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WAR FUND DRIVE READY TO ROLL

Preliminary reports from community chairmen indicate that Holt county people are going to do their share in furnishing the money required to serve great humanitarian needs on three fronts: the Military, the United Nations, and the American Home.

Although Holt county's United War Fund Drive officially opens next Monday, October 18, already one township has set a mark for the rest of the county to shoot at. County Chairman Edward M. Gallagher yesterday revealed that Holt Creek township has turned in its United War Fund contribution, and has exceeded its quota by 40%.

Mrs. Fred Boeticher heads the committee in that township. In most towns and townships, however, the big drive will get under way Monday, and committee members expect to complete their work in a day or two of intensive, face-to-face solicitation.

Holt county's quota is \$7,945, and it is expected that every man, woman and child will contribute something to this worthy cause. Nebraska's goal is nearly a million dollars.

Next Sunday, October 17, has been designated "War Fund Sunday" in Nebraska. Twelve hundred Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy in Nebraska have received memoranda from the State War Fund office in Lincoln suggesting that the theme of the Sunday sermon be built around the Nebraska War Fund slogan, "United We Give—That Freedom May Live."

In addition to this contribution, hundreds of clergymen are going to take active part in the solicitation of funds. Holt county's War Fund organization is poised and ready to roll Monday morning when the big push starts. Its solicitors will be using their appeal for services to our fighting forces, the stricken people of our unconquerable allies, and our home front, must be generously answered if the high morale, the health, and the welfare so necessary to ultimate victory are to be maintained.

Participating in the money you give to the Nebraska War Fund will be these agencies: U. S. O.; War Prisoners Aid; United Seaman's Service; Refugee Relief Trustees; United States Committee for Care of European Children; Belgian War Relief Society; British War Relief Society; French Relief Fund; Greek War Relief Association; Norwegian Relief; Polish War Relief; Queen Wilhelmina Fund; Russian War Relief; United China Relief; United Czechoslovak Relief Fund; United Yugoslav Relief Fund; and Friends of Luxembourg.

Educational Notes

The following public schools have been designated as rationing points in Holt county for the rationing and distribution of Ration Book 4: O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Ewing, Page, Inman, Chambers, Amelia, Emmet, Dustin, Dorsey, Phoenix, (Dist. No. 51), and Dist. No. 203, (Margaret Determan, teacher).

The superintendent of each town school is the administrator and custodian. They are to appoint their helpers, arrange their schedule and publicize such schedule. The dates for the rationing of Ration Book 4 for Nebraska are October 20 to 23 inclusive. Town school will publicize their ration hours in their own town papers. Page has no town paper but they have notified this office that they will dismiss school on Wednesday, October 20 and will be ready for rationing from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. that one day. They hope to do the bulk of their rationing work on Wednesday, October 20. Inman, also without a town paper, has designated Wednesday, October 20, from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. as their chief rationing day.

Amelia, Emmet, Dustin, Dorsey, Dist. No. 51 and Dist. No. 203 will not use Wednesday. They will be permitted to dismiss school for whatever hours they desire on Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22.

One application may be made for all the members of a household. Ration Book Three is to be presented with the applications of each individual.

ELJA McCULLOUGH, County Superintendent.

Hospital Notes

Leona Mullen underwent an appendectomy on Wednesday.

Mrs. Melvin Sanford a son, born Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Allen, of Page, a daughter, born Tuesday.

Mrs. Francis Murphy and son will be dismissed on Friday.

Mrs. Leslie Leiswald and baby dismissed on Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Minark, of Verdell, admitted Tuesday for medical care.

John Cleary underwent a tonsilectomy on Tuesday.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Daniel Steskal, 27, of O'Neill and Lois Fern Hogan, 26, of Norfolk, on October 10th.

Ivan Johnson, 21, and Celia Johnson, 18, both of Lynch, on October 13th.

Feeder Cattle Sale Held Here Thursday, Oct. 7

The annual Sandhills Feeders' Association sale, which was held at the O'Neill Livestock Sale Pavilion on Thursday, October 7th, was a very successful event in every way.

The entire receipts of cattle for this special event were consigned by members of the Sandhill Feeders' Association. Over 1000 cattle were sold and the consignors number 20. Many loads of fancy quality cattle were sold at very attractive prices. Shipments went to several midwestern states, where these cattle will be placed in feedlots to finish feeding.

