including president, secretary, treasurer and members of the board of directors, will be selected from among those who subscribe to stock in the association.

Mr. Reep left the city this afternoon for the eastern part of the state, but expects to return here in a week or ten days and interview the people of the city with a view to the establishment of an association and if our residents are desiring the organization of such an association here, it will be organized.

State Relief Officers Here For Meeting

Six persons from the state relief bureau at Lincoln were in the city last Thursday afternoon and evening and held meetings with the relief workers from the counties of Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock, Cherry, Brown, Garfield and Blaine counties as announced a couple of weeks ago.

Those in the party were: Harry D. Elmore, state relief officer for Nebraska; Margaret Anderson, supervisor for family relief in the state; Thelma Barr, from the book-keeping department of the state relief board; Ella B. Grimstead, field nurse from the state relief office; Jack Woods, field director for the CWA who spoke on the CWA at the meeting.

Public meetings were held and private interviews were had with the relief workers from the different counties represented. The director of federal relief, who was to have been present was unable to come on account of illness.

Corn-Hog Meeting Schedule

Corn-hog educational meetings will be held at the following places in Holt county. The corn-hog organization and contracts will be taken up in detail at these meetings. A great deal of information has been circulated concerning the corn-hog program. Come to your nearest meeting place and find out the details of the plan.

The place and time of the meetings follow:

- Paddock Hall, Friday, January 19.
- Stuart Theater, Monday, January 22.
- Scottville Hall, Tuesday, January 23.
- Page High School Building, Wednesday, January 24.
- Ewing Sale Pavillion, Thursday, January 25.
- Atkinson Memorial Hall, Friday, January 26.
- Dorsey School, Saturday, January 27.
- Phoenix Store, Monday, January 29.
- Cleveland Church, Tuesday, January 30.
- Amelia Hall, Wednesday, January 31.
- Chambers Hall, Friday, February 2.
- O'Neill High School Building, Saturday, February 3.

All of the above meetings are scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

J. J. Schweitzer, now living at Milford, who left the north country here about twenty years ago, one day last week received a wire stating a sister died in Omaha. That day another sister died at Milford.

Local Lions Club Surrenders Charter

The local Lions Club have surrendered their charter, but will continue their organization as a booster club for the city of O'Neill. They have not yet selected a name for the new organization, into which they expect to enlist all the business men of the city. The members of the club decided that during these times, especially, the \$4.50 annual dues for each member that had to be remitted to headquarters could be used to benefit the people of our own community and for that reason decided to surrender their charter.

ST. MARY'S DEFEATS SPALDING IN THREE BASKETBALL GAMES

Spalding Teams Are Unable To Pull One Game Out of the Fire In Three Starts.

Last Sunday afternoon the St. Mary's academy basketball players had a sort of field day here on the academy gymnasium floor. Three teams from the academy at Spalding, Neb., were defeated as fast as they could get on the floor and go thru their motions.

In first team play the local academy boys defeated Spalding academy 35 to 17. In this contest Peter Price, of St. Mary's, piled up 11 scores without overdoing himself.

Second teams then took the floor and when the final whistle sounded the score was 9 to 4 in favor of St. Mary's. Francis Price, a brother to Peter, proved himself another scoring machine at work for St. Mary's.

Alumni teams of both schools took the floor and the result placed another feather in the caps of the St. Mary's players; St. Mary's 31, Spaulding 24.

At Chambers last Friday evening Chambers and St. Mary's basketballers matched skill at basketball and the St. Mary's athletes won, 24 to 10.

One of First White Women In County Still Living Here

There is, living in southeast O'Neill today, a woman who once had a hard time finding what is now the county seat. She is Mrs. Caroline Stebner, 78. In the year 1856 she was born in Marquette county, Michigan, and in the year 1881 she started driving a yoke of oxen from Wisconsin to the promised land, Holt county.

