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LAST OF COUNTY'S VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR PASSES AWAY

James M. Stevens Dies At His Home In Page At The Age Of 94 Years.

James Madison Stevens died at his home in Page Wednesday night, after an illness of a couple of years paralysis and other ailments due to old age, at the age of 94 years, 10 months and 2 days. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church in Page and interment in the Page cemetery.

James M. Stevens was a native of Kentucky and moved with his parents to Indiana when in his teens where he grew to manhood. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in Company F, 42nd Regiment of Indiana Infantry and served nearly four years. He participated in many of the bloody battles of the war during his term of enlistment and came through without serious injury.

After the war was over he returned to his home in Indiana and on March 4, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Emiline Duncan at Princeton, Indiana. Four children were born to this union, three sons and one daughter, with their aged mother, who is about 95 years of age, are left to mourn the death of a kind, affectionate and loving husband and father. The children are: Ben, of Page; Earl, of Inman; Mrs. Carrie Strickland, of Princeton, Ind., and Logan, of Broadwater, Nebr.

Mr Stevens was one of the pioneers of the county, coming here 50 years ago, and ever since had made his home in Page and on his farm a few miles from there. He was the last survivor of the civil war veterans in this county, where they were numbered by the hundreds just a few years ago. He was the giant oak in that forest of men that once lived in this county, who had braved the fires of the men of the southern confederacy, in order that this republic of ours might be saved. But father time is inexorable and takes his toll and finally even the giant oak had to succumb to the natural ailments of man. He was a good citizen, a man who served his country in its hour of need, faithfully and well. The younger generation of men, who defended their country on foreign soil sixteen and seventeen years ago, should pay tribute to this last survivor of the "boys" of '61 and see that he is laid to rest with all military honors in the presence of the flag he loved so well and for which he had offered all he had to give, his life. By honoring him the Legion would be honoring themselves.

Mr. Stevens was a good citizen, a kind and loving husband, father and friend and his many friends over the county will be sorry to learn that "taps" has sounded.

Old Age Pension Commission Meets

The old age pension commission met at the court house in O'Neill, pursuant to the call of the county clerk at 2 o'clock p. m., Dec. 17th. All commissioners were present. Rules and regulations were adopted by the commission and officers were selected as follows: Dave Gimmell, Ewing, chairman; Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill, vice chairman, and John C. Gallagher, secretary.

After completing the organization, the commission adjourned to meet on the first Monday in January. There were a number of applications for old age pensions, but none of them were acted upon.

The commission was informed that there was less than \$300 in the county treasury. It is the wish of the commission that those who are entitled to an old age pension have their applications on file with the secretary, John C. Gallagher, by the first regular meeting which will be held on Monday, January 7th.

The committee consists of: Dave Gimmell, Ewing; Bert Shearer, Stuart; J. S. Hoffman, Chambers; Charles W. Kirkland, Atkinson, and Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill.

Each member of the commission was supplied with blank applications, and are authorized to take applications. Any person entitled to receive an old age pension should see one of the commission, or the

clerk, Mr. Gallagher, and get a blank and fill it out and either leave it with the member of the commission or send it to the secretary at O'Neill.

The commission recommends that these blanks be obtained and be given careful consideration in the matter of filling them out so that when they come before the commission they will be properly prepared. It was the opinion of the commission that no action should be taken until such time as applicants could get their petitions on file. The fund is so small that very little relief can be expected.

FARMERS SHORT OF FEED INDICATED BY A RECENT SURVEY

Plan On Shipping Shredded Corn Fodder Into Holt County To Use As Livestock Feed.

The County Drouth Committee called a meeting Monday to set up an organization to ship other forms of roughness into the county. Results of the recent feed survey show that out of 802 farmers reporting, 168 had sufficient feed. These reports covered over 34,000 head of livestock, but had only 27,000 tons of hay and roughage.

In view of this fact, a committee was selected to draft a plan for the county as a whole. Wm. Riege, Wm. Krotter, George Criss, Art Marquardt, Lewis Kopecky, Frank Brady, and I. L. Watson comprise the committee. The same committee suggested only one dealer in a town handle the feed in this manner. Moved by Mr. Higgins and seconded by Mr. Worden the following dealers will handle this feed for the county drouth committee:

William Krotter, Stuart; F. J. Brady, Atkinson; Guy Cole, Emmet; J. B. Ryan, O'Neill; Lewis Kopecky, Inman; R. O. Anderson, Ewing, and Page Farmers Union, Page.

