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Annual Christmas Seal Drive

Nebraska's thirty-fifth annual Christmas Seal drive for funds to continue the year-round health program of the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association is now in full swing and will continue through Christmas.

The 1941 Christmas Seal depicts a lighthouse shedding its beam over the world—giving knowledge and enlightenment to the people against that dreaded disease tuberculosis which is still the leading cause of death in this country between the ages of 15 and 45. Every person in Nebraska should buy at least a few Seals.

Officials of the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association point out that the purchase of Christmas Seals is a form of "home defense" for "your family, your friends, and yourself." No home is safe from tuberculosis until all homes are safe—every tuberculosis death in Nebraska leaves a trail of nine active cases. Authorities estimate over 1500 active cases of tuberculosis in Nebraska at present.

The many activities of the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association throughout the state include: tuberculin skin tests and x-rays for the early discovery of tuberculosis in the schools—free literature and films to promote health education on the prevention of tuberculosis throughout the year—annual diagnosis campaign—nurses to arrange for and attend clinics and to follow up reactors—nursing supervision for persons suffering from tuberculosis—and many other health programs being carried on in communities all over Nebraska.

Ninety-five percent of the Seal funds raised in Nebraska remains in the state to maintain the active health program of the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association. Only five percent of the fund goes to the national association for educational and research work. Residents of this community are urged to buy and use Christmas Seals.

Active Livestock Market Prices Sharply Higher

Last Monday's auction was a red-hot affair throughout and the day's supplies moved at stronger prices, some kinds showing as much as 50c to 75c advance over a week ago. The quality of the offering was good with some really choice calves showing up.

The best load of lightweight steer calves cashed at \$13.50. Other load lots paid \$13.00 and \$13.10. These calves were mostly fancy. Good calves sold mostly from \$11.50 to \$12.50.

The top load of yearling steers moved at \$10.85 with the bulk going at \$10.00 to \$10.75. Yearling heifers reached \$9.75, and the long end of these brot from \$9.00 to \$9.50.

One straight load of 2 year old steers cashed at \$10.25. Supplies in this class were not too plentiful.

The cow run was heavy. A few good beef cows reached \$8.00 with some fancy ones going higher. The long end of the beef cows brot from \$6.50 to \$7.50. A few loads of breeding cows were here and these sold mostly by the head. Bulls sold from \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Hogs supplies were again plentiful and the offering moved readily. Butchers paid \$9.75 in most instances. Sows changed hands at \$9.25 to \$9.36. Pigs moved at prices ranging from \$10.35 to \$10.55 with a few reaching \$11.00.

About 50 sheep completed the day's offering.

The next regular auction will be held on Monday, Dec. 1st.

Hospital Notes

Alexander Hamilton of Kansas City, Mo., much improved.

Mrs. Walter Kopejka Redbird, boy, Tuesday.

Bernice Green of Chambers, a patient, improving nicely.

Agnes Pettijohn entered Wednesday.

County Court

Andrew Anderson of Bassett, arrested by Patrolman Meistrick charged with reckless driving. Plead guilty November 22, and fined \$20 and costs of \$3.10.

John and Dempsey Galligan of Atkinson, arrested by Patrolman Ellingson of Valentine, charged with intoxication. Plead guilty on November 21 and fined \$5.00 each and \$3.10 costs and ten days in the county jail.

This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt sent identical letters to United Mine Workers President Lewis and to the steel company representatives Benjamin Fairless, Eugene Grace and Frank Purnell stating "work in the captive mines must recommence—The issue in dispute—does not justify a stoppage of work in grave national crises—"

The President asked the four leaders to "allow the matter of the closed shop in the captive mines to remain in status quo for the period of the national emergency—" or else to accept final arbitration. He said any agreement reached would have no effect on the UNW's closed shop agreement already in effect with regular commercial mines.

In a message to the CIO convention at Detroit, the President said unless democratic freedoms are protected from the "world scourge" of Hitlerism, "free trade unions and all other free institutions will vanish." To protect these freedoms, he wrote, "we must produce guns, tanks, planes and ships without delay and without interruptions, and the American people and their Government are determined that we shall have them."