Due to one of her oxen becoming lame at Sioux Falls, she says, she failed to carry out her plans. A team of mules was hitched in place of the oxen and the determined driver cracked her whip until most of the Eagle valley resounded with the echo.

Near Niobrara City, one day was required in crossing the Missouri. She was in Holt county six months before she saw another white woman.

In order to have John Smoot take her picture here, she rode an Indian pony and finally found the town by following an Indian path. She was on her way from morning until evening.

Mrs. Stebner experienced many very unusual happenings, but the one outstanding to her still is the long and tiresome pony ride across bleak prairie to reach the magical John Smoot.

R. J. McAllister Dead At California Home

R. J. McAllister, one of the pioneer residents of this county, died at Compton, California, last week, following a paralytic stroke. He was about 65 years of age and had been a resident of this county for over 50 years, formerly living north of this city, but for several years having made his home in Atkinson, where he was engaged in the real estate business.

"Radio" Brown To Be Here

Rev. R. R. Brown, of Omaha, who has become known throughout the west as "Radio" Brown, on account of his association with WOW at Omaha where he broadcasts a religious service every Sunday morning, will be in O'Neill on Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23 and will speak at the K. C. Hall on Monday and Tuesday nights. The services will commence at 7:30 with a musical program. On Tuesday afternoon he will conduct a service at the Episcopal church. Following these services Rev. Paul Berg, pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance of Norfolk, will begin a series of spiritual meetings in the Episcopal church to continue every night and on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Shobert Edwards went to Plainview Sunday to visit friends and relatives for several days.

Mrs. Clark Young, Early Pioneer, Passes Away

Mrs. Clark Young, 68, one of the pioneers of the Mineola country, died at her home northeast of this city at noon today, after an illness of three weeks. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Methodist church in this city and burial will be in the cemetery at Mineola. Obituary notice next week.

Must Continue Farming To Receive Benefits

The corn-hog contract does not require that the signer raise any corn or hogs in 1934, but he must continue to farm the land he signs up. He cannot quit farming and draw benefit payments for corn and hog reduction.

Few farmers will go completely out of corn or hogs even though the corn-hog contract permits them to do so. They may need the acreage or the hog numbers for a base in signing up future contracts.

A retiring hog producer, one who will not farm at all in 1934, can assign his hog base to a beginner starting to farm in 1934. The new man must live in the same county and must farm as large a farm as the retiring producer farmed in 1932-33. Neither the retiring nor the new producer gets benefit payments on the hog base, but the new producer can raise hogs up to 75 per cent of his assigned base, and then take advantage of the corn part of the corn-hog contract.

The man who started to farm for the first time in 1933 may use the one year for his hog base. If he farmed before but had hogs only one year of the two, 1932 and 1933, he must divide his number of hogs by two to get his base.

Corn Loan Applicants Must Sign Corn-Hog Contract

W. H. Brokaw, state corn-hog administrator at the agricultural college in Lincoln asked agricultural agent Rooney to caution all farmers in the county who are thinking of taking out the corn loans between now and the first of March to make sure that they can comply with the corn-hog contract. Sample copies of the contract are now available and some of the administrative rulings have come into the agricultural agent's office.

In signing up the corn loan note, the farmer agrees to enter into the corn-hog contract and to reduce his corn acreage at least 20 per cent and his hog numbers 25 per cent below the average of the last two years.

Landlords and tenants who rent for share rent should each make certain that the other party is willing to sign the corn-hog contract before anything is done to get a corn loan. All farm operators should look over the corn-hog contract and make sure that there is nothing irregular in their own personal cases to keep them from signing up the contract before they take out the corn loan.

In signing the corn loan the farmer accepts the money under the condition that the government will take over the corn on August 1, providing the market price of corn is less than 45 cents and also providing that the farmer signs the corn-hog contract and complies with its regulations. If the farmer cannot sign the corn-hog contract, the government may require him to pay back the money or to turn the corn and make up the difference between the open market price and 45 cents per bushel. Should the price of corn go up above 45 cents on the market, the farmer of course, can pay back the money and keep or sell the corn.