It is felt this is the best way to handle the situation in order to get quick action on orders. Orders should be placed early so that supplies may be contracted.

The following resolution was adopted: Moved by Mr. Wm. Krotter and seconded by Mr. D. E. Bowen that County Agent Reece be instructed to locate sources of supply and publish regulations for handling thru dealer organizations already established in the county. Dealers are to receive 50 cents per ton to cover handling charges in less than carload lots, 25 cents per ton in carload lots. Farmers are to order feed thru dealers in advance and pay \$3.00 down payment. Down payment includes 50 cents per ton charge to cover shrinkage which is to be prorated on arrival of car and refunded to individuals if any balance is left. Motion carried. Members of the Committee were: M. B. Higgins, Roy Worden and D. E. Bowen.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. William Harty went home Friday, December 14. Little Margaret remained for a few days. She is gaining rapidly.

Mrs. Mildred Rayangus, of Ewing, entered the hospital Thursday, the 13th, and was operated on the next morning. She improved rapidly and went home Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tomlinson a son, Thursday morning, December 13.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamb on December 16, a daughter, weight five pounds.

Edward Crowley was brought in Monday, December 17, with three bones broken in his right leg.

John Kersbrock, mayor, tried out a new water conservation idea recently. Snow, cleaned off paving, 91 truck loads of it, instead of being dumped at the river, was put on his lawn which recently was plowed to increase its absorption propensities. In one Iowa town hit was announced snow hauling was halted because all the dump places were full. Kersbrock's scheme may save them money on short hauls and free snow water for next summer.

Ice skaters say the congealed water on Carlon's lake, the river and Donlin's Bayou is about four inches thick. Light snows, melting, roughened the surfaces. Several skaters suffered serious falls.

RECEIVE WORD OF FRANK McNICHOLS' DEATH AT SEATTLE

Body Found Floating In Puget Sound After Intensive Three Weeks Search

O'Neill relatives received word a little over a week ago that Frank McNichols, son of Mrs. Catherine McNichols who lives northwest of town, died in Seattle, Wash., but they lacked definite information until the latter part of last week. From information now at hand it appears that Mr. McNichols disappeared on November 13. For several years he had been engaged in the real estate business at Seattle, but since the depression had spent most of his time as an automobile salesman. On the date of his disappearance he sold some property for a friend of his and took the money received from the sale home, and gave it to the custody of his wife. This was about 12:30. He informed her that he would not be home until late that night as he wanted to attend a dinner given by an organization to which he belonged. That was the last time he was seen alive.

When he did not return that night or the next day his wife and friends enlisted the aid of the police and an extensive search was made for him, of his body, which was finally found in Puget Sound after three weeks intensive search.

The following account of the finding of the body is taken from a Seattle newspaper:

"Police and coroner's officials this afternoon were searching for a clue leading to the identity of a well-dressed man, believed to have a bullet wound in his head, found floating in Elliot bay at 2:30 p. m. by the harbor patrol.

"Following the taking out of the body between Pier 11B and Bell street, a quick examination by police threw no further light on the mystery.

"The man, according to police, was of heavy build and his clothing was that of a meticulous person. On one of his fingers was a gold signet ring inset with a diamond and bearing the initials 'F. McN.'"

"The body showed marks of violence, a hole about the size of a bullet and a scalp wound approximately the size of a hammer head.

"According to investigators, the body, which had been in the water about one month, was that of a man about 45 years old."

The following from a Seattle newspaper tells of the funeral:

"The Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. G. Stafford was celebrant of a Solemn mass of Requiem at the Cathedral yesterday for repose of the soul of Frank H. McNichols who was drowned in Puget Sound.

"Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Mary McNichols; mother, Mrs. Catherine McNichols; sisters, Mrs. Lottie Hickey and Mrs. Elizabeth Donohoe; Mrs. J. B. Donohoe; and brothers: John, Joe and Walter, all of O'Neill, Nebr., and a brother, William, of Butte, Mont.

"May he rest in peace."