The members of the Association hope to make this sale an annual event and hope that it will be instrumental in encouraging better, more scientific methods in the cattle industry in Nebraska.

HOLT COUNTY SHORT ON BOND DRIVE

Following is the allocation from reports available at this time in connection with purchases made in the third war loan campaign in Holt county:

Table with 2 columns: Township, Amount. Lists various townships and their respective contributions to the war bond drive.

The latest report on sales shows the total purchases in and for Holt county to be \$687,446.91.

Good Work In Drive For Scrap Wednesday

The school children of the county did a wonderful job last Wednesday in the Scrap Drive. The report from the various sections of the county is not yet available, and the report from some of the towns are not complete.

The chairman of the scrap drive for this county announced late this afternoon that the total amount of scrap collected so far is 569,140 pounds, most of this coming from the towns of the county, so that the country schools are yet to be heard from.

Inman, 52,000 lbs.; Chambers, 74,940 lbs.; Stuart, 120,000 lbs.; Atkinson, 80,000 lbs.; O'Neill, 90,000 lbs.; Page, 28,000 lbs.; Ewing, 50,000 lbs.

Scrap turned in before October 13th totaled 74,000 pounds. Total so far, 569,140 lbs. O'Neill report is not yet complete.

Hogan-Steskal

Joseph D. Steskal of this city and Miss Lois Fern Hogan of Norfolk were united in marriage at six o'clock last Monday morning at St. Patrick's church in this city.

The bride wore a royal blue suit dress, with matching accessories and a white corsage.

The young couple left Monday morning for Sioux City, where they were to spend a few days and then to Lincoln for a few days to visit friends, expecting to return to this city the end of the week.

The groom is a native of this county and for the past four years has operated a barber shop in this city and has been very successful. His bride has been operating a beauty shop in Norfolk and expects to engage in the same line of work in this city.

Their many O'Neill friends tender sincere congratulations to them for a long and happy wedded life.

United War Fund Drive Will Start Monday

Poised and ready to roll at 8 o'clock Monday morning, October 18, is the entire Nebraska War Fund organization, according to Walter F. Roberts, state executive of the Fund.

"In 93 Nebraska counties, War Fund workers will hit the line bright and early so that by sundown next Saturday night, most of our goal of \$950,000 will have been reached," said Roberts.

"Our workers have spent weeks of hard work getting organized and learning about the purposes and needs of the many wartime agencies, combined this year in one campaign to save time, money, and manpower. The groundwork is all laid. The big push starts Monday morning. Our workers must not be satisfied with anything less than complete success."

A large number of county War Fund chairmen have expressed confidence that their respective counties will exceed their quotas.

Roberts stated that the pre-campaign publicity was reaching its peak Sunday which has been designated "War Fund Sunday" and that prominent clergymen throughout the state agreed to use the theme "United We Give, That Freedom May Live" as a basis of their sermons.

A dramatized radio program on a statewide network, Sunday, 12:30 to 12:45, KFAB, will feature Governor Griswold honorary chairman; Thomas C. Woods, state executive; Walter F. Roberts, executive director; Fred C. Williams, assistant director; E. F. Dulieu, publicity director.

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Charles H. Reimer Killed In Action September 1

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reimer, living near Inman, received a letter from the Adjutant General in Washington, D. C., under date of October 8, 1943, confirming the telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Reimer some three weeks ago that their son, Pfc. Charles H. Reimer had been killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area on September 1, 1943.

Pfc. Reimer was wounded in action on August 5, 1943, sustaining a shrapnel wound of the buttock and thigh. He was hospitalized for a short time and according to the letter from the Adjutant General he returned to duty on August 17 and paid the supreme sacrifice on September 1, 1943.

Pfc. Reimer was 28 years of age and had been in the army for two years. He enlisted while in California and had been overseas for over a year. About a week after he was taken to the hospital he wrote his folks that he was getting along fine and that he wanted to get out of the hospital and back on the job. And the letter from Washington shows that he was back on duty in twelve days after he was wounded. Thus another Holt county boy has given his all for his country, so that the rest of us may live in security.

Aviation Cadet Francis Hickey, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., returned to camp Monday, after attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Donahoe. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hickey, and other relatives and friends over the week-end.

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders Atkinson, Nebr., Star Rt. No. 5

The so-called daylight saving clock arrangement worries a lot of people. If that was all there were to worry about in this mad age we could be happy.

