

Hospital Gifts Are Ruled 'Deductible'

U. S. Treasury Ruling a Stimulus to Plan for New Hospital
RESUME FUND DRIVE

The movement for O'Neill's new \$200,000 community hospital received a shot-in-the-arm this week when a letter, signed by the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., was made public by the general committee heading the hospital plan. The letter disclosed that contributions to the proposed nonprofit hospital will be "deductible" by individuals from their "taxable net income."

This interpretation of the internal revenue code is expected to be an immediate stimulus to the hospital movement. A spokesman for the general committee said that the fundraising activity "had lagged" during the Summer and Fall months because of "the busy season," but this week the drive is being reopened. Hundreds of citizens throughout the O'Neill area will be contacted for contributions. Nearly \$50,000 has already been collected, but \$150,000 will be required to build and an additional \$50,000 to equip what is expected to be the finest community hospital in northcentral Nebraska. Excerpts from the letter from the internal revenue officer may be found in an advertisement, sponsored by the general committee, on page three in this issue of The Frontier.

Committee Meets
The solicitation committee, which will direct the fund-raising program, is headed by L. C. Walling and P. B. Harty. In a special session Friday night, the general committee decided to reassure the public that "O'Neill will have a new hospital" and that "there will be no let-up until the goal is achieved." Advertisements similar to the one appearing in The Frontier have also been ordered in newspapers in a half-dozen nearby towns. Members of the general committee are: W. J. Froelich, chairman, R. E. Armbruster, C. E. Lundgren, A. E. Bowen, D. H. Clauson, James Cerkle, and James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer; the building committee: Joe Mann, chairman, and C. J. Gatz, co-chairman; publicity committee: Ted McElhaney, chairman, Tony Asimus and A. P. Jaskowiak, co-chairman; entertainment and benefits: Ira George, chairman, and George M. McCarthy, co-chairman.

Demand for Tractors Heaviest in History

Nebraska may have as many as 108,368 tractors rumbling over its farm lands by 1950. This number would be the state's quota of three million tractors expected to be in use on all U. S. farms by 1950, according to a recent study by market analysts. The demand for farm machinery, particularly tractors, is considered the heaviest in history to help offset lost manpower, increased acreage, and to continue to meet high production goals. Nebraska farms had an estimated 94,810 tractors on July 1, the study disclosed. Of these, between 12,858 and 17,114 are past their normal "junking" period and 4,434 more are wearing out annually.

12 Registrants Released by Selective Service

Twelve more servicemen have been released by the Selective Service since November 26, it was announced Wednesday by the Holt county Selective Service office. They are: From O'Neill—Ralph VanBuren, Jr., Kenneth G. VanEvery, John A. Etherton, William D. Kipple. From Ewing—Carol C. Summerer, Charles C. Wright. From Stuart—Gilbert J. Shald, Louis J. Shald, Eugene R. Hoffman. From Atkinson—Melvin L. Thompson, Donald H. Focken. From Chambers—Normand W. Reninger.

JOINS FRAT CHAMBERS—Keith N. Newhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse, of Chambers, has been elected one of 14 junior and senior students at the University of Nebraska as pledge of Sigma Tau, national honorary engineering fraternity. Newhouse is a junior in the school of mechanical arts.

Miss Marion Olson, of Galveston, Tex., arrived Sunday to spend a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olson, here. Miss Olson is a registered nurse.

FANNIE GALLAGHER BURIED SATURDAY

Native of Liverpool, England; Victim of Influenza

Mrs. Fannie Gallagher, 76, a native of Liverpool, England, and a resident of Holt county since November, 1887, was buried here Saturday following funeral rites at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Mrs. Gallagher died at 11:30 p.m. last Thursday following a 20-day illness.

The attending physician said that death was caused by complications following an attack of influenza. Rev. R. J. Lisco officiated in the last rites. Burial was in Calvary cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers. Mrs. Gallagher, formerly Fannie Murphy, was born October 14, 1870, in Liverpool, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Murphy, both of whom were natives of County Mayo, Ireland. She came to the United States as a girl. On January 5, 1891, she was married to William F. Gallagher, of O'Neill. The wedding ceremony took place here. They became the parents of one son and one daughter. Less than three years after their marriage, Mr. Gallagher died.

Mrs. Gallagher continued to reside here with her family. Survivors include the son, John C. Gallagher, of O'Neill, and the daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Ryan, of Sioux City.

The pallbearers were M. H. Horiskey, H. E. Coyne, P. B. Harty, John Melvin, H. D. Grady, and P. J. O'Donnell.