Frank McNichols was raised in this vicinity, leaving here for Omaha something like 20 years ago, and then going to the west coast where he has resided for a number of years. It is presumed that some one had information that he had received money on the real estate sale that he had made, and was killed when an attempt was made to rob him. Frank had many friends among the old timers in this section who will regret to learn of his tragic death.

William H. Ohlund, aged about 65, was before the insanity commission last Wednesday morning, adjudged insane and turned over to the custody of the sheriff, as the hospitals are full. Mr. Ohlund was possessed with a mania to kill himself and he had to be watched constantly to keep him from succeeding in his desire. He was taken by the sheriff to Norfolk Wednesday afternoon where he will be committed to a private hospital for a time.

One of the "wonders of the world" here is the way Christmas shoppers "cleaned out" several stores this early in the Christmas buying game. Exact figures are not yet available but it looks like every merchant here transacted a satisfactory business.

James Enright Dies At Omaha

James Enright died at his home in Omaha Wednesday morning, after an illness of several months. He was about 70 years of age and was one of the pioneers of this county, but had been a resident of Omaha for about forty years. The funeral will be held Friday morning from St. Rose's church on the south side, Omaha.

Fire Fighting Equipment Causes Misunderstanding

Well boys, it was like this: Two O'Neill firemen, said to have been Chester Calkins and Roy Johnson, were out walking for their health on a side street December 6, the day the Legionnaires of Antelope, Knox, Boyd and Holt counties held their convention here.

The two firemen, whoever they were, saw a two-wheeled chemical fire truck trailer on a side street. There was a long and valuable hose and other articles someone might walk off with. So the cart was hauled for safe keeping.

A man, giving his name as Ralph McBrayer, believed of Ord, called on the sheriff here and he explained his fire extinguisher was missing, right in daylight and without leaving trace.

Quickly the sheriff wired the "thief" news to a Norfolk radio station and it was wafted over the prairies like wild fire. Firemen heard the appeals for the trailer, believed stolen by the sheriff and the owner, and they promptly wheeled her out and delivered it to the owner. The firemen were doing their duty. Their idea in housing the machine was to protect the light parts that were liable to be stolen. Of course, they did a lot of wondering as to how and why O'Neill found itself with one fire trailer too many.

The stranger finally pulled stakes with his trailer. A few hours after he left a telephone call, purporting to be from a sheriff at Fullerton, aroused Gerald Miles to reply that as far as anyone here was concerned, as far as he knew, neither the man nor trailer should be held.

As near as can be determined here the man started out with the intention of selling the extinguisher to some town or village in the market for this type of equipment.

Organized Agriculture Meetings Start Jan. 30

The silver anniversary of cow testing in Nebraska will be celebrated during the annual Organized Agriculture meetings on the college of agriculture campus in Lincoln early in January. Agricultural Agent Reece has been informed. Holt county dairymen have been invited to attend.

Little was known of cow testing in Nebraska before 1908 but today there are fifteen dairy herd improvement associations organized in the state with a membership of over 200. In 1929, the peak year, there were twenty nine associations in Nebraska. Organized on a cooperative basis, with a test on each herd once a month, the practice has been successful in determining "boarder cows" and determining feed costs.

A. L. Haecker was chairman of the dairy department of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture when the first testing association was organized in Douglas county. He helped foster the work. E. M. Little was manager of the Friesland Farms in Douglas county where the first association was organized. J. W. Dawson started keeping the records and W. C. Andreas finished the work. There were twenty-one herds in the association comprising 435 cows. The results showed how some cows were profitable producers and others were not. It was from this start that the present system of testing started.

ECONOMY LEAGUE MEETING

The Holt County Economy League will meet at O'Neill on Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2 p. m. Taxpayers are reminded that their interests are being guarded by local and state taxpayer's organizations. Support and attend meetings of your local league, and in that way, contribute to the support of the Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayer's Leagues.—Martin Conway, Secretary.

Everywhere the spunky whack of the axe resounds as householders smack oak or ash on cottonwoods, scrub oak or a few pinch hitters against husky coal bills.

The Frontier force wishes all its readers, both great and small, a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

1935 CORN AND HOG PROGRAM TO START EARLY IN JANUARY

Few Nebraska Farmers Expected To Increase Their Number Of Hogs In 1935.

Definite indications that the 1935 corn hog program can be started in Nebraska counties immediately after the first of the year were received at the state office in Lincoln the end of last week. Agricultural agents will start the ball rolling in all Nebraska counties early in January.

