

THE FRONTIER

ASK A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN CORN ACREAGE FOR YEAR

To Be No Contracted Acres In 1935. Land Taken Out of Corn May Be Under Cultivation.

Large numbers of farmers have attended the corn hog meetings already held this week and considerable interest is shown in the new program.

The object of the 1935 corn hog program is to adjust probable production to probable demand and to prevent if possible a series of violent ups and downs in corn and hog production and prices. The normal tendency after a dry year is for increased acreage and production of corn. Livestock numbers are so low there will be less demand for the corn next fall. Such a situation would mean cheap corn, followed by a rush into hog production which would mean low hog prices within a few months.

Farmers in the drouth territory without feed and breeding stock will be slow to recover from the drouth. By the time they have corn and hogs to market every acre will be back in the game, and prices, without some adjustment, would probably be low.

The new contract asks for an adjustment of ten per cent below the corn acreage base and the hog base established for the years 1932 and 1933. Signers can take out up to 30 per cent of their corn base and get corn benefit payments for it. There are no contracted acres in 1935. Signers can use the land taken out of corn for any other crop. They may also increase the acreage under the plow if they wish.

Emergency Feed Is Now Ready For Holt Farmers

The soy-bean hay-molasses livestock feed is now available to all Holt county farmers, Agricultural Agent Reece announced this week after getting official word of new plans of distribution from Lincoln.

"There are no restrictions on the purchasing of the soy-bean hay-molasses mixture and it is available to all farmers in any quantity. The feed consisting of 70 per cent soy-bean hay and 30 per cent molasses, is put up in 100 pound bags and is a good livestock feed," Reece said.

Experiments conducted at the University of Nebraska and other experiment stations have indicated that molasses fed in limited quantities possessed a value approximately equal to that of corn. The soy-bean hay has been inspected and is only hay of good quality. Experiments conducted in a number of states where soy beans are grown have tended to show that soy-bean hay of good quality is equal to and not infrequently slightly superior to good alfalfa hay. Soy-beans are a legume and consequently high in protein, a nutrient which is very low in most poor quality rations available to local farmers.

The mixture, as prepared, furnished a balanced ration for work horses or milking cows. It is not necessary to feed any other supplement with the feed although the daily ration can be cheapened by mixing it with straw or fodder for cows not milking or idle horses.

All feeds, except hay and oats are now available to anyone at the local commissary. An emergency all-purpose ration consisting of 80 per cent ear corn, 12 per cent tankage and cottonseed, and 8 per cent molasses is also listed.

NEBRASKA NEWS OF STATE AFFAIRS

By James R. Lowell

Human relief, most pressing of the problems confronting Nebraska legislators from an immediate standpoint, has been carefully avoided, up to this week at least, with one exception. John McLellan, republican representative from Grand Island, introduced a bill providing that the state should make available \$3,000,000 subject to borrowing by counties.

On the other hand the legislature is considering a resolution introduced by Representative John Havekost (D) of Hooper to memorialize congress to abolish the federal one-cent tax on gasoline, one of the principal sources of federal income in this state, and one of

two items on which Nebraskans pay both state and local taxes, the other being large inheritances.

As a matter of fact the federal government thru the FERA has furnished \$17,080,205 for general relief in this state during the period from July 1, 1933, when federal funds first became available, to November 30, 1934. During this same period the state and counties furnished \$4,155,173, representing only 17.6 per cent of the total. The state share of this was \$238,215, allotted last winter for materials when the Civil Works Administration program was on. The FERA share of relief in Nebraska for the period was 08.4 per cent.

Late last week a telegram was received by Governor Cochran from Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins at Washington, stating that Nebraska would be expected to contribute at least \$4,000,000 annually as its "fair share" for unemployment relief. This sum is two millions less than the amount being considered as Nebraska's share last fall. Hopkins suggested that the amount could be contributed by the state and counties in subdivisions.

Hopkins in his telegram said that "during the 21 months ending September 30, 1934, the federal government has contributed \$5,538,552 toward the financing of unemployment in Nebraska exclusive of expenditures by the CWA. The state government of Nebraska has contributed nothing and the local governments \$2,691,162," and he declared that as a condition of further grants beginning March 1 it will be necessary to provide \$4,000,000 thru the state and counties.