Army Establishes Recruiter Here

O'Neill this week became a permanent station for the U. S. Army recruiting service with the assignment of S-Sgt. James W. Schlipf to the post here. He will maintain an office in the basement of the postoffice building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except Sunday. Sgt. Schlipf, who is originally from Kearney, is a World War II veteran of the 42nd Infantry division. He said that disabled veterans with certain specialist numbers are now eligible to reenlist, and that men who enlist or reenlist may specify among five leading organizations. The recruiting sergeant said that he intends to make regular trips to nearby towns.

23 Nebrasas Die on Highways During Month of November

Traffic accidents killed 23 persons on Nebraska's streets and highways in November. Capt. C. J. Sanders, head of the Nebraska safety patrol, reports that this is an increase over the 21 for November, 1945. November's total brings the 1946 total to 239 for a 21 percent increase over the 1945 total of 196 for the first 11 months. Capt. Sanders added that the holiday season ahead calls for increased care in driving and he urges motorists to pay attention to their driving at all times. "If you intend to drink," he said, "let somebody else take the wheel."

Church Group Decides to Sell Property

EMMETT — The WSCS of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Leon Beckwith Friday with 15 members present. Mrs. Clara Jennings, of Atkinson, was a visitor. The meeting was brought to order by the new president, Mrs. Charles Abart. A special program of three numbers was played by Leah Serek on her trombone. They were, "Brahms' Lullaby," "Cribbribin," and "The Blue Danube Waltz."

During the business meeting, the sale of some church property was discussed and it was decided to proceed with the sale. The money will be used to improve the church parsonage.

A lunch was served by Mrs. Beckwith and Mrs. Grant Peacock. The next meeting will be December 22 with Mrs. Fredia McMillian.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wrede and sons, Donald and John Michael, and Mrs. M. J. Enright departed Wednesday for Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Wrede and sons have been making an extended visit here, and Mrs. Enright will make an indefinite stay in the west.



WIN FARMING HONORS

These three Holt county farmers, Leon (seated) and Harvey Tompkins, both of Inman, and Clarence Ernst, of O'Neill, (below) were among 51 Nebraskans honored at the 12th annual pasture-forage-livestock finishup program sponsored by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the extension service of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture. "Their sound farming practices" won for them the honors. The Tompkins are a father-and-son combination. The elder Tompkins, Leon, was unable to be present to receive the recognition honors, O'Neill Photo Co.

NO MENTION ON ALL-STATE TEAMS

Holt county prep griders did not get a look-in on Gregg McBride's 1946 all-state honorary football teams announced last weekend by the Omaha World-Herald. Not a single Holt county player won even an honorable mention among the 11- and six-man selections. In fact, Todd Harrison, of Norfolk's Sacred Heart, was the only player facing a Holt county team to land on McBride's mythical teams. The high-scoring Harrison, who romped through both the St. Mary's Cardinals and Chambers Coyotes, was given a back position on the all-state six-man selection. McBride saw only one match in which Holt county players were involved and that was Sacred Heart's 48-0 rout of Chambers Coyotes at Norfolk. Of the six-man selections, McBride says they "won their spurs with good teams." They are: Ends—Elmer McCoy, Lewellen, and Paul Gorham, Lincoln Cathedral; center—Dewayne Southard, Big Springs; backs—Paul Menking, Arlington; Leroy Bohlen, Talmage, and Todd Harrison, Sacred Heart, of Norfolk.

600 Help Choose

Six hundred coaches, officials and observers nominated more than 400 players for top recognition in McBride's 11-man lineup. Many O'Neill high enthusiasts were disappointed when the Eagles' Halfback Dick Tibbetts failed to earn an honorable mention, although he polled votes from a number of opponents. The strongest of these was from Neligh where he was described as "the most elusive runner seen on the Neligh field for several seasons." The mythical eleven: Ends—Ralph Waddle, Nebraska City, and William Thimman, Columbus; tackles—Lavern Busch, Boys Town, and Don Minnick, Fairbury; guards—Charles Gasson, Creighton Prep, and Dave Goodrich, Hastings; center—Don Etmund, Lincoln Central; backs—Leo McKillip, McCook; Gerald Ferguson, Scottsbluff; Richard Yost, Omaha South, and Leonard Kroll, Boys Town.

CHAMBER TO MEET

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular monthly session at the Golden hotel Tuesday night. It will not be a dinner meeting. Secretary James W. Rooney said. A number of committee reports will be heard.

SERVICEMEN RETURN

CHAMBERS — Two Chambers servicemen returned this week from duty with the Army. They are Orville Svotas, who was in Japan, and Normand Reninger, who had been in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and Mrs. W. J. Froelich drove to Omaha Sunday, accompanied by Miss Mary Louise Birmingham and Jack Harty, who continued on to their respective colleges in Chicago, Ill., and Atkinson, Kans.



