

THE FRONTIER

EXPENSE ESTIMATE OF COUNTY SHOWS INCREASE OF \$12,300

Fund For County Poor and Blind Increased \$15,000; Judgment Fund Totals \$23,000.

The estimate of expenses of Holt county for the year 1935, as made by the county board at their meeting on January 11, 1935, is \$128,350.00. This is an increase of \$12,300 over that made a year ago for the year 1934. The increase is accounted for in the following funds: Bridge fund is increased \$5,000, from \$10,000 to \$15,000; clerk hire is increased \$1,000, from \$7,000 to \$8,000; assessors increased \$500, from \$4,000 to \$4,500; county poor and blind increased \$15,000, from \$15,000 to \$30,000; courts and juries reduced \$4,000, from \$8,000 to \$4,000; county judgments reduced \$2,000, from \$25,000 to \$23,000; court house and jail increased \$500, from \$1,000 to \$1,500; building and repairs increased \$500, from \$1,000 to \$1,500; mothers pensions increased \$1,000, from \$2,500 to \$3,500; feeble minded increased \$150, from \$350 to \$500; coroners inquest increased \$100, from \$100 to \$200; insane increased \$200, from \$300 to \$500; board of health increased \$300, from \$100 to \$400; soldiers relief increased \$200, from \$500 to \$700; teachers institute increased \$100, from \$150 to \$250.

Then \$750 for the county treasurers bond is included in the estimate for 1935, which was not included in the estimate for 1934. Also in the estimate for 1934 there was the sum of \$7,000 for elections. As there will be no elections during the year 1935 no estimate is made for this purpose.

It will be noted that the largest estimate of expense for the coming year is that for the county poor and the blind, the largest estimate ever made in this county for this fund. Since 1930 the following estimates were made each year for this fund: 1930, \$10,000; 1931, \$10,000; 1932, \$10,000; 1933, \$17,000, so that the increase in this fund for the coming year, over that of 1933 is \$13,000. The next largest item on the list is county judgments for which an estimate has been made for the coming year of \$23,000.

Grattan Library Board Requests Book Donations

At a meeting of the Library Board it was decided to ask the public to contribute books that are not being used at this time. Due to financial conditions and the limitation of appropriations the Library Board is unable to buy new books this year.

It is thought that many families in O'Neill have valuable books in their homes that have been read by members of the family and then put aside. If these people knew the keen demand for reading material at this time they certainly would contribute the books to bring happiness and in many cases education to others who may not be in a position to buy books. It is a genuine charity, an unselfish deed that costs the giver nothing. It is hoped that many valuable and interesting books may be received.

Miss Anna Donohoe, a member of the board, will aid any giver in the selection and choice of his intended gift. Many books are unsuitable and Miss Donohoe will be glad to advise in this connection. The real co-operation to the public is asked in this charitable undertaking. Kindly call Miss Donohoe if you have books to donate.

Historical Society Head Would Like To Inspect Prehistoric Holt County

A. T. Hill, director of the State Historical Society, Lincoln, wrote a letter to an O'Neill student of archaeological subjects stating that he would appreciate an invitation to come up and study works of ancient on the upper Elkhorn river next summer.

Mr. Hill says in part: "The last two years we have had an archaeological expedition in the field working in south central Nebraska following the culture of the earth lodges. If it would be possible for you to send us a few representative pot-fragments from your vicinity for our museum here we would be under great obligation to you. We have in our museum the largest collection of prehistoric plains pot-

tery in the world and it is visited and studied by scientific men over a large territory.

"As we are very much interested in making an archaeological survey of the state we would like to keep in touch with you."

Next fall perhaps, Mr. Hill is to be invited to inspect everything "queer" in Holt county. We are, of course, sure that this is where Adam and Eve set up housekeeping and where we, their descendants, have at least been Abel to raise Cain ever since.

The moundson Bill Grutsch's, the causeway on Edwin Alder's, the village sites and 1,000 earth house ruins should interest Mr. Hill and his party.

Arthur Wyant Dies Following An Illness Of Several Months

Arthur Guy Wyant died at his home in this city last Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock, after and illness of several months, at the age of 47 years, 7 months and 20 days.

The deceased was a native of this county. He was born at Chambers on June 5, 1887, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wyant, and had been a resident of this county all his life. On May 31, 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Beryl Nona Boyd, who with three children, Mrs. Bernice Dailey, Beatrice and Thomas, are left to mourn his passing. He is also survived by his father and mother, five brothers and four sisters.