The federal relief administrators figures do not give the full picture of relief in this state. Aside from the unemployment relief he mentioned, the FERA has provided the following special program funds to which none of the Nebraska governments contributed, during the period from July 1933 to December 1, 1934.

Transient relief, \$361,823; rural rehabilitation, \$15,809; drouth, \$573,142; cattle processing, \$988,709; seed for feed, \$15,809; garden and seed, \$51,356; emergency education, \$134,342; student aid, \$78,182; rural education, \$80,057; social workers' training, \$4,780; national research survey, \$3,515; national re-employment service, \$24,156; self-help center, \$3,000; and surplus commodities, \$2,367,666. In addition to these expenditures the FERA expended \$5,933,116 on the CWA, while the state spent \$238,215 and the counties, \$1,283,949; and \$256,032 on the CWS while the state spent nothing and the counties \$174,032.

Another relief matter of great concern to the state is the federal ruling that the local governments must take over from FERA relief rolls the cost of caring for persons on relief who are unable to work, this in addition to meeting a just share of the unemployment relief burden. The ruling means that in Nebraska the counties must take over the care of about 17,000 unemployables.

Rowland Haynes, federal representative and state administrator of the FERA in Nebraska, declares that figures compiled in his office show that at least half of the Nebraska counties will be unable to meet the cost of caring for unemployables. County funds available for unemployable relief are lower than heretofore, he says, while the number of unemployables is greater a situation which calls for immediate action on the part of county boards and the legislature.

Just what effect Hopkins' telegram will have on the Nebraska legislature remains to be seen, but the issue is squarely before that body and must be faced.

The liquor question is now having its inning in the legislature, with "drys" on the outside firmly intent upon forcing a local option control measure on the state.

One of the first bills to come up was that introduced by Representative Fred Wachtler (D) of Omaha who bases his proposal, in part at least, on the Iowa plan. He calls for putting the state into the wholesale liquor business under control of a commission of four. Cafes and certain other places would be authorized to purchase liquor from the state for sale by the drink.

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SHORT PNEUMONIA ILLNESS IS FATAL TO JOHN PETR, JR.

Dies At O'Neill Hospital After Having Been Ill For Less Than One Week.

John Petr, jr. died at the local hospital last Saturday morning after an illness of less than a week of pneumonia, at the age of 57 years, 8 months and 11 days. The funeral was held last Monday morning from St. Patrick's church, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Petr's death was a severe shock to his relatives and friends. He was taken with a cold on Monday of last week, but it apparently was trivial. On Thursday a physician was called, but it was not thought that he was seriously ill. On Friday the physician returned and discovered that his patient had developed a severe case of pneumonia and he was brought to the hospital in this city, where he passed away the next morning.

John Petr was born in Bohemia on May 5, 1877, and when a little boy his parents came to the United States and settled in Omaha. They remained there only a short time and came to this county and located in the south country where John grew to manhood and where he lived practically all his life. On June 25, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Frances Musil, who, with four children, are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The children are: Mary, Joseph, Frank and Helen, besides three brothers and one sister. The brothers are, James, Frank and Cyril, all living in the south country, and Mrs. Mary Erychleib, of Stanton.

Mr. Petr was a good citizen and one of the most progressive farmers and stockmen in the southern part of the county and his sudden death will be sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Two Small Children Die of Pneumonia

Betty Lou, the 14 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Erwin, died at their home in this city last Tuesday after an illness of a few days of pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the residence, Rev. Johnson officiating, burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Joe Franklin Boyle, 2-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Boyle died at the local hospital last Tuesday of pneumonia, after an illness of but a few days. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Anticipate Shortage Of Seed Oats In The State

With Nebraska allocated 850,000 bushels of oats from conservation supplies held by the Federal Seed Stocks Committee and an apparent need for more than 1,125,000 bushels for spring planting, Holt county farmers who cannot get seed locally are being urged to make application immediately for small grain thru the local county drouth committee.