Very few more details about the 1935 program have been received but state administrators of the nearby states will get together shortly before Christmas to talk over plans and establish a fairly uniform method of procedure in all of the western corn belt states. Nebraska agricultural agents will hold their annual conference January 2 and will talk over state plans at that time.

Corn hog supervisors finishing up the 1934 program now report that farmers are very anxious to know the details of the 1935 contract. Many of them say they will sign if the program is as represented in the first announcement. A common question deals with the purchase of feeder pigs. The new contract permits a signer to buy feeder pigs from other contract signers. Those buying pigs at this time have been advised to get sales slips from the original producer of the pigs.

At present prices of corn and hogs, very few Nebraska farmers are planning to increase hog production in the spring of 1935. Supply of feed thruout much of the state will also affect the number of spring pigs farrowed. Provisions in the new contract that the signer can use the land taken out of corn will be attractive to both landlord and tenant, since the landlord will get his rent from the crop on the land as well as the benefit payment on the percentage of corn acreage reduction on the farm.

Take In Over 600 Toys At Christmas Show

The Christmas show given last Saturday morning by the American Legion with the cooperation of the Royal Theatre and the Columbia Pictures corporation, to secure toys for distribution to needy children, was a huge success. More than 500 children attended, and over 600 toys were taken in. The toys were in excellent condition, many of them new.

The success of the show assures a happy Christmas for many needy children in O'Neill and vicinity. American Legion officials feel that the splendid results obtained was due to the hard work done by Mrs. Ed. M. Gallagher and her committee of O'Neill ladies, who managed the show and also collected many toys from homes in the city. Mrs. Gallagher's committee is now busy putting the toys in shape for distribution at Christmas time by case workers of the Federal Relief Organization. Legion officers are also grateful to Columbia Pictures Corporation for contributing two pictures gratis and to Mrs. Georgia Rasley for the use of the theatre.

PROGRAM AND BOX SOCIAL

There will be a program and box social and community play given at the Meek school on Monday evening, December 24, 1934, at 8 p. m. Dorothy Harrison is the teacher. Everyone welcome.

For those away from O'Neill it is mentioned here that there is some green grass here, a miller, fly or boxelder bug is brought down now and then, usually indoors, and the temperature is too high for successful flooding of the skating rink excavation just west of the D. H. Cronin and north of the J. B. Ryan residence properties.

Receives Double Fracture Of Leg In A Runaway

Last Monday morning Edward Crowley, 38, son of James Crowley living northeast of this city, was out in the pasture fixing fence, having a team and wagon with him. The team started away and he ran to the wagon, grabbed hold and attempted to climb in and stop the team. He slipped and it is supposed that the hub of the wagon wheel hit him on the leg above the knee, breaking the leg; the wheel also hit him on the leg, just above the ankle, also breaking it, so that he sustained two fractures of the leg.

His brother was also fixing fence, about a half mile away, and by the time he got to where Edward lay, then home for help, and back to the pasture, Edward was thoroughly chilled, as he had laid out there for about one hour.

He was brought to the hospital in this city and the leg was set by Dr. Finley, and the latter informs us that he is getting along nicely. It was a hard streak of luck and will confine Mr. Crowley to the house for at least three months.

AAA Benefit Payments In State Exceed Taxes

Corn-hog and wheat benefit payments made to Nebraska farmers total three times the amount of money collected in the state from processing taxes by the bureau of internal revenue, an official report from Washington shows. That the Triple A programs have brot more money into the state than they took out in the form of taxes is clearly evident when the official figures are studied, W. H. Brokaw, state corn-hog and wheat administrator says.

The Washington report is the first of the kind released since the first processing taxes were levied. It compares payments with revenue from taxes by state and commodities, and also shows how the amount of processing taxes collected compares with population and income.

On November 1, 1934, corn-hog and wheat payments made to Nebraska contract signers totaled \$19,863,745. Of this amount about 12 and one-half million was for the first corn-hog payments and the remainder was for wheat payments. Since November 1, several counties have received large payments for 1934 wheat compliance.