There is worry in some quarters over "birth control." Hollywood doesn't seem to favor it, though the mother not always knows who the father of her child is.

Remember when, at teacher's command, the faltering juvenile tongue mouthed the articulation drill: "Round the rough and rugged rocks the ragged rascal ran?"

Alf Landon was not a vote getter but as a combination of patriotism, insight into national and international life, sound principles and deep sympathy he'll measure up with any American.

The barrier of great distances has been over come but the planners of a "new world" will find, as other dreamers have found, that there are barriers of language and racial traditions impossible to overcome to any appreciable extent.

It is not for the plebeian prairie dweller to meddle in army affairs, but maybe they will be permitted to join the chorus of voices wanting to know why call up the nation's dads when there are nearly two million soldiers in routine idleness available to send to the battle zones. The boys who were called up in the other war were sent across to face shot and shell.

"Thinks I love all common things— The common air, the common flower, The kind, common thought that springs From hearts that have no other dower. No other wealth, no other power. Save love; and will not that repay For all-else fortune tears away?"

It is said the regulations of the Office of Price Administration governing the price of fruit cake covered six pages of small type. But "that has all been cleared up," says the Pathfinder, "by a short amendment which has just been added."

All commodities listed in Appendix A are those known to the trade as such excepting therefrom such thereof, if any, while subject to another regulation.

Whatever shortage there is in beef is not the fault of the Nebraska ranchers. Ride along the trails and highways in any direction through grazing country and there will be seen many herds lolling in the sun; these warm October days. In the hills and canyons down toward the Loup are hundreds of cattle, but it seems grain prices and beef ceilings have side tracked a lot of fellows from filling their feed yards and for the most part there is going to market calves and hide bound old cows. The canyons north of the Loup are aflame with autumn colors and the river has a normal volume of water.

There recently came to me a number of printed leaflets, mailed from a point in far away Vermont, among which I find one setting forth an exhaustive analysis of the theme that is as old as the race, is life worth living, written by a friend in O'Neill. I lay no claim to being a moral philosopher, but whether life is worth the struggle on it is on our hands to do with as we will—worthless or valuable according to the trail of the individual. I think it was Robert Lewis Stevenson who suggested the thought that so long as we are loved by others we are indispensable. No

Mackey And Hammond Parole Was Denied

The State Board of Pardons and Parole had before it Wednesday the applications of Frank Mackey and Lloyd Hammond, the former who is serving a life sentence and the latter a sentence of twenty years, for the slaying of Fred Sexsmith, a Holt county rancher, at his home northwest of this city in 1932. The state pardon board declined to reduce the sentence of either. County Attorney J. D. Cronin, Mrs. John Davidson, a daughter of the murdered man, L. G. Gillespie and William Grutsch of O'Neill attended the hearing to back up the protests of several hundred Holt county petitioners against the parole of either man.

At the hearing before the board they blamed each other for the slaying, but both readily admitted that they had gone to the ranch for the purpose of robbing Sexsmith, because they had heard he had money there.

Mackey in his testimony said that he stayed in the car until he heard a shot and then ran to the house, where he saw Sexsmith on the floor. When it came time for Hammond to testify he said that he was not at the house at the time of the shooting but went there when he heard the shot.

Under questioning, however, by Governor Griswold each recommended the other for parole.

The slaying of Fred Sexsmith during the night of November 20, 1932, was one of the sensations of the county. He was a prominent resident of this county and had lived near this city for a few years and had served on the O'Neill school board. At the time of the slaying he was living on a ranch northeast of this city. It is needless to say that the board in turning down their application for pardon or parole is heartily approved by the residents of this county, hundreds of whom signed petitions to the board protesting their pardon or parole. So Mackey and Hammond, both former convicts, will have further time to meditate on past sins while confined in the state penitentiary.

War Ration Book 4 Issued Next Week

War Ration Book No. 4 will be issued at the O'Neill Public Schools next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 20 to 22, inclusive, in the new gymnasium. Doors will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. daily. In order to distribute the applicants over the three-day period those whose last name begins with any letters: From A to I inclusive are requested to come Wednesday; from J to R inclusive are requested to come Thursday; from S to Z inclusive are requested to come Friday.