Agricultural Agent Reece was informed this week by P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the Nebraska college of agriculture, that it is not possible to determine as yet whether the 850,000 bushels will be enough for the state. Since the corn-hog program permits planting of oats and barley without restriction, Stewart believes more than a million acres of spring grain will be added in Nebraska.

No money is required when applications for seed, which includes oats, barley and spring grain, are placed with the county drouth committee, but cash must be paid for grain when delivered. Although no definite word has been received here regarding seed loans, a bill has been introduced in congress which would provide funds for another loan. This may be available shortly to help farmers with no financial resources purchase seed for spring planting.

Most of the oats brought into Nebraska by the Federal seed stocks committee were grown in the northeastern section of the state, and northwestern Iowa. They are of the Kherson type, being chiefly Nebraska 21, Iowa 103 and

105, Iogold and other improved strains. Farm experience and experimental tests show oats of a particular variety may be moved considerable distance and yet yield and behave in the same manner that they would in the locality where grown for many years.

Postoffice To Be Built On Beha Property At Fourth and Clay Street

Last Thursday afternoon W. G. Beha received word from Washington that the government had accepted his offer, and that of the Episcopal church, for the ground on which to erect the new post office building in this city. These lots are located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Clay and Fourth streets.

Sunday night Edward F. Webb, of Joliet, Illinois, construction engineer for the federal government, arrived in the city to make a topographic survey of the ground for the new building, which he expects to complete this week.

The owners of the ground are now having prepared abstracts of the lots and as soon as they are ready they will be sent to Washington for approval by the attorney general. After the abstracts are accepted the owners of the ground will have 30 days in which to remove the buildings now on the ground.

It looks now as if all the preliminary work would be completed and bids asked for the construction of the new building so that work on same could commence as soon as weather permits, possibly about April 1.

Robert Hunt Dies At His California Home

O'Neill friends received word last week of the death of Robert Hunt at South Pasadena, Calif., who passed away on January 7, 1935, after an illness of several months of heart trouble. Robert Hunt was born and raised in this city and was about 51 years of age at the time of his death. He was a pharmacist by profession and for several years traveled as the representative of a large drug supply house. For several years he had been working in a drug store in Pasadena. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and adopted daughter, his father, one brother, Thomas, and two sisters, Mrs. Kennedy of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. J. S. McCarthy of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Past Week Has Been Like Real Winter

This section of the country has been having some real weather the past week. Starting Saturday of last week we had three straight nights when the thermometer went down below zero, warming up a little Monday night, when it dropped to 2 above and then shooting downward again to 14 below on Tuesday night. It warmed up a little again Wednesday and it looks as if the present cold spell was over. Following is the weather report for the past week:

| | High | Low |
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| Feb. 17 | 21 | 5 |
| Feb. 18 | 5 | -14 |
| Feb. 19 | 5 | -17 |
| Feb. 20 | 7 | -19 |
| Feb. 21 | 23 | 2 |
| Feb. 22 | 2 | -14 |

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mullen came up from Blair last Tuesday night for a few days visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Mullen expects to return to Blair the first of the week, while Mrs. Mullen will remain for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wilcox.

Beginning In This Issue

The Man from Yonder

A New Serial by HAROLD TITUS

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION KEEPS ORIGINAL OFFICERS

D. C. Schaffer, of Emmet, Replaces George Weber, of Stuart, On the Board of Directors.

Farmers belonging to the O'Neill Production Credit association met in the afternoon of January 17 at O'Neill to elect a board of directors and hear a report reviewing 1934 activities, which revealed the association came thru its first year of operations without a loss.

The board of directors, elected by the borrowers, consists of A. U. Dix, of Butte; R. H. Lienhart, of Chambers; D. C. Schaffer, of Emmet; E. W. Moss, of Burwell, and Frank Kaiser, of Spalding.

The treasurer's annual report, disclosing that the Class B stock of the association has retained par value, was read by James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer. The president of the association, R. H. Lienhart, of Chambers, then made a brief talk outlining the association's history.