Art Wyant was engaged in the automobile business in this city for several years and also carried the mail between O'Neill and Chambers. The past two or three years, because of ill health, he had been unable to engage in any active line of work.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon and burial in the cemetery at Chambers.

Horse And Mule Sale Brings Large Crowd And Excellent Prices

Last Friday at the sales pavilion at Page Buv Wanser's second horse and mule sale got under way and by evening of Friday it was certain that 350 head of animals had been sold with a heavy carry over for Saturday. Dr. H. L. Bennett, who was at the sale Friday, said there was so large a crowd of buyers there that after one hour of selling in the pavilion the auctioneers moved outdoors.

Saturday evening a man reported here that he believed more horses were sold that day than there had been Friday.

The highest price paid for a mule was \$190; another sold for \$175. The best price realized for a horse was \$156. All the prices given were paid Friday and no reports on Saturday sales have been received.

Asked To Keep Cards In Employment Office On The Active List

In order to be eligible for work in this county as well as all counties, persons registered with the National re-employment office are requested to keep their registration cards active.

By the word, active, is meant to drop into the office at least one each 60 days. Failure to do so will automatically cancel your card, and it is then transferred to the inactive section of the files. Should work be available only cards in the active file are given consideration.

If you live too great a distance from the office, drop a penny post card stating that you are still looking for work and the necessary notations will be made to keep you open for employment.

Government Cattle Sale For Friday At Atkinson Will Not Be Conducted

Practically no cattle were listed for the government sale at Atkinson Friday, Jan. 18, and as a result it has been necessary to cancel the sale. With increasing cattle prices and most of the inferior cattle already taken out in past sales, no one cares to sell at government prices.

Altogether the government has taken out 18,612 head of cattle from Holt county that were owned by producers living within the county. Approximately 2,500 head were purchased in the county that

belonged to residents outside the county.

Of the total bought only 300 head were condemned and buried. The benefit payment amounted to \$96,302 and the purchase payment \$174,926. All the producers except a few from the last sale have received their checks.

O'Neill High School Cagesters Beat Lynch By A Score of 25 - 21

On the public school gym floor here Tuesday evening the local school basketball team won two games. The results of the first teams game was O'Neill 25, Lynch 21; the second teams scored 13 to 10, in favor of O'Neill. Both games were exciting and players and school officials were favored by a large audience.

During the height of the contests Santa Claus walked in and showered spectators with the contents of two large boxes of chocolate candy bars. Momentarily, the games were stopped, the crowd entered a sideline game of its own and that frozen personality that causes a collective small town behavior freeze-up, perhaps caused by the late depression melted until there was liquid laughter enough to start another Johnstown flood. Mayor John Kersenbrock was "Santa Claus." John believes in having that Christmas feeling 365 days a year.

Receive 37 New Members At Special Services Sunday At Methodist Church

Last Sunday, Jan. 13, 37 people were received into the membership of the Methodist church here. The 37 stood at the altar of the church, and it being Covenant day in the Methodist church, the audience renewed the vows of the church and then the new members received the vows and each group pledged loyalty to the other, and to the church in particular.

Five adults knelt at the altar and were baptized.

Following the reception of members, the Pastor, Rev. A. J. May, assisted by Rev. D. S. Conrad, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to the choir first, to the new members, and then to the other members of the audience. More than 100 received communion. The choir assisted with ritualistic service by singing the Amens and the chants, making it a very worthwhile service, graced with precision and the spirit of worship.

The young people of the church had charge of the evening program in the form of a Gospel team service, consisting of devotions, special music, and religious talks interspersed with Negro spirituals.

The Gospel Team will go to Chambers next Sunday evening at the Methodist church for a special service, and there will not be any evening service at the church in O'Neill, Sunday, Jan. 20.

On Monday evening Jan. 14, at seven the members and friends of the church sat together at a church supper in honor of the new members. About 100 were present to enjoy the eats and the program, which consisted of some general songs, a talk of welcome by Rev. D. S. Conrad, The Mission of the Church, by H. B. Burch; readings by Betty Harris, and harmonica numbers by Mrs. J. S. Ennis. Rev. May acted as toastmaster. A short session of the Official Board was held in which the secretary and treasurer read the monthly reports and some business was transacted. The meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.

