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HAY SALES A LARGE FACTOR IN INCREASE IN TAX PAYMENTS

Taxes Paid in During First Three Months Of 1934 Exceed 1933 Total By \$79,223.30.

The amount of money received in this county for the sale of hay, and the corn loans is partly shown in the receipts of the county treasurer's office during the past three months. A year ago there was no demand for hay and the price of corn was so low that not many farmers disposed of this crop. While the price of corn is not much better this year, many of the farmers took advantage of the corn loan and received 45 cents per bushel for their cribbed corn, less the expense. The drought in South Dakota made a ready market for all the surplus hay in the county and many farmers sold off from their meadows three years crops, receiving a fairly good price for the hay, thus enabling them to pay up their taxes.

During the months of January, February and March, 1933, there was paid into the office of county treasurer in taxes the sum of \$49,419.17, divided as follows: January \$21,203.67; February \$12,360.11; March \$15,855.39.

During the months of January, February and March, 1934, the county treasurer's office received the sum of \$128,642.47 in taxes, divided as follows: January, \$22,586.85; February, \$37,021.47; March, \$69,034.15, or an increase in the amount of taxes paid in the first three months of this year of \$79,223.30 over the amount paid in the same three months of last year.

Of the amount of taxes paid in the first three months of 1933 \$18,707.47 was back taxes and the sum of \$31,711.70 was current taxes.

During the same months of this year the amount of back taxes paid in was \$44,375.58 and the amount of current taxes paid was \$84,266.89.

Now, if the price of cattle and hogs would go up to where they should be it would not be long until the county treasury would again be in good financial condition.

Holt County Holds Thirty-fifth Place

In the year 1933 the residents of this county paid into the county treasury the sum of \$15,814.13 for automobile licenses on their cars and trucks. Thirty-four counties in the state paid more than did this county, which ranked thirty-fifth in the state in the amount of money paid for this purpose.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Helma Widfeldt and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Carl Dahlstein was operated on for a tumor on Wednesday. Dr. Wilson, of Stuart, helped with the operation.

Dr. W. J. Douglas was re-elected mayor of Atkinson and only a few wrote in names against him. The doctor received 279 votes and his nearest opponent received 39. Fred H. Swingley was elected treasurer, Harry A. Snyder clerk and W. S. Morgan police magistrate. The successful candidates for places on the board of education were E. V. Hickok and Otto Gloor, while I. R. Dickerson was defeated. The vote was Gloor 332, Hickok 248 and Dickerson 218. About half the Atkinson electors cast votes and there were no red hot issues.

More than 5,000 crows in a compact mass flew over this city last Tuesday evening and nature students surmised the birds were electrically agitated because of some strange behavior of the weather to prevail within the next few days. The weather was somewhat rampagious at that.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gallagher came up from Lincoln last Friday afternoon for a few days visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Ed. F. Gallagher, who had been visiting at the Gallagher home in Lincoln for several weeks, returned home with them. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher returned home Sunday.

Sunday a great number of youngsters splashed in the Elkhorn, believed the earliest swimming on record in Holt county. Do you know anyone swimming here any year before April 8? The bathers reported the water cold when first encountered and that the hot atmosphere made the plunge a pleasure after the first wetting.

Railway crossings on highway No. 281 have been widened to correspond to the new grade south of town.

Selections Made For City Appointments

Mayor-elect John Kersenbrock has made his selections for three of the appointments to be made by him after he takes over the reins of city government, early next month. The men that he has selected for these three positions are substantial men and their selection for the positions they have been selected for, will, we believe, receive universal approval from the people of the city. John Martin will be the new chief of police; Emmet Harmon will be the city attorney and Jess Scofield will be the engineer at the pump station.

Political Pot Warming Up

The coming political battle in this county gave evidence the latter part of last week of showing some signs of life, four filings being made last Saturday for county offices, two of them being for the office of county superintendent, one for county treasurer and one for sheriff. Henry D. Grady, former sheriff of this county, cast his hat into the ring as a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. Mr. Grady made a splendid record as sheriff and will prove a strong contender for the nomination and election.