A. U. Dix, a member of the association's executive committee submitted a statement of that committee's activities.

An explanation of the Farm Credit administration of Omaha, which serves the states of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming, was presented by E. R. Heaton, President of the Production Credit Corporation of Omaha. He pointed out the opportunities for credit service available to farmers thru the association and made a thorough explanation of the local association's financial statement.

Officers for the coming year, elected at a meeting of directors immediately after the stockholder's session, are R. H. Lienhart, of Chambers, president; Frank Kaiser, of Spalding, vice president, and James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, secretary-treasurer.

Farmers who have borrowed from the association make up the membership and also are the stockholders. Each stockholder is entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

The secretary-treasurer's report showed that the association has made loans totaling \$122,000.00 to farmers of Boyd, Garfield, Holt and Wheeler counties, the territory served by the association.

Short term production loans for general agricultural purposes are made by this farmer-owned and farmer-controlled association for from 3 to 12 months. Loans are being made at present at 5 per cent interest for the production of crops and livestock and live stock products.

Secretary-treasurer James W. Rooney has charge of loan applications. Local correspondents also have been appointed in each county to accept applications. The local correspondents are as follows: E. W. Luth of Butte, Boyd county; B. H. Wunderlich, of Burwell, Garfield county; H. C. Tully, of Spalding, Wheeler county.

During 1934 the 42 Production Credit associations in the Omaha district of the FCA made loans totaling more than \$6,000,000 to 4,000 farmers and stockmen.

Subscribers Responding Readily To The \$1 Offer

A large number of Frontier readers have taken advantage of our offer to send the paper for one year for one dollar, to all those who paid their arrearages and one year in advance, but we still have quite a number of our readers who should take advantage of this offer. We have also added a large number of new readers to our large and rapidly growing family of readers, and they are still coming in every day. Remember, The Frontier is the biggest newspaper value in the county and the offer of \$1 per year will expire a week from next Saturday, February 2. After that date the rate will be \$2.00 per year, and worth every cent of it.

Want Unlimited Pick-up And Delivery On Freight

Permission to establish free pick-up and delivery service on less than carload freight shipments, with no restrictions as to distance carried or to weights, has been asked of the Western Trunk Line committee by the Chicago & Northwestern system as a further step to combat truck competition. This service,

when made effective, will be the first unrestricted free pick-up and delivery service on any railroad. Other roads in the east, south and on the Pacific coast have free pick-up and delivery but all have either a restriction on distance or weight. Local cartage companies at every station on the system will do the work for the road under a contract arrangement with the railroad.

NUPTIALS

SWIFT-TOWNSEND

Ernest Swift, of Allen, Nebr., and Miss Glennis Townsend, of Harrison, Nebr., were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage last Tuesday afternoon by Rev. A. J. May.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Townsend formerly of this city and has many friends among the young people of this city who wish her and the man of her choice many years of wedded happiness and bliss.

RUTHERFORD-CANADY

Roy H. Rutherford and Miss Florence Isabelle Canady, both of Page, were united in marriage at Page last Monday by Rev. M. E. Geidl, pastor of the Gospel Mission at Page.

SANFORD-BRADLEY

Charles Sanford and Miss Pearl Bradley were united in marriage last Wednesday afternoon at the office of the county judge, Judge C. J. Malone officiating, in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are both natives of this county and have been residents of the county all their lives. They have a host of friends in this city and vicinity who wish them many years of happiness and wedded bliss.

Hospital Notes

John Petr of Chambers, came in Friday night suffering with pneumonia and complications. He died the next afternoon at 1 o'clock. All the family were present when he died.

Joseph, the 22 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyle, was brot in Tuesday at 10:30 and died the same afternoon at 4 o'clock, another victim of pneumonia.

Mrs. Fred Bredehoeft went home last Thursday feeling fine.

Mrs. Orville Roach was brought to the hospital for medical treatment Thursday morning at 1 a. m.