Bring your War Ration Book No. 3. No new book can be issued without it.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST IS SMALLER THAN FORMERLY

That Holt county residents are rapidly coming back on the financial road, after several years of drought, is evident in this year's tax list, which shows a page less of lands and town lots advertised in the annual delinquent tax list than last year and two pages less than four years ago.

man is useless while he has a friend. No man is wholly useless so long as his life is worthy of emulation or such as to be shunned. St. Paul found life worth this much: "Having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." My O'Neill friend puts it this way: "Any kind of life is worth living if given to seeking "for glory and honor and immortality." Is not that a goal worth the smiles and the tears that beset life's pathway? John O'Malley some weeks ago favored Frontier readers by permitting to be published a letter written by Jack Sullivan, in which the writer made the striking statement that he is in love with life. Life is the true condition. Death is an enemy. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Life is real and life is earnest, wrote the poet Longfellow. Day by day it is eminently worth while; the human contacts; the opportunities to lend a hand; the pleasant things and the difficult things; the pink of the morning; the glow of noonday and the shadows of night. And so life's experiences go into the record day by day. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Standing by a feed rack looking out over the landscape I felt a wet muzzle thrust into my hand and looking down saw a tramp dog had come to see me. He was a lean and hungry looking greyhound and I wondered at his friendliness as the hound is a rather surly fellow. He manifested friendly interest in me and the premises in general and I couldn't do otherwise than be responsive. But going in and my attention being taken up with other matters I forgot about the dog. Later going out I found he had helped himself to a nest of fresh eggs and made his get away. I had been worked—by a dog.

Farewell Party Given Sgt. Leonard Young

A gathering of relatives and friends was held at the home of Miss Maude Rouse in this city last Saturday, in honor of Sergeant Leonard Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young of Opportunity. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse, Lloyd, Delbert and Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, Florence, Laverne, Arlene and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, Mary Louisa and Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, Thelma, Edward, Helen and Leonard; Miss Doris Appleby; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse and Marion; Mrs. F. H. Griffith; Mrs. Eric Borg and Marvel; Miss Maude Rouse.

Sgt. Rouse, who had been stationed at Wendover, Utah, with the air forces of the U. S. Army, left Sunday for Shepherd Field, Texas, where he has been transferred.

Gene Meredith McKenna Attending Oregon College

Aviation Student Private Gene Meredith McKenna, 18, son of Mrs. C. F. McKenna of O'Neill, has arrived at the Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, Oregon, for a course of Army Air Forces instruction lasting up to five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. During the period he will take numerous academic courses and physical training, as well as elementary flying training in light aircraft. Upon completion of his college training he will be classed as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier and go on to schools of the Training Command for training in these specialties.

Pioneer Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding Event

Fifty years ago October 11, 1893, Miss Malinda Harris and Mr. Jacob K. Ernst, while snow flurries were flying, drove with a team and wagon to O'Neill, having as their destination the court house, with matrimony in mind. Judge Wm. Bowen performed the ceremony there by uniting two lives which have added so much to the community and surrounding country where they have lived. Mr. Lloyd Gillespie was one of the witnesses to this union.

On October 11, 1943, to celebrate the occasion of this lovely event, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst had open house to their many friends from 2 until 5 p. m., with their children in charge of the refreshments. At 6 o'clock dinner was served to the family and near relatives. The rooms were decorated with cut flowers befitting the occasion.

Mr. Ernst came to Holt county from Canada when 11 years of age, and Mrs. Ernst from Milford, Nebr., when ten years old. They both attended the same county school and during the blizzard of 1888 they, with their teacher and other pupils, spent the night in the school house, the district known as No. 90.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ernst lived 11 miles east of Atkinson and their first year of farming was the dry year of 1894 when, as Mr. Ernst says, "we did not raise enough feed for chickens"; they did cut some of the cornstalks for fodder and it blew away before they could feed it.

In March, 1895, with their baby daughter, Maude, they went in a covered wagon to Iowa, where they lived for three years. By this time they decided Iowa was no better than Nebraska, so with two more daughters, Martha and Lorena, they came back to Nebraska, buying Mr. Ernst's father's homestead 11 miles east of Atkinson. There they lived until 1904, when they moved on to their present farm. This they have built up, which was without a fence or building and only 30 acres broke, until it is now one of the well improved farms of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst have been blessed with nine children, one daughter dying in infancy; 25 grandchildren, three of whom are in the service, and nine great grandchildren. Their children, who were all present, are as follows: Mrs. Maude Cole of Page; Homer and Clarence Ernst; Mrs. Martha Dick and Clara Lorenz of O'Neill; Mrs. Lorena Lorenz of Inman; Ralph Ernst of Spencer, and Mrs. Myrtle Robertson of Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst decided early in life the only way to raise a family was with Christ. They have been very active religiously in their community and have been called the "Father and Mother" of the Center Union Church which is near their home.