STATE POLIO LEADER COMING

Members of the Holt county chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis will hear Clinton Belknap, of Lincoln, head of the Nebraska polio group, in their annual meeting here next Wednesday night. The session will be held in the assembly room at the Holt county courthouse. James W. Rooney, of O'Neill, secretary of the Holt chapter, said the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Included on the program will be two short films, entitled "Your Fight Against Infantile Paralysis" and "Accent on Use." Mr. Belknap will be in charge of the films. "If you have contributed to this worthy fund in the past," Mr. Rooney said, "you are urged to be present so that you will be fully informed of the work the Holt chapter is doing. Mr. Belknap will be glad to answer your questions regarding the work of the foundation."

Billiards, in a variety of games, is played today by an estimated 10,000,200 people.

Santa and Mail Man Seek Patrons' Cooperation

It's a bit incongruous to mention snow drifts and impassable roads when the mercury is flirting with the 70's and a snowflake hasn't been seen for several weeks. But postmasters this week are again reminding those in charge of road maintenance in rural sections and the rural mail patrons as well that they are expected to see that the roads are put in such condition after heavy snows that it will be possible for rural carriers to travel them. Santa's job this year has already been fouled up with economic problems, so that it would be a crying shame not to cooperate now with both Santa and the mail man. Under the postal regulations, the patrons are required to keep clear the approaches to their mail boxes by promptly removing obstructions, including snow, which make it difficult or impossible for the carrier to deliver mail to the boxes without alighting from his vehicle. Unless the approaches are cleared within a reasonable time after heavy snow falls, the delivery by carrier may be withheld temporarily until the approaches have been cleared. Carriers are not required to perform service on foot when roads cannot be traveled with the conveyances ordinarily used, according to Postmaster Agnes E. Sullivan. The carriers are, however, expected to make every reasonable effort to serve as many of their patrons as possible, without undue physical exertion or excessive financial expenditure.

LITTLE CORN SPOILAGE SEEN

Sunshine and Dry Winds Aid Huskers and Reduce Moisture

The husking of Holt county's 1946 corn crop, somewhat delayed because of excess Fall moisture, this week is nearly two-thirds finished as sunshine and dry winds have placed most of the fields in shape for husking and given most of the corn its first opportunity to dry.

County Agent A. Neil Dawes said today (Thursday) that "there is very little danger of spoilage of the corn being husked now," although there are still complaints about the moisture content of some of the corn being too high. The state-federal bureau of agricultural statistics at Lincoln, in its current weekly crop survey, said that in most areas of the state where the fields were wet freezing temperatures made the ground solid enough to operate mechanical pickers. The report said that the statewide condition of winter wheat is promising, and that the condition of pasture and range is also good, which is fortunate in view of reduced production of hay and poor quality.

Number of cattle and sheep placed on feed for market are increasing, the report concluded. The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a.m., follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
November 29	52	29	
November 30	40	25	
December 1	44	22	
December 2	24	19	
December 3	37	23	
December 4	59	30	
December 5	62	28	

HOLT HOMESTEADER DIES IN CANADA

ATKINSON—Ludwig Heeb, a native of Ruggel, Austria, and a resident of Holt county between 1889 and 1911, died November 26 in a hospital at Northaleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, according to word received this week by his sister, Agatha Heeb, of Atkinson. The late Mr. Heeb was born July 14, 1867. He came to the United States in 1889 and took up a homestead northwest of O'Neill. In 1911 he went to Glenhush, Saskatchewan, and homesteaded near there, where he resided until 1945, when he moved to Northaleford. Survivors, besides his sister here, are the widow, Adelia; one daughter, Adelia Doidge; one son, William; and two grandchildren.

Page Pastor Departs for Mission Work in West Indies

PAGE — Rev. R. L. Gowan, pastor of the Page Gospel Mission church, departed Monday on a missionary tour of the West Indies. He will visit Haiti, Cuba and the Bahamas, departing from Miami, Fla. Enroute to Miami, Rev. Gowan will stop briefly at Tabor, Ia, and Sterling, Ill. Members of the General Mission church held a surprise party at the church last Thursday evening, honoring the pastor and his family. During Rev. Gowan's temporary absence from the Page church, visiting persons will fill the pulpit.

MARINES SIMPLIFY RANKS

The Marine corps has simplified its rank titles among enlisted personnel. The new method will reduce the number of rank designations from 34 to seven—one for each pay grade. The titles are master sergeant, technical sergeant, staff sergeant, sergeant, corporal, private first-class, and private.