John G. Gannon, formerly deputy United States marshal for this section of the state, died at the home of his daughter in Lincoln last Monday night at the age of 75 years. Mr. Gannon was one of the pioneers of Nebraska and had held various positions of public trust during his lifetime. In 1921 he was a member of the state senate and when the writer was appointed United States marshal in the summer of 1921 Mr. Gannon was appointed by him as deputy for the northeastern part of the state with headquarters at Rosalie, where he then resided. His headquarters were later changed to Norfolk. Mr. Gannon served as deputy for over 12 years, and had many friends thruout northeastern Nebraska. He was a good citizen and the news of his passing will be heard with regret by many of his friends in this section of the state.

Frank L. Bain, one of the old-time settlers of this county, celebrated his 76th birthday last Monday, and Frank says that it was a very happy one. When he got his mail that morning he received a letter from his daughter, Mrs. Maude Wright, of Winslow, Ariz., in which was enclosed a draft for \$76, one dollar for each year of his age. Mr. Bain says that gifts like that make a man feel lots younger, especially in these hard times when money is scarce and hard to get. Mr. Bain's friends in this city and vicinity hope that he will live to enjoy many more happy birthdays.

It is a good thing a lot of women don't have a sense of humor or they wouldn't have picked the husbands they did.

The trouble with a lot of fellows is that the things they learn by experience are the things they ought not to know.

L. D. CALKINS DIES AFTER AN ILLNESS OF A FEW HOURS

Death Comes Suddenly Monday Afternoon Following Attack Of Acute Indigestion.

Lara Delos Calkins died in the hospital in this city last Monday afternoon after an illness of but a few hours of acute indigestion, at the age of 28 years, 5 months and 23 days. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. A. J. May officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born at Arile, S. D., on July 26, 1906. On December 17, 1927, he was united in marriage to Lottie Mary Strong To this union two children were born, Joan and Dona Rae, the latter living but a few weeks, passing away on January 3, 1935. His loving wife and little daughter, Joan, are left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent husband and father. Beside his wife and daughter he leaves three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are: Walter, Chester and Fred Calkins, O'Neill, and his sisters are Mrs. J. H. Harkins, McGregor, Minn., and Mrs. Dave Rabare, of Salix, Iowa.

Mr. Calkin's death was sudden. Monday morning, in company with James McDermott he went to the cemetery to dig a grave. It was a bitter cold morning and the ground was frozen so deep it was nearly 1 o'clock before they completed the task. They then came back to town and Mr. Calkins went into a cafe to get something to eat. While eating he complained that the side of his face felt numb and later, that his side was numb. A physician was called, who administered some medicine. As he did not recover another physician was called, in an hour or so, and by then he was quite sick. The ambulance was called and he was ordered taken to the hospital. This was about 4 o'clock. He had just been taken to the hospital when he passed away. Physicians say that death was caused by an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. Calkins was a likeable young man and he had many friends in this city who were grieved and shocked when they learned of his sudden death.

Holt County Farmers Ordering Heavily On Clarke-McNary Trees

Holt county farmers evidently are planning on planting large numbers of seedlings and transplants this spring for windbreak and woodlot purposes for they are ordering Clarke-McNary stock rapidly, Agricultural Agent Reece has announced.

Thus far local farmers have made application for 8,100 trees. A total of 46,500 were distributed in Holt county last year.

Nebraska's tree planting program has attracted nation wide attention and it is evident that more trees will be planted again this spring. Farmers in every county have ordered more than 200,000 trees already which is nearly double the amount applied for at the corresponding date last year.

In 1934, a total of 1,125,950 seedlings and transplants were distributed by the agricultural college extension service to 4,061 farmers thruout Nebraska. A survival of 25 per cent, despite the unfavorable growing conditions, was estimated. With many trees being cut for timber and others dying as a result of the drouth, increased need for tree planting is being felt in all sections of the state.

Helen Toy, of this city, who is attending Wayne State Teachers college is taking part in an all French Program to be given by the piano department Monday evening, January 28, in the college auditorium. She will play two selections by Debussy, "Girl With Flaxen Hair," and "Minstrels."

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their kindly acts and expressions of sympathy on the death of our beloved husband and father. Your many acts of kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. John Petr, jr. and children.