CEILING PRICES SET ON SOFT DRINKS

Cents-per-bottle ceiling prices, effectively immediately, for bottled soft drinks sold at retail in the Sioux City district, which includes Holt county, were announced by R. E. Armbruster, chairman of the Holt County War Price and Rationing Board.

A price of 5 cents per bottle for soft drinks of 5 oz. to 12 oz. sold at a counter or for consumption off of the premises was set at 5 cents. Sales at tables, bars, or in booths and sales made at public affairs and athletic contests were set at 10 cents per bottle. This reflects the approximate level of prevailing prices during March, 1942, which is the date of freeze under the General Maximum Price Regulation.

Mr. Armbruster pointed out that this step was necessary to curtail widespread evasion and increase in price over the legal maximum prices established during the base period. It is also a further step towards simplification of regulations for the advantage of both the retailer and consumer. This order establishes uniform prices which will enable the consumer to know the ceiling price, which in the past has varied among different sellers.

Copies of this order will be distributed by the price panel of the Holt County War Price and Rationing Board.

Mrs. John Dusatko Passes Away At David City

Mrs. John Dusatko, 79, mother of Jerrold Dusatko, of near Emmet, died at her home in David City, Nebr., the last week in September. She was one of the pioneer residents of Butler county, having been a resident of that county for over 70 years. Mr. Dusatko was down and visited his mother a week before her death and then went down and attended the funeral. She is survived by her husband and seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral services. Mr. Dusatko said it was the first time all of the children had been together for 37 years.

Local Market Active Here; Prices Advance

Cattle supplies were heavy at the local market last Monday as the seasonal movement of livestock reaches the peak stage. Prices reflected a full 25c advance on practically all classes, with a spotty 50c climb on some kinds. Demand was active and the outlet broad as feeders from several states sought to supply their needs. It was an all around good market with plenty of action.

Steers scaling at 350 lbs. topped at \$14.25, with the bulk going at \$12.85 to \$14.00. Heifers of like weights paid from \$12.00 to \$13.00. Several loads of calves were sold.

Yearling steers ranged in price from \$11.75 to \$12.75 on the long end, with a scattered few moving on upwards to \$13.00 or slightly better. Heifers moved at \$11.25 to \$12.25 and above.

Two-year-old steers, of which there was a good supply, brought from \$11.75 to \$12.75 on 850 to 950-lb. weights. Heifers brought from \$10.50 to around \$12.00.

Good beef cows scaling 1400 lbs. changed hands at \$11.80. Bulk of the beef cows moved at \$11.00 to \$11.50. Plainer kinds made the upper tens and the common grades cashed from \$9.00 to \$10.00. Canners and cutters showed a price range of \$6.50 to \$8.50.

The hog market was mostly a cut and dried affair, since the new price reduction places a \$14.10 ceiling here. Bulk of the butcher supplies sold at that figure and sows rang up the same price in most instances. Few variations existed — a ceiling price was claimed by practically everything on offer. Feeder pigs scaling 70 lbs. brought \$12.80 for the day's top figure.

Around 75 head of sheep were on sale here—mostly lambs. One band of 20 lambs, weight 100 lbs., brought \$12.50. A few horses completed the day's supplies.

Next regular auction on Monday, October 18.

Court Court

Herb Caulfield of Lynch was arrested by Patrolman Walter on October 10th and charged with having wrong number plates. He was fined \$3 and costs of \$3.10.

Floyd Keithly was arrested on October 10th by Patrolman Walter and charged with failure to stop at a stop sign and no driver's license. He was fined \$10 on the first count, \$1.00 on the second and costs of \$3.10.

The Alpha Club met at the home of Mrs. Aaron Boshart with all members present. A short program was given as much business was discussed and planned. The Club will have a pheasant dinner soon. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Miss Eleanor Purdy returned to her home in Sioux Falls, S. D., on Wednesday, after visiting Mrs. Ralph Brown for several days.

Advertisement for 'BONDS OVER AMERICA' featuring an illustration of a battle scene and text promoting war bonds. Includes the slogan 'Back the Attack With an Extra War Bond'.