Ben T. Winchell, former register of deeds of this county and for several years an employee in the court house, filed for the democratic nomination for county treasurer.

Miss Grace Joyce, of O'Neill, filed for the nomination on the non-political ballot for the office of county superintendent.

Miss Frances Tomjack, of Ewing, filed for the non-political nomination for the office of county superintendent. This makes three filings for this office: Mrs. Parker, the incumbent, Miss Joyce and Miss Tomjack.

Minnie Parks, Of Page, Dead From Pneumonia

Mrs. Minnie Grace Parks, wife of Harold J. Parks, of Page, died Wednesday of an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Parks was born near Page May 24, 1904. She married on Christmas day, December 25, 1921. Her father was William Park, and when she married she changed her name only to the extent of adding one "s."

Mrs. Parks leaves her husband, her mother, three brothers and six sons to mourn her sudden death. The sons are: Harold H., Homer L., Wayne G., Robert L., Maurice C., and Merwin L.

The funeral of Mrs. Parks will be held Friday, April 13, at 2 o'clock with services at the Page Methodist church and burial is to be at the Page cemetery.

Boys' Honor Club Party

The Boy's Honor Club of the Methodist church, under the direction of Archie Bowen, attended a party in the basement of the church Wednesday evening. A great variety of good things to eat was on hand, but not for long after the call to lunch sounded. The following boys have joined this club: Donald and Pat Mitchell, Ralph and Ned Porter, Gerald Leach, Martin Van Every, Harold McCleese, Eldon Harbottle, Herbert and Berwyn Shaver, Morris Kirkpatrick, Howard and George Dahlstein, Donald Bowen, Laverne Lynch, Junior Harris, Norman Slopper, Junior Vanderlinden and Frankie Pettijohn.

Rev. F. J. Aucock is the leader and Archie Bowen the manager.

There was a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the K. C. hall here of the extension project clubs and James W. Rooney, retiring extension agricultural agent, there made a farewell speech and introduced F. M. Reece, who came here from Valentine to become Holt county agricultural agent. Mr. Rooney recently was named as secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill Production Credit association and resigned his position as Holt county farm agent.

Jeremiah Murphy, who would have been 94 years of age had he lived one more day, died at the home of a son near Stuart. He landed in the United States when but 11 years old and in 1875 he married Bridget O'Neill, of Toronto, Canada. In 1880 he came to O'Neill and the next spring he homesteaded four miles south of Stuart. He lived in Atkinson and also at Miami, Florida, for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashton, of Neligh, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wyant Sunday. Sunday was the thirty-first anniversary of the Ashtons. Mr. Ashton is proprietor of the Westland Studio at Neligh.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Frank Froelich made a trip to Norfolk last Monday, returning home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sholes and children, living southeast of this city, were here shopping Saturday and visiting at the George Van Every home.

John Tomjack, of Ewing, and Miss Regina Kellhoff, of Clearwater, were granted a marriage license in county court last Thursday afternoon.

John Johnson, Burlington section foreman at Plainview, his wife and son, Charles, spent Sunday here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards.

James Rika, of Bonesteel, South Dakota and Miss Bertha Dawson, of Spencer, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday afternoon.

A flock of sandhill cranes numbering 100, noisily passed this point last Saturday evening, trumpeting their joy at sight of Holt county under a low hung April sun.

Kid fisherman tried their luck Saturday at various fishing holes along the Elkhorn and some brought home big catches and others big stories of the ones that got away.

The rural school taught by Bessie Fuller, daughter of Levi Fuller, near the Chester Ross farm near Red Bird, closed last Friday with a cake and ice cream treat for everybody.

Box car homes of workmen of the Burlington department of bridges and buildings were sidetracked here Monday. The men are rebuilding the Burlington stockyards east of town.