Agreement With Mexico
The State Department announced an agreement has been reached with Mexico providing: 1. The settling of a final fair price for American petroleum properties taken over in 1933—Mexico to pay \$9,000,000 at once as a token payment. 2. Mexico to pay \$40,000,000 in full settlement of general and agrarian claims, at a rate of \$2-500,000 annually. 3. A reciprocal trade treaty to be negotiated at once. 4. The United States to provide a \$40,000,000 stabilization fund to maintain the peso at its present rate. 5. The U. S. to purchase up to 6,000,000 ounces of newly-mined Mexican silver monthly. 6. The Export-Import Bank to establish credits up to \$30,000,000—to be made available in installments of \$10,000,000 a year—to aid Mexico in developing its highways.

Lend-Lease Aid
The Department of Agriculture reported nearly 1,650,000,000 pounds of agricultural commodities costing almost \$200,000,000 were delivered to representatives of the British Government for Lend-Lease shipment from the beginning of operations in April up to October 1. Animal protein products, including cheese, dried milk, evaporated milk, eggs, pork and lard, made up the most important groups of commodities.

State Secretary Hull announced a Lend-Lease agreement has been signed with Iceland.

Arming Of Merchant Ships
President Roosevelt signed the legislation to repeal the three key sections of the Neutrality act. The President also requested from Congress a new \$380,050,000 appropriation for the Navy, including \$120,000,000 for "defense installations" on merchant ships. Navy Secretary Knox said the first armed U. S. merchant vessels will be plying the seas within a week. He said ships plying both the Atlantic and Pacific will be armed. The arming of the ships will require three to four months to complete. The Navy will put gun crews of from 12 to 18 men on all ships as fast as they are armed.

The Maritime Commission reported the keels of 21 Liberty ships were laid during October to bring the total to 76. Four of these cargo ships were launched in October, compared with three for September, and three more are scheduled to be launched this month. The Commission added four ships to its six-ship training fleet to help turn out 15,000 trained seamen for the deck, engine and steward's departments during 1942 and 1943.

The Navy announced capture by the U. S. cruiser Omaha in Atlantic equatorial waters of the German ship Odenwald which was sailing under U. S. colors. The disguised merchant ship was on its way from Yokohama to Bordeaux with a cargo of 3,000 tons of war rubber and American-made automobile tires. Secretary Knox told his press conference the Odenwald was one of a number of German vessels which had been chartered to Japanese interests.

Three destroyers, a submarine and the battleship Indiana were launched—making a total of three battleships, 18 destroyers and 13 submarines launched so far this year. The three destroyers were five months ahead of schedule and the submarine three months.

Army Ordnance
President Roosevelt asked Con-

FARM BUREAU MEETING HERE DECEMBER 12

The annual business meeting of the Holt County Farm Bureau was announced by the board of directors at a meeting in O'Neill Monday. The morning program will be given over to a public demonstration on the "Uses of dried fruits" given by Miss Maude Mathews, home demonstration specialist from O'Neill.

After a noon luncheon the afternoon will feature several outstanding local cooperators who have done excellent work in different fields and the regular business meeting with the election of two directors from Stuart and Atkinson districts. The public is invited to attend.

gress for a supplemental appropriation of \$6,687,000,000 for the War Department, including \$3,720,000,000 for Ordnance and \$779,000,000 for the Air Corps. Army Chief of Ordnance Wesson, speaking in Hartford, Conn., said U. S. light and medium tanks have greater fire power, maneuverability and speed than European models as well as "many times the powers of endurance." He said the Ordnance Department has also developed a light antitank artillery piece "capable of knocking out any known tank at very great ranges."

War Department
The War Department announced the death rate in the Army from disease now is less than one-tenth what it was in 1917-18, and the general disease rate is less than half what it was at that time. Chief of the Army Morale Osborn said most of the USO buildings will be in use by Christmas. The Army also announced field houses are being built in 37 camps to furnish additional recreational facilities during winter months.

Civilian Supply
Director of Civilian Supply Henderson announced passenger car production during February, 1942, will be reduced by 56 percent as compared with production in February, 1941—from 396,000 cars to 174,000 cars. An OUM automotive committee recommended the effective date for the order banning bright work from automobiles be postponed from December 15 to December 31. The OPM made tentative allocations of 112 airplanes to U. S. commercial airlines during 1942.