Names of new members: Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Slothower, Mrs. Clara Slothower, Mrs. Clara Hagensick, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cambre, Lewis Cambre, Miss Peggy Cambre, Miss Rose Robinson, Miss Maude Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George Oren Zink, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fleek, Mrs. Grace Lamason, Elsie Lamason, Mrs. C. C. Bergstrom, Miss Ruth Harnish, Miss Adel Calvin, Miss Rebecca Haskin, Miss Clara Cole, Miss Bernice Scofield, Miss Doris Scofield, Miss Muriel Brittle, Miss Neva Lierman, Miss Thelma Ellis, Miss Alma Morrow and Miss Wilma Dell Smith.

As affiliated members: Miss Ruth Kremer, Miss Bettie Jones, Miss Adalene Kee, Melvin Kee and Mrs. Ann Asher.

Those baptized: Mr. and Mrs. George Zink, Bernice Scofield, Doris Scofield and Alma Morrow. ***

Charles Mullen was ill of a cold several days last week.

DISCUSSIONS OF 1935 CORN-HOG PROGRAM WILL BE NEXT WEEK

Meetings Will Be Held In Six Towns And One Precinct Thruout the County.

The 1935 corn-hog program will be discussed and the details of the new contract explained at public meetings at seven districts in Holt county. All old contract signers and anyone who may be interested in signing a new contract are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Meetings will be held as follows: Atkinson: Memorial Hall, Mon., Jan. 21, 1:30 p. m. Stuart: Stuart theater, Tues., Jan. 22, 1:30 p. m. Page: Odd Fellows Hall, Wed., Jan. 23, 1:30 p. m. Ewing: Ewing town hall, Thur., Jan. 24, 1:30 p. m. Chambers: Chambers town hall, Fri., Jan. 25, 1:30 p. m. O'Neill: County court house, Sat., Jan. 26, 1:30 p. m. Scott Precinct: Scott town hall, Mon., Jan. 28, 1:30 p. m. All meetings will start promptly at 1:30 p. m.

Rural Rehabilitation

Rural Rehabilitation may not mean much to many people, but to the girls and boys and the mothers and fathers on certain farms in this county, it means food, clothing, education and hopes for better days. It is becoming clearer all the time that rural rehabilitation is blazing a trail that leads away from the blighting influence of dependency, out toward the more hopeful goal of self reliance and social security. Scores of eligible stranded farmers now on the relief roll of this county will be given aid in the way of advance cash rent, the necessary subsistence to carry on their spring planting, feed for the subsistence of their work stock necessary to carry on their spring work, and necessary capital goods.

There are three kinds of cases that the County Committee expects to deal with.

1. Persons now receiving relief who will be stranded on farms unless additional help is given them.
2. Persons now on relief who have moved to town from farms and who would prefer returning to farms if proper set-up could be made.
3. Persons on relief who have lands and the like and who do not wish large tracts of land. Plans are to put them on small acreages or give them supplementary employment.

There is no doubt that rural rehabilitation is greatly needed in sections of the county, where on account of economic conditions, many farm families have lost most of their entire possessions.

These people have been much discouraged. Rural Rehabilitation plan proposes to aid both educationally and financially in establishing these families.

The relief committee is asking the cooperation of all real estate men and land holding organizations who might have land for these projects.

The new form of application covering the rehabilitation plan is now in the hands of the County FERA Committee. Applications for rehabilitation for Holt county can be made with the Relief Director, at O'Neill, Nebraska.

Rural Rehabilitation projects are no experiment and are not new. Eighty-four thousand families have been accepted for rural rehabilitation to Nov. 1. Rehabilitation funds have been granted to 45 states totaling \$23,813,711 (including November grants).

Rural Rehabilitation is not a program of public charity. Beneficiaries are expected to give their notes for payment in full for both subsistence and capital good advanced. Advances made for cash rent, seed, and feed are expected to be repaid in cash by Jan. 1 or Feb. 1, of 1936. There are no reservations regarding the matter of repayment on capital goods furnished. Every promise to pay is assumed to be made in good faith.

Carl Miller, of near Stuart, was in the county seat on Saturday.

DROUTH SUPPLIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

Feeds of all kinds, except hay, which have been shipped into the four commissaries of Holt county are no released for purchase by the public. Such feeds as corn fodder, soy bean hay, drouth ration, and cotton seed cake, are now available and do not require a permit from the relief authorities.