Give Shower and Dance

A shower, card and dance-to-midnight was held last Saturday evening for an enterprising young couple who may be among the married couples soon. The affair was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNichols, northwest of town. Among those present were the following and their wives: P. V. Hickey, James Fleming, Jack Quig, James McDermott, John Hickey, J. B. T. J. and T. F. Donohoe, Martin Stanton, Thomas Edwards and Freeman Arbo.

Also present, James Carney, Emmet and Jimmy Soukup, Peter Donohoe, John McNichols, Catherine Stanton, Hazel Breederhaft, Art Dooty, Mrs. Joseph Cuddy, Mrs. Mary Zastrow and daughter, and Mrs. Esther Cole Harris. There were about 70 present, a great number being children of high school age.

The St. Patrick's Catholic church Sodality society is offering a dance and card party at the Knight of Columbus hall tomorrow evening.

Edward Adams, the Chambers banker, was looking after business in this city last Saturday.

ENTERTAIN THREE PIONEER MOTHERS AT AFTERNOON TEA

Mrs. O. F. Biglin, Mrs. J. P. O'Donnell and Mrs. J. J. McCafferty Entertained By Their Daughters.

A very unique and pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. O. F. Biglin last Thursday when three pioneer mothers and their daughters met for a pleasant hour. The mothers: Mrs. O. F. Biglin, Mrs. J. P. O'Donnell and Mrs. J. J. McCafferty. The daughters: Anna O'Donnell, Genevieve Biglin, Mrs. F. N. Cronin and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher.

A delightful three course luncheon was served by Mrs. Biglin's daughters during which Mrs. Cronin slipped quietly from the room, returning shortly arrayed in her mother's wedding gown, a gorgeous midnight blue taffeta affair of bosque style waist and gathered skirt, with double knife pleated flounce around the bottom, crinoline lined, so that when it touched the floor it stood by itself, a marvel of workmanship in design and antiquity. Over a half century old and yet as fresh as it came from its bed of tissue as though it had been assembled a week ago.

So great was the admiration and delight of the guests that she again disappeared and came back into the room, this time modeling a frock of her grandmother's, a beautiful deep royal purple of Victorian Imperial style, of rare loveliness and charm—breathing of the long ago—reminding one of gossamer and old lace.

Many interesting tales of the rough frontier of civilization were related by these three pioneer women as they gazed across the tea cups into the space of yesterday, recapturing in memory many instances long since thought forgotten.

To Mrs. O'Donnell goes the prize for outstanding memory as she recalls back to the time when O'Neill was just a whistling post along a wagon trail to the hills and there was but one well to supply the town's demand and also the terrific prairie fire that came roaring and sweeping down on them from across the river, eating acre after acre of the best grass land, leaving nothing in its wake but dust, smoke and cinders and yet how a handful of grim, undaunted settlers, by their courageous, industrious work and toil, saw raised from the waste land this prosperous little city of O'Neill, with its flourishing ranches and farms outlying, second to none for its size in any land, with its schools, its churches and its splendid citizens.

If you wish for a pleasant afternoon just try grouping a few people of different generations. It will prove entertaining and educational. xxx

County Fair Board Elect New Officers

The Holt County Agricultural Society and Fair Association re-organized at the regular meeting January 15th, with the following line-up: George H. Coleman, Inman, president; Joe McNichols, O'Neill, vice president; John L. Quig, O'Neill, secretary-treasurer; Fred Robertson, George Agnes, Margaret Davidson, Ray Calvert, all of O'Neill, and William Graver, of Ewing, directors.

The dates for the 1934 fair were set for September 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

Mashes Finger Piling Logs

Last Thursday afternoon while Charles and Ray Lawrence were blasting giant cottonwood trees apart for use as fuel, Ray suffered a mashed finger on his left hand. In piling a length of tree the log slipped, landing on the finger, which he may be unable to use for several weeks.