Subcontracting
The Maritime Commission announced that because it started 14 months ago to "farm out" contracts to small manufacturers, it is now receiving machinery and equipment for the emergency ship construction program from 450 concern in 31 States. The Treasury Department issued a booklet on procedures called "Doing Business with the Procurement Division." Copies are available without charge from the Treasury Procurement Division, Washington, D. C. The Contract Distribution Division opened nine more field offices to bring the total to 66.

Coke and Coal
Fuel Coordinator Ickes reported coke production during the first 10 months of this year was 16 percent greater than during the corresponding period last year. A record production of 65,000,000 tons is indicated for the complete year of 1941. Mr. Ickes also said production of Pennsylvania anthracite coal through October, 1941, was nine percent above the corresponding period of 1940. If the percentage is maintained, he said, total 1941 production will approximate 56,000,000 tons, the largest since 1934.

Newsboys To Sell Defense Stamps
The Treasury Department announced plans have been completed with newspaper circulation managers for 500,000 newspaper carrier boys to sell Defense Savings Stamps direct to American homes.

The Department of Agriculture said additional improvement in the demand for farm products is indicated for the next few months as a result of increased consumer incomes and increased Government buying. Farm income from marketings increased 15 percent more than the normal seasonal gain during the period from June to September. The Department reported 10,420,000 persons employed in agriculture as of November 1, the lowest November level since 1925. Secretary Wickard announced establishment of a nation-wide organization of farmers and Department workers to make plans for an agriculture post-war program.

Fourteen Boys Leave Dec. 10 For Induction

The following Holt county registrants will be sent to Fort Crook, Nebraska, on December 10, 1941, for pre-induction examinations:

11—Francis Charles Steinhauser
30—Felix Joseph Laible
536—Frank Leo Krobert
S-803—Jerome Henry Loeffler
S-1067—John Gilman Slaymaker

1073—Fred Wallace Shane
1084—Amos Ray Stracke
1112—Anton Aloys Kaup
S-1177—Bernard August Kramer

1178—Arthur Willard Alm
1221—Robert Allen Jay
1227—Raymond Joseph Fernholz

1257—Wilmer August Spath
1316—Wm. Wesley Conard.

Family Reunion At The D. H. Hansen Home

A family reunion and dinner was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hansen, near Meek last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nordica and children, Jean, Donald and Carl Lee, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. Carrie Borg and daughter, Marvel, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hansen, Ponoma, California; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hansen and family, Kennis, Wm., Lila and Bernice; George Hansen and son, Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giford and son, Garry, of Dorsey; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and sons Gaurance, Lloyd and Delbert; G. A. Taylor, Winner, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen will leave for their California home on Thursday afternoon, after having visited in this section for the past three weeks.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Carl announce the birth of a daughter, Ruby Josephine, on November 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kopejka announce the birth of a son on November 25.

Miss Ruby Edlund went to Omaha Saturday to attend the Ice Revue.

Miss Dorothy Dudak of Grand Island spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Hart.

Miss Agnes Thornton and Chas. Weiburn, of Neligh, were guests of Miss Agnes Griffin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Crabb went to Pierre, S. D., Tuesday, being called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Crabb's father.

Mrs. Frank Kubichek returned home Tuesday from Casper, Wyo., where she had been visiting relatives for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. Mary Hewett, at Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biglin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Disher went to Omaha Friday to attend the Ice Revue. They returned home Saturday.

Herbert Ralph Lane, Newport and Ladwina Gertrude Bose of Stuart, were granted a marriage license in county court on November 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahaffey went to Omaha Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. Wallace McKim went with them and will enter a hospital there for medical care.

The Masons and members of the Eastern Star had a card party Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall. High scores were won by Mrs. Esther Harris and Paul Shierk.

Darrel Bright came home Wednesday from Wayne, where he is a student at the Teachers college and spent Thanksgiving vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bright.

The Misses Mary Jardee and Teresa Connelly will spend Thanksgiving in Stuart with Miss Jardee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jardee.

Harry Fox

Harry Fox died at his home at Meek Wednesday morning about 12:45, after being in failing health for about one year, but was able to be up and around, until the past few weeks. He was 68 years, five months and four days old at the time of his death. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Valley church and burial in Pleasant Valley cemetery.