A country visitor said there is to be a picnic for pupils of the John Belar school six miles west of here, on May 11. Helen O'Connell is the teacher's name, the informant said.

Gerald, 22, son of Mrs. T. F. Donohoe, north of this city, came home to see his father who was seriously ill from an attack of pneumonia. Gerald has been in an Oregon CCC camp.

James Payne, of Sheridan, Wyoming, formerly a resident of this county, arrived in the city the first of the week for a few days visit with his cousins the Shoemaker boys south of this city.

George Urlaub has been somewhat under the weather the past week from a peculiar affliction wherein the saliva ducts on one side of his cheeks failed to function, causing a swelling on one side of his face.

Mrs. Edward Campbell entertained the Martez Club at her home last Monday evening. Mrs. C. F. McKenna, Mrs. Ed. M. Gallagher, Mrs. Ivan Kinsman and Mrs. P. B. Harty were the prize winners.

Following a little north wind the other day, "Big Hank" Tomlinson remarked that if this thing kept on, the assessors of South Dakota may have to come to Nebraska to assess South Dakota real estate.

Members of the Nebraska State banker's association will meet at Norfolk in annual convention April 23. Only members of Group No. 3 are to gather there. Several prominent bankers are to speak.

With the finding of about 4,000 machine gun cartridges near Yankton by a boy it was believed Clyde Barrow, much sought bandit, had passed thru Nebraska early this week and may be in South Dakota in some hideout.

It is reported in other papers that Harry L. Hopkins and 200 railroads have agreed that after January 1, 1935, there is to be no more free riding on trains. Hitch hiking is to be stopped also, the report indicates.

Mrs. E. J. Velder, of Bonesteel, S. D., was in the city last Friday evening on her way to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Velder has been for the past six weeks working in the interest of the star route carriers of the country.

Hikers Sunday reported a gold colored bug, shaped like a potato bug, stung them like mosquitos do, only the wounds burned more intensely. The bug was described as a little smaller than a Lady bug and numerous. What is the name of this insect?

BONUS SUGGESTED TO REDUCE DAIRY STOCK

Would Use Some Method Of Persuading Dairymen To Reduce Their Herds.

Nebraska dairymen will find it easy to reduce the amount of dairy products marketed if the tentative dairy adjustment program goes thru. The plan, as announced at regional conferences, is based on the amount of milk marketed, rather than the amount produced.

M. L. Flack, extension dairyman of the Nebraska college of agriculture, says the plan gives housewives an opportunity to help out. Most farm families in Nebraska use about all the milk and cream and butter they want on the table but all could use a little more if they felt they were getting paid to do it.

Thousands of cans of cream in Nebraska come from red cows that have been milked during the "depression" in order to supply the farm family with a little spending money. It will be no trouble at all to put a couple of calves on each of the red cows to be taken out of production in 1934, under the tentative proposal.

Some poorer producing cows may be culled from the dairy herds and sent to market. Some fair producers may move into areas where families need a cow apiece to produce milk and butter for home use. Good dairy breeders, it is thought, will delay breeding their heifers for a few months and possibly sell their old cows a little sooner than usual. Both of these practices are good dairy herd management anytime.

The federal dairy adjustment program, however, awaits final decision of dairymen convening in regional conferences. Nebraska was represented at the Kansas City meeting last week where several changes in the tentative plan were proposed. One would include the paying of a bonus on cows sold above normal culling in order to reduce the surplus.

Federal Farm Bonds Selling Above Par

James F. O'Donnell, secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill national farm loan association of O'Neill, recently received word from the Governor of the Federal Farm Mortgage Administration Wm. I. Myers, telling him of the ready reception which farmers and their creditors are giving to the bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation which are now being tendered by the Federal Land bank of Omaha in place of cash in settlement of farmers' debts.