The Lawrence brothers, operators of the Thomas Carlon homestead just south of town, say they have one pile of cottonwood logs they estimate at a weight in excess of 100 tons. After seasoning one year, the fuel is to be sold to fuel consumers here next winter.

NUPTIALS

Timmerman-Singleman
Fred Timmerman, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Timmerman, and Greta Singleman, 29, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Singleman, were married here last Saturday afternoon by Rev. H. D. Johnson, of the Presbyterian church. This couple will make a home on a farm eight miles northwest of Royal, Nebraska.

Edward Adams, the Chambers banker, was looking after business in this city last Saturday.

O'Neill High Cagesters Take Two From Butte, Losing One To Spencer

The first and second basketball teams of Butte came to O'Neill Wednesday evening and when the smoke of battle had cleared it was found O'Neill had won both games, the first 11 to 10 and the second team contest 16 to 8.

Spencer took the O'Neill public school basketball team to a cleaning last Friday evening on the O'Neill floor, to the tune of 27 to 11. Reserve teams of the public school and St. Mary's academy here helped entertain the spectators, the academy team winning.

Conditions Don't Show Improvement for Farmer

We read continually in the daily press that times are improving for the farmers thruout the country and that they are much better than they were a year ago, but many farmers in this section fail to see the improvement. One in particular is of the opinion that times are a long way from being as good as they were a year ago, as far as the farmer is concerned.

This particular farmer, living north of this city, about ten days ago shipped 21 head of hogs to market. They were all good clean Poland China shoats and weighed 2,170 pounds, or an average of 103½ pounds each. These hogs sold on the Sioux City market for \$2.25 per hundred, or a total of \$48.82. Out of this total he had to pay \$6.51 for trucking; yardage, bedding, at 42 cents, etc., including one bushel of corn at 90 cents, \$5.41; commission \$5.25, or a total of \$17.17, leaving him a balance for his hogs of \$31.65, or a little less than \$1.51 for each hog.

During the time that this particular farmer had these hogs on feed he fed them 200 bushels of corn, which at the local market price, was worth \$66. In addition to the other feed he fed them, so he received \$34.35 cents less for the hogs than he had expended in raising them, to say nothing about his labor. It is easy to see that the farmers of the country will not even be able to exist, let alone pay off their indebtedness, unless price conditions increase materially.

That the farmer is worse off today than he was a year ago is proven by the fact that the above mentioned farmer could purchase nearly twice as much with his \$31.65 a year ago as he can today, the price of everything that he has to buy having greatly increased in value, while that which he has to sell has been decreasing.

O'Neill Gets Organization of Holt County Red Cross

At the annual meeting of the members of the Red Cross, held at Atkinson last Thursday afternoon, Dr. L. A. Carter, of O'Neill, was elected president; George A. Miles, of O'Neill, secretary and F. N. Cronin, of O'Neill, treasurer. The headquarters of the organization will be in this city for the ensuing year.

The following were elected as directors for the ensuing year: M. Hunter, Page; D. A. Criss, Stuart; Mrs. Alma Farrier, Chambers; Elwin Smith, Inman; James Butler, Ewing; Mrs. D. Stannard, O'Neill; H. A. Snyder, Atkinson.

Breken Elbow Mending

Junior, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, was removed from Norfolk last Monday to his home here and he is attending school. His arm, broken in the elbow joint in a fall off a pony here December 22, is encased by a steel splint that permits moving the arm joint daily to prevent permanent stiffness and to allow adjustments. For days it looked like junior might have a stiff arm or lose part of the member, the break was so serious.

Receives Checks For Boyd County Farmers

Agricultural Agent J. W. Rooney has received 92 checks, totaling \$3,311.00 which he will distribute to farmers of Boyd county, who signed the wheat reduction program, at Butte and Lynch next Saturday. This is the first payment. Checks for the Holt county farmers, who signed the wheat reduction program have not been received yet, but they are expected any day.