Harry Fox was born at Elk Point, S. D., on June 12, 1873, where he grew to manhood and where on November 30, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Hall. One son was born of this union, Charles Fox, of Meek, who with his mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father.

Harry Fox came to this county in 1904, coming here from Denver, Colorado. He located on a farm near Redbird, where he lived for a couple of years, but not being satisfied with the soil on the place he had moved and lived on another place for a year or two, when he finally purchased the farm where Meek postoffice was located for many years. Shortly after moving there he opened a little grocery store, then secured the postoffice there and later put in a larger line of goods and for years he had one of the best stocked country stores in the state, if not in several states. He was unusually successful with the business. His business was large that for several years he had to make at least two and sometimes three trips to O'Neill each week to haul out goods for his store. Even if he was a storekeeper he never gave up farming and supervised a couple of farms that he owned out in that section, which has always been called the paradise of Holt county.

His strenuous work in the store and on the farm finally began to tell on him and his health began to fail so about five years ago he retired from the mercantile business and since that time had been looking after his farms.

Several months ago he was in Rochester, Minn., where he submitted to an operation and for a few months he seemed to get along fine, after his return home, but the malady returned and he shortly passed away. Harry was a good citizen and had a host of friends in the northeastern part of the county, where he made his home for about forty years.

Mrs. Rose Henifin

Mrs. Rose Henifin died at a hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks.

For the past four years, Mrs. Henifin had made her home in O'Neill. About three months ago she went to Colorado to spend a few months visiting at the home of her son, Arthur and family and with her sister, Mrs. Jane Shoemaker. She was taken sick while on the visit. She was about 61 years of age. The body was brought to this city yesterday and the funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Union church and burial in the Union Cemetery. Obituary notice next week.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many neighbors who were so kind to us following the sudden death of our beloved father, Bruno Jacobs. Your thoughtfulness to us in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—His Children.

BRIEFLY STATED

Emmet Carr of O'Neill, Miss Mary Clare Waldman and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser of Ewing, went to Omaha Friday to see Kay Kayser's College of Musical Knowledge.

Miss Marie Biglin, who has been visiting relatives at Winner, S. D., for the past ten days, returned home Tuesday. John Daily of Winner accompanied her home and will spend until Sunday visiting at the P. J. Biglin home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner and son left Monday for Houston, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. Weingartner's brother, Russell Weingartner and family.

Harold Lindberg went to Johnston Sunday on business.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

By Frank P. Litschert

It was George Washington himself who told us a century and a half ago that there were no such things as permanent friendships or enmities among nations. What was true in Washington's time is certainly true today. History furnishes many proofs of this assertion. We can recall the ages old rivalry between England and France. At one time the two countries carried on a hundred years' war, although of course warfare in those times was not so total nor so devastating as it is today. Later followed the Napoleonic wars which found France and England opposed to one another and even as late as the Franco-Prussian war most English sympathy was on the side of the Germans. Then came the change. The French and the British became allies through the first world war and started as allies in the present one. Now there is a coolness again between the British and the official French governments, whether or not the people of the two countries feel like-wise. At the same time the British and the Germans who were allies for generations have been bitter enemies in two great struggles.

We could go on from here. Formerly Russia and England were world rivals. They were allies in the first world war, enemies in the present conflict until recently when Hitler attacked Stalin and threw him into Churchill's arms. Take our own country for example. We fought two wars with Great Britain, one in 1776 and another 1812. During the Civil War the sentiment of the British government was unfriendly to Washington. But 1917 brought an entirely different picture and we are voluntarily lining up with the British again today. With Britain and Japan it has been on again, off again.

The case of Russia and the United States furnishes another example. We were associates in the World War for a short time. Then, following the rise of the Bolshevik regime a coolness arose between the two countries. The United States did not recognize the Soviet government until after the coming of the New Deal to power. Then things became warm and more cordial until the unholy alliance between Stalin and Hitler and the brutal attack of the Russians on the Finns. This caused a wave of popular resentment in the United States. Bundles were prepared and sent to Finland and President Roosevelt denounced the attack on Finland by Russia as the aggressive act of a totalitarian state which was under no danger from its tiny neighbor.