"These bonds have been selling in the large markets at a little above par, indicating a ready market for them. Just a week after the banks began using bonds instead of cash, the first bonds to be sold on the New York market were purchased at 100%. We anticipated these bonds which bear 3 1/4 per cent interest per annum would sell at par or above at the time we set the interest rate, for government bonds maturing in 1941, bearing the same rate were selling above par."

Mr. Myers pointed out that these bonds were not only exempt from local, state and federal taxation with the exception of the surtaxes, inheritance and gift taxes, but that they are as readily salable as government securities. He said they are being quoted in the metropolitan papers but if such quotations are not available readily to farmers that they will be given quotations if they will write to the Federal land bank of their district.

Sunday several boys said they picked up a bottle and were preparing to fire a .22 caliber rifle at it when it was noticed there was a piece of paper in the bottle. The note was said to hold the legend: "Lloyd Davidson, O'Neill, July 1, 1932." It may have been hoped the note should be read in the vicinity of the South Sea Islands, but we are sorry to have to report, the bottle made just exactly one half mile since July 1, 1932.

Spring burst to full glory here last Saturday and Sunday when summer temperatures prevailed and all of nature's sleeping children awoke and stirred about. The fine weather is still with us although there are slight variations of breezes and temperature drops.

Eric Borg, one of the energetic farmers of the Agee neighborhood, was a pleasant caller at this office last Monday afternoon and advanced his subscription to this disseminator of the news of Holt county and this section of the state.

Holt County Has 1,396 On Corn-Hog Contracts

The Corn-Hog reduction sign-up was completed Saturday, April 7th, with 1396 contracts signed in Holt county.

The total corn base which is under contract is 106,922.2 acres, or 75 per cent of the total corn acreage in the county. The hog base under contract is 72,042.5 or 82 per cent of the total hogs raised and marketed in the county. According to these figures approximately \$410,000 will be paid to Holt county farmers as a result of the corn-hog reduction program.

Seventeen Regional Offices Assigned for Reemployment

Seventeen regional offices are to have dominion in Nebraska over re-employment, Francis Cornell, state re-employment director reported. He added that twenty-six counties have been closed to re-employment because no public works are planned in them.

In the new regional offices will be members of a staff of 135 persons and the offices are to function at the expense of the federal government until July 1, 1934. After that date the offices may function on a dollar matching basis if this is agreed to by the state.

Offices now established and the counties under their dominion are:

South Sioux City: Cedar, Dakota, Dixon.

Fremont: Saunders, Dodge, Burt and Washington.

Norfolk: Antelope, Knox and Madison.

Columbus: Butler, Platte, Boone, Nance and Colfax.

O'Neill: Keya Paha, Wheeler, Boyd Cherry and Holt.

Nebraska Hay Has Aided People Of South Dakota

An elevator company with headquarters in South Dakota set up an organization of offices in this vicinity January 1, for the purpose of purchasing hay for relief districts of South Dakota, and a few figures released by this firm will indicate the gigantic turnover hay underwent since the date mentioned.

This firm alone has sent to South Dakota 730 box cars of hay from the following points: Bassett, Stuart, Emmet, Lynch, Anoka, Bristow, Plainview, Neligh, Creighton, Humphrey, Clearwater, Ewing, Inman, Stafford and O'Neill.

One contract represented 1,275 tons of wild hay, the product of the Pat O'Connor acreage on upper Dry creek. A representative of this firm said they desired to thank the people of the O'Neill vicinity and the Northwestern railway company for satisfactory services and the thanks was offered on behalf of the destitute people of sections of South Dakota.

Hering-Kee

Theodore Hering, of Omaha, and Miss Wilma Kee, of O'Neill, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse at 10 o'clock last Monday morning. Rev. H. D. Johnson, officiating, in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Kee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kee, living northwest of this city, and is a young lady of charming and agreeable manners and personality, having a host of friends in this city and vicinity who wish her and the man of her choice a long and happy journey on the matrimonial sea.