Omaha Land Bank Has Advanced Over Million To Holt County Farms

The Federal Land Bank of Omaha has made 438 loans totaling \$1,093,000 to farmers in Holt county since the Farm Credit Administration began functioning in May, 1933, the land bank reported today.

These loans, made to refinance the "depression" debts of farmers on a long-term, low-interest basis, are of both land bank and commissioner types.

"If this great cooperative credit system is to be preserved for the use of future farm generations, we must recognize two business principles," said Frank A. O'Connor, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha. "First, the land bank, as a lender of money, must service the loans efficiently. Second, the borrower must recognize his responsibility to his fellow cooperators and do everything within his power to meet his payments when they become due."

Jack Heitman, local manager of the Gamble store, left last Sunday morning for Madison, S. D., to attend a meeting of the managers of the Gamble stores from the western part of Nebraska, South Dakota and part of Minnesota. The meeting is an annual one and will be attended by all of the head officers of the organization, who will discuss business conditions with the managers of their various stores, and plans to make the stores of more value to their patrons in the several states. Mr. Heitman returned Tuesday evening.

John C. Barrett, an attorney of Omaha, was looking after legal matters in the county court here last Monday.

The Man from Yonder A New Serial by HAROLD TITUS

No one knew anything about Ben Elliott when he arrived in Tincup, but it wasn't long before his name was on every tongue, for hadn't he given "Bull" Duval, Nick Brandon's hired thug, a beating he would never forget; hadn't he taken over the impossible job of running the Hoot Owl outfit after many an older and more experienced man had failed; and hadn't he had the courage to defy Brandon himself, the man who held Tincup in the hollow of his hand?

The old-timers stood by and scratched their heads—here was a youngster doing things that couldn't be done and doing them well, in spite of fire and dynamite and many another hazard. And Ben carried on, unconscious of the magnitude of his job, carried on for the sake of a little girl whom he had never seen—until one day he discovered that she was a little girl no longer, but a lovely young woman—and the one person in all the world that the Nick Brandon really cared for.

Here, indeed, were complications, but Ben Elliott thrived on complications though he had to admit that the winning of Dawn McManus was the toughest job he had ever tackled.

Harold Titus tells this thrilling tale of romance and adventure in his latest North Woods story "The Man From Yonder." Readers of this paper who are familiar with the clean, vigorous stories that Titus writes will be glad to know that we have obtained the publication rights to "The Man From Yonder." All of our readers, we are sure, will enjoy reading it as it appears serially in these columns.

Beginning In Next Week's Issue

RECORD OF YEAR'S MOISTURE

According to the records of Harry Bowen, U. S. weather observer in this city, Holt county had 15.40 inches of rainfall during the year 1934. The rainfall by months was as follows.

Jan.	.45	July	1.90
Feb.	.34	Aug.	1.03
March	2.11	Sept.	2.00
April	.06	Oct.	.59
May	1.34	Nov.	.87
June	4.36	Dec.	.35
Total			
15.40			

Fire Destroys Medlin Slaughter House On James Moore's Place

Last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock fire destroyed the slaughter house on the farm of James Moore, one-half mile southeast of town. The fire sirens sounded and two fire trucks responded but firemen found little could be done. A northwest wind prevailed and it was feared a wind shift might endanger a large barn and residence to the north and northeast.

The slaughterhouse had been used by John Medlin & Son in preparing hogs and hogs for their meat shop here and it had been used for this purpose Saturday. No one has an idea as to how the fire started.

Mr. Moore said the structure was valued at about \$1,000 and that there is some insurance. It was estimated that 1,000 persons went to the scene of the fire. Damp atmosphere caused a deep red illumination in the sky southeast of town, caused belief the Burlington roundhouse was afire.

No one was at the house when the fire started. Mr. Medlin lost tools, rope and pulleys used in slaughtering.

Two Bills Introduced For Redistricting State For Unicameral Legislature

Two bills have been introduced in the legislature for redistricting the state in accordance with the unicameral legislative plan. The first one introduced, which is sponsored by nine members of the house, seven republicans and two democrats, divides the state into fifty districts. By this division Holt county is in district No. 9, and the other counties in the proposed district are, Keya Paha, Rock, Loup and Blaine. Boyd county is placed in district No. 19 with Knox county. In this bill Lancaster county is given four members and Douglas county eight members.