But the attack of Hitler on Stalin has brought another shift in the States' policy. We are no longer unfriendly to Russia, and our former darlings, the Finns, have been warned that they stand in danger of forfeiting our friendship if they do not make peace with Stalin. The Russian embassy is in good standing in Washington again and M. Litvinov is coming back to try his blandishment again—and he is a good "blandisher."

Perhaps most outstanding of all in this change toward Russia is the fact that recently Russia was granted a credit of a billion dollars in the United States. This credit was designedly established for the sending of war supplies to Russia. Just how these supplies are to be sent is of course another story. There are three routes to Russia but all of them are long and hazardous. One of them is through the Arctic Sea, another across the Pacific to Vladivostok a third through the Indian Ocean to Iran. To ship a billion dollars worth of supplies over any of these routes will require a lot of ships and considerable railroad building. And it is questionable whether we can manufacture and ship so much material without seriously crippling our defense at home. It is notable that in our effort to aid England, with a short route across the Atlantic to follow, less than \$100,000,000 worth of supplies had been sent by the middle of September. This leads some "experts" to question how soon we can send a billion dollars worth of supplies to Russia. And if we don't do it before the end of the war what is to become of the rest of the credit?

Joe Stutz went to Kearney Sunday to attend a Shoe convention there this week.

Holt County Rancher Honored At Omaha

This week saw the state wide Pasture-Forage Livestock program come to a close in Omaha when nearly 1000 farmers from 70 counties attended the finish-up meeting last Tuesday.

M. B. Higgins, a well known rancher south of Atkinson, was one of the seven farmers, and the only rancher to receive outstanding recognition this year. Among Mr. Higgins' achievements were definite and very interesting records on each of several pastures as to the actual gain made by steers of different weights, different lengths of pasture season, and different supplemental feeds particularly minerals.

Attending the finish-up meeting in Omaha were Mrs. M. B. Higgins, County Agent Lyndle Stout, Ora Yarges and Ralph Allyn from Stuart, Clarence Ernst of O'Neill, and E. M. Jarman of Chambers, all of which cooperated in this year's program.

Throughout the morning hours, the farmers heard and observed a most interesting market grading demonstration. Professor Wm. J. Loeffel and his aides continually pointed out the type of livestock on the market and the desirable and undesirable characteristics of each.

The Omaha Stockyards treated the entire group to a free luncheon at noon. The afternoon speaking program featured President Fred C. Wiegman of Midland college. Later in the afternoon the farmers went through the packing plants and observed the various livestock grades as they hung in the coolers.

The big feature of the day's activities was the evening banquet at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, where the seven outstanding cooperators received recognition and 42 others were given honorable mention.

Women's Project Meeting Forepart of December

Women's Project Club members as well as the public will be interested in learning that an extra lesson on the uses of dried fruits will be given at each of the tree planting centers. Chambers, Thursday, December 11, O'Neill, Friday, December 12, and Stuart, Monday, December 15. The Stuart and Chambers training meetings will be given as open meetings, starting at 1:30 in the afternoon, while the O'Neill training will be given in the morning as a part of the annual Farm Bureau meeting to which the public is invited.

This demonstration will be given by Miss Maude Mathews, home demonstration agent, and will feature the substitution of dried fruits for the excessive amounts of sugar used during the holidays. Dried fruits will be used for preparing candies, deserts, and sandwich spreads.

Young Farmers Class Held Meeting Last Week

The first meeting of the Young Farmer's Class was held in the O'Neill High School Vocational Agricultural class room. There were eighteen boys present. These boys are young farmers that are not attending high school or college and have found a need for a higher education. A number of the boys are driving twenty-five or thirty miles to attend this class and they say it is money and time well spent.

At this first meeting the class decided to have six or seven meetings a month. Every other week they will meet on Monday and Thursdays and on the in-between weeks they will have one meeting on Thursday. They expressed their wish to have the meetings start at 8:00 and spend about thirty minutes for recreation. Recreation will include ping pong, pool, basketball and volley ball.

The remainder of the evening will be devoted to class work and shop. They will discuss farm problems at half of the meetings and work in the shop during the other meetings.

The next meeting will be held on December 1, and the subject will be, "Principles of the Gasoline Engine." Any of you farm boys who are out of school and under twenty-five years of age may still register for this course next Monday evening, December 1, at the O'Neill Public school.