Tilden Bake Shop Closed

The Tilden bake shop, which has been operated in this city for the past year, closed up last week. Miss Hartigan, who had charge of the bake shop, has gone to Tilden where she has a position in the bakery.

ESCAPE FATAL INJURY AS CAR DEMOLISHED IN COLLISION WITH TRUCK

John Kersenbrock and Family Have Lucky Escape In Accident 20 Miles South of O'Neill.

Miraculously, the John Kersenbrock family and an 18 year old niece, Miss Ruth Kratavil, of Osmond, escaped instant death last Sunday night at 11:30 at a point about 20 miles south of here and a few miles south of the Edward Porter filling station on highway 281.

The Kersenbrock car, a Studebaker eight sedan, on which was registered 21,000 miles, costing \$1,657, was reduced to worthless junk in a collision with a truck.

Kersenbrock and his family had been to Lincoln and were traveling north and toward O'Neill. The machine was making about 40 miles an hour.

A truck traveling south hugged the left side of the road, when he should have been over on the other side, and Mr. Kersenbrock endeavored to make a quick swing around it. His machine struck or the truck struck his machine, tearing through it. The truck swerved went into a ditch, through a fence and into a pasture where it was halted.

The name of the driver is believed to be Robert Schurscht and his home is said to be at Spalding.

Mr. Kersenbrock said he was told the trucker had been about 80 miles west of Valentine and had no sleep Saturday night, Sunday nor Sunday night, apparently leaving him in an extremely drowsy condition. On the truck was a tractor, disc and harrow.

John says he awoke to find blood gushing from a forehead cut. He pronounced himself dead and again became unconscious, awakening to find himself the coldest he had ever been.

Passersby gave the five injured persons a ride to the Porter station. Girls with basket ball players from Spalding, who played three games here at St. Mary's Academy Sunday, noticing lights and much activity at the station as they traveled south, stopped and at once rendered first aid to the injured.

Mr. Kersenbrock says the work of the girls is something he shall remember with pleasure as long as he lives. He added that he plans to make a special trip to Spalding, identify each of the girls and thank them.

Those in the automobile were John Kersenbrock, his wife, two sons, Dale and Jack, about 12 and 14 years old, and Miss Ruth Kratavil, 18 of Osmond. All were shocked and all suffered cuts and bruises and wrenched muscles.

John and his son, Dale, were cut on the forehead; the muscles on John's left arm from elbow to wrist wrenched loose; Mrs. Kersenbrock was cut slightly and Ruth Kratavil suffered a bruised forehead; Jack received an injured leg and is in his bed until the extent of his injuries can be determined. He may be injured internally.

The injured were placed under the care of Dr. W. F. Finley as soon as they were brought to town.

The wrecked machine was brought here by the Mellor Motor Company wrecker and hundreds who have seen the car admitted it the most completely ruined machine they have seen. All admit there must have been a miracle to permit five persons to live after riding in a car so twisted and skeletonized.

After the wreck John found the key of the car in a pants pocket. He does not know how it got there. In a shirt pocket he found two pieces of glass. He cannot explain how they got there through a sweater and overcoat.

About the time the girl nurses from Spalding were dressing and washing the wounds of the injured at the Porter station, another type of human being was working on the wreckage. The heater, horn and brass shift-gear knob was stolen and an effort at removing the three tires was not successful only because the unknown could not muster enough power.

Mr. Kersenbrock said he carried insurance on his car. He said that he had passed thousands of cars between Lincoln and Grand Island without danger, then smashed on one of the lonliest stretches of highway in Nebraska.

Hundreds of persons called Monday to offer John and family congratulations on their escape from death. His telephone kept him on the jump. Farmers telephoned congratulations. John says that "the Lord must have had His arms around me that time."

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, Palm Sunday on March 25, and Easter Sunday on April 1.