The other bill was introduced by Carl T. Bremer of Hamilton county, and redistricts the state into forty districts. In this bill Holt county is placed in district No. 31 with the counties of Boyd, Keya Paha, Brown and Rock, the same as the present senatorial district. This bill allots three members to Lancaster county and six to Douglas county.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the "big blizzard" of 1888, forty-seven years ago. There have been many bad storms in this section during that time, but that one capped the climax—it was the chiefest of them all. That morning was a lot like it was last Saturday morning, the only difference being that in 1888 there was about two feet of snow on the level and had been since the latter part of October. It was a very mild morning and gave no indication of the fierce tempest that would be raging before the noon hour. The storm struck here about 11:50 and in fifteen minutes it was impossible to see even buildings that were only ten feet away. Hundreds of head of cattle were lost in this storm and several lives lost in this county. Many of the citizens of the county were out in the storm and escaped with their lives only after suffering untold hardships. Several of the "old timers" were discussing the storm last Saturday and all agreed that such a storm would be impossible in this day and age, on account of the many groves that would serve as wind-breaks. Be that as it may we never want to see another storm like it.

Headley Appointed To Department of Justice

Frank Headley, who made his home in this city during 1931 while he was in the employ of the Standard Oil company, has been appointed as special agent in the United States Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and is now in Washington. Mr. Headley made many friends during his residence in this city who will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

An extra heavy mist fell here Wednesday morning, which later turned to snow and was much colder, making the streets one sheet of ice and almost impassible. The snow did not amount to much, but was sufficient to make the sleet covered walks and roads nice and smooth. Many of our residents had severe falls on the streets, but luckily no one was severely injured.

SUPPER GIVEN BY MAYOR FOR FIRE-MEN AND OTHERS

Large Crowd Present At Chicken And Mountain Oyster Feed Held At Pump House.

Monday evening at the city fire hall Mayor John Kersenbrock tendered his annual mid-winter supper to firemen and city and county officials, editors and others. James Trigg, 79, perhaps the only living man who fought the great Chicago fire which started October 8, 1871, was a guest of honor and after he had a steaming cup of coffee, Mr. Trigg went thru paces of a few early day dances as nimbly as a youth.

The purpose of the "feeds" is to create and hold among business men and others a feeling of good will toward each other that should result in a more unified effort at building a better city and county. The affairs are very informal.

Those present were: Chester Calkins, James Davidson jr., Gerald Miles, Roy Johnson, Dr. C. H. Lubker, Levi Yantzi, Jess Scofield, Edward Hagensick, John Sullivan (south), Robert Davidson, W. H. Hart, Frank Phalin, Joe Martin, Frank Clement, Roy Carroll, Elmer Stolte, George Miles, L. B. Youngworth, Theodore Zahradnick, Harold Wier, Hugh Coyne, George Shoemaker, Bernard Mathews, John Protivinsky, William Gatz, Sam Lopp, Peter Duffy, Norb Uhl, Jimmy Tuor, Dr. W. F. Finley, John Steinhauer, Tom Brennan, James Trigg, Roy Warner, R. R. Morrison, Dr. L. A. Carter, E. J. Matousek, Anton Toy, John Kersenbrock, Bert Winchell, Clifford Davis, Emmet Harmon, Clarence Stannard and Bert Gunn.

Holt county chicken and mountain oysters were the "pieces de resistance" or whatever the term used to signify something having so much attraction there is no resistance. A washtub of the fried chicken disappeared under the spell of willing magicians and the mountain oysters caused several to plan on attempting to import some for planting here in lake beds that are good for nothing else.

Mr. Trigg was a substitute fireman at Michigan City, Indiana, when there came a call from Chicago for help. Some regulars and subs were sent, the others remaining in case a fire broke at home. The Chicago fire had been burning a week when Mr. Trigg reached the city. Water used was pumped from Lake Michigan.

The most generally accepted story of the great fire runs that the O'Leary family had company and that the men folks played cards as the shades of night settled while Mrs. O'Leary now and then remarked "it's high time O'Leary the cow was milked. The men continued to play, however, and perhaps O'Leary, because of the dark or something, could not find the cow and did not want to waste time out searching for something they knew was of small importance compared to the big game at hand.

So Mrs. O'Leary, the story runs, grabbed a bucket and went to milk. She set down a lantern and the cow, likely one of those critters that can insert both hind feet in a gallon bucket without turning her head, promptly kicked over the lantern and away went the hungry flames. Mrs. O'Leary roused the men, the alarm brought firemen but the city of Chicago was doomed.