The potato bug found a week ago at the Mike Johnson home is in a sorry plight. It ate a hole in a piece of raw potato, crawled in and continued a winter sleep. Now the potato is shrunk about him and is as hard as flint. The insect is to be watched to see if it can cut its way out of prison when it is time to eat some potato plants next June.

A meeting of the Holt County Baseball League will be held at O'Neill, Thursday, April 19 for the purpose of arranging a schedule, hearing applications for admittance of new members and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

John J. Harrington, President.

At many points crow hunts are being planned so as to give chickens, pheasants, quail and other feathered creatures half a chance this nesting season. Holt county literally is teeming with the craven right now. Why not choose up sides and give the crows the outside?

The highway running west thru here, No. 20, again looks like a length of front line trench with machinery and works in preparation for paving.

THOMAS DONOHOE IS DEAD FOLLOWING A TWO WEEKS ILLNESS

Had Been A Resident Of Holt County Since 1879, Coming Here When But A Small Boy.

Thomas Francis Donohoe died at his home, eight miles north of this city, last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia, at the age of 61 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Thomas F. Donohoe was born at Beaver Meadows, Penn., on May 12, 1872, and his parents moved to this county in the fall of 1879 where he had made his home ever since. On May 1, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McNichols, daughter of one of the pioneer families, who, with three sons, Joseph, Gerald and Clarence and one brother and three sisters are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent husband, father and brother. His brother is P. J. Donohoe, of Bonesteel, South Dakota, and his sisters are: Mrs. Catherine Matthews, Miss Anna, for many years county superintendent of this county, and Miss Agnes, all of this city and all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Donohoe was one of the outstanding citizens of this county, where he had resided for fifty-five years, nearly his entire lifetime. He was held in high esteem by everyone who had the honor of his acquaintance. At the time of his death he was the precinct assessor of his precinct, Shields, and had held various offices in that township where his sterling integrity, loyalty to his friends and any trust reposed in him and his love and devotion to his family and home life was known and recognized. As a boy and young man he endured all the hardships and vicissitudes of the pioneers of this county, but by untiring labor he surmounted all difficulties and was in a position to take life easy and enjoy the fruits of his labor, when he was called. He had been in failing health for the past three or four years, having an affection of the heart, but he was able to attend to his daily avocations until seized with an attack of pneumonia about two weeks ago, and, although he made a gallant fight, the condition of his heart made recovery impossible.

The funeral was held last Tuesday morning from the Catholic church Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest seen here in several months, which attested the esteem in which the deceased was held in this city and vicinity.

The Frontier joins their many friends in tendering the immediate family and other relatives its heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Sometimes nature puts boys to work without their knowing they are having anything but fun. In southeast O'Neill a huge cave was dug and when the roof caved, neighbors found the cave an ideal place to dump refuse, cans, wire, dead cats, and what have you you would rather not have. It was estimated the neighborhood has saved \$25 that would have gone to refuse haulers.

John McNulty, of Atkinson, was an O'Neill visitor last Saturday and favored this office with a pleasant call. Mr. McNulty owns the old O'Brien ranch northwest of this city, but is making his home in Atkinson. He has been a resident of the county for about 18 years and is one of the candidates for the democratic nomination for supervisor from District No. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn, of Gordon, Nebraska, visited here last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Clewish. Mr. Osborn went to Omaha to obtain storage tanks. A friend said he understood the Osborns were importing crude oil to Gordon from Wyoming and refining it for distribution in Nebraska.

George Van Every, state highway foreman, is operating on Highway No. 281, at a point near the Danzberger ranch three miles south of here, this week. Crews are placing a clay surfacing on the highway and oiling will be done later.

Tuesday afternoon looked like a dust storm here. It was not. Only a South Dakota zephyr cajoling the meteorological components of lower atmospheric stratifications.

Gardens are being plowed to right and left of us and chickens are doing the harrowing free of charge.