On the same date, the bureau of internal revenue had collected in Nebraska a total of \$6,348,597. Of this amount \$1,648,252 was for hog processing tax. Of the various processing taxes, the one on hogs has aroused the most discussion. Producers have that they paid it in a lower market price for hogs, consumers that they paid it in a higher price for pork, and processors were concerned for fear they could not pass it on to either producers or consumers. Corn-hog benefit payments paid by November 1 amounted to \$7.50 for each dollar collected from hog processing tax in Nebraska on the same date.

Processing taxes are collected at the place of first processing. Another part of the official report points out that much of the revenue is collected in states with flour mills, meat packing centers, and cotton mills, and that the products may not all be used in the states where they are processed. The relationship in Nebraska of tax to population to income is about average for the entire county, which is some indication that Nebraska citizens have paid no more than their share of the revenue from processing taxes.

Government Will Buy More Cattle

Holt county has been granted an additional cattle sale where the government will buy 250 of the most distressed cattle on Saturday, December 29th.

This is a very small quota so only a small percentage of cattle listed can be purchased. Permits will be mailed to each individual, based on recommendations of the committee-man, as to the number which can be purchased. The cooperation of individuals will be appreciated because this quota cannot be exceeded.

Sheriff Duffy and Chester Calkins accompanied a man 62 years of age from here to a Norfolk hospital Monday. The patient suffers a mental sickness.

REVER. J.G. McNAMARA RAISED TO RANK OF DOMESTIC PRELATE

The Date Of The Investiture Of Monsignor Has Not Yet Been Decided.

His Holiness Pope Pious XI has elevated two priests of the Diocese of Omaha to the office of Domestic Prelate with the titles of Right Reverend Monsignor, according to an announcement last Friday of Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, D. D., Bishop of Omaha.

One of the two recipients of the Papal honors is Very Reverend John G. McNamara, V. F., P. R., dean of this city and pastor of St. Patrick's church.

Monsignor McNamara was ordained in Omaha on March 4, 1897, by the late Bishop Richard Scannell. He served for a short time as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Omaha, Sacred Heart, Norfolk, and St. Patrick's, Jackson.

He was sent to Bloomfield in the fall of 1900 where he established St. Andrew's parish, erected a church and school, organized a high school and personally taught some of the classes for many years. In May, 1920, he was appointed the first dean of Bloomfield and served in that office until his transfer to this city as dean and pastor on March 4, 1934, succeeding the late Monsignor M. F. Cassidy.

The date of the investiture of Monsignor has not been decided and probably will not be for some time as many of the dignitaries of the church will attend this ceremony and a date convenient for all will be arranged.

During his residence in this city Monsignor McNamara has made many friends of all creeds who tender him hearty congratulations on the honor that has been bestowed upon him, and those who have known him for many years and are familiar with his work in the church and for the benefit of mankind, know that the honor was deserved and worthy bestowed.

Terms Of Court, 1935 In 15th Judicial District

The following are the dates for the various terms of court in the several counties of the Fifteenth Judicial district for the year 1935:

Boyd county: Equity terms—June 10, August 15 and December 20; jury terms, March 4 and September 30.

Brown county: Equity terms—February 7, June 13 and September 5; jury terms—April 15 and October 21.

Holt county: Equity terms—June 18 and September 10; jury terms—March 18 and November 12.

Rock county: Equity terms—February 7, June 13 and September 5; jury terms—April 1 and October 14.

Keya Paha county: Equity terms—February 7 and June 13; jury terms—April 22 and September 16.

Small Pigs A Liability

Seldom, if ever before, has the country witnessed a situation where good thrifty pigs are more of a liability than an asset to the farmer as is the case at the present moment, says the South St. Paul Reporter. The markets have been over-run with light pigs that in view of the limited feeder demand have proven almost unsalable, even at extremely low prices.

While there is a feeling that fat hogs will sell considerably higher late in the season, there are few who want these light pigs in view of the high price of corn, a throw-back from last summer's drouth that shortened the corn yield by a million bushels.

A story is told that a Kansas farmer invited a neighbor over to his farm to look at a bunch of fall pigs.

"What will you give for 'em?" the owner asked.

"Nothing flat," said the neighbor.

"Well, if I'd give them to you, you'd take them, wouldn't you?" "No," the neighbor answered, "it would cost me too much to get them trucked over to my farm." A few days later the owner of the pigs met his neighbor again.

"Well, I'm sending those pigs over to you," he announced. "I found a trucker who will haul them for me at 10c a head."