Coal Crisis Faces the Public School

'Supply Will Not Last Until Christmas,' George Says

CORN LOAN RATE FIXED AT \$1.06

Moisture Content Must Not Exceed 20.6, Ressel Says

The Holt county corn loan rate for the 1946 crop will be \$1.06 per bushel, according to Harry E. Ressel, chairman of the county AAA committee. The figure on the maximum moisture content is 20.5. Loans will be available to producers from December 1, 1946, through July 31, 1947, Ressel said, and will mature on demand not later than September 1, 1947. Corn eligible for loans must grade number three or better, except for moisture content, or number four on test weight only, Ressel added. Storage will be made in suitable cribs or bins. The most important factor to be considered in safe storage, the AAA chairman pointed out, is the crib width. Cribs having a width greater than the recommended nine feet are not considered safe for corn unless the moisture content is at least one percent below the permissible content.

NAPER TRIO GOES TO PEN

BUTTE — Three Naper men, who had pleaded guilty to charges of robbery in the night time with a dangerous weapon, were sentenced here early Wednesday by District Judge D. R. Mounts, of O'Neill. They are: Adolph Maertins, his son, Lester Maertins, 18, and Ernest Zeisler, 23. The three confessed to beating John Cerveny, 75, of Naper with a revolver while attempting to rob him. The attempted robbery occurred early Sunday, according to Butte County Attorney W. L. Brennan. Adolph Maertins, who has served a term in the South Dakota penitentiary, to ten years in the Nebraska penitentiary, and Lester Maertins and Zeisler were each sentenced to spend from three to 20 years in the state penitentiary.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa Claus is coming to town. The date will be December 21 and his official hosts will be the Chamber of Commerce, but the details surrounding his impending visit will not be announced until next week. The Chamber officials said that the jolly Ol' Man was making special plans for that day, and he sent word that he "wouldn't for the world miss a visit with the kiddies at O'Neill." Embargo On A Government embargo that goes into effect tonight (Thursday), holds railroad freight to vital needs. A companion Government order on mail goes into effect simultaneously. Postmaster Agnes E. Sullivan, said that "no article of first-class mail, including airmail, weighing in excess of five pounds, and no parcels of fourth-class matter exceeding five pounds in weight will be accepted for mailing, except for live chickens, cut flowers, perishable foods, medicines, money, local parcels, parcels addressed to military personnel, newspapers, and films." The Burlington railroad employs coalburning locomotives, and service reductions are inevitable if the strike continues, company officials said. Word has been received here that the Bartlett and Clearwater schools will be forced to shut down this weekend, unless the supplies are replenished. No incidents of personal suffering due to the shortage have been reported, Mayor Dishner said. However, drastic conservation measures may have to be taken next week, he indicated, if the fuel crisis is not relieved.

ROYAL 'WET' AGAIN

ROYAL — After being "bone dry" for five days, Royal was "wet" again Friday as water service was restored in the village water system. Repairs were finally completed on the pumping system, after villagers had been forced to carry water and in several instances haul it from nearby towns.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Matthew Hynes and infant daughter were dismissed Tuesday. Mrs. Dale Curran, of O'Neill, was admitted Tuesday; condition, good. Mrs. Earl DeLong was admitted Friday and dismissed Tuesday.

AGED MOTHER DIES

PAGE—Walter, Frank and Elmer Snyder departed early Sunday for Tecumseh upon receiving word that their aged mother had died late Saturday. Mrs. Elmer Snyder accompanied them.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Roy Francis Humick, 24, and Miss Leona Mae Runnels, 20, both of Stuart, November 29.

Mrs. J. G. Zilg and daughter, Mrs. Gloria Russell, of Grand Island, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowen and family.

Miss Darla Davis left Wednesday for River Forest, Ill., to spend the week with Miss Patricia O'Dennell.

Miss Marie Hovey spent Thursday in Stuart with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bearce, of Creighton, spent Monday at the Don Enright home.

STRIKE IN 3RD WEEK

The O'Neill public school is confronted with a coal shortage, it was announced this week by Supt. Ira George, as the nationwide paralysis caused by striking soft coal miners entered its third week. Supt. George said that the present supply would enable only a curtailed schedule until December 20, the day the Christmas vacation starts, but it will be impossible to resume school after the holidays unless more coal is available. At a meeting of the board of education, it was decided to investigate the possibility of acquiring coal from surplus Army stocks. All night activity at the public school has been stopped, and basketball games may be played in an unheated auditorium. Meanwhile, at St. Mary's academy the fuel problem is not so critical. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara said that coal stocks were sufficient until after New Year's.

Await 'Brownout' Order

Mayor F. J. Dishner said that he was standing-by for a "brownout" order from Gov. Griswold, but to date no measures have been taken. Both the postoffice and the Holt county courthouse have adequate coal supplies, and could withstand a prolonged strike by John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

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Band Mothers to Study Uniforms

A meeting of the mothers of the band members of both the O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy will meet Friday in the band room at the public school building, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Harry Petersen, who is chairman of the band mothers group. Mrs. Petersen said that important business concerning the acquisition of new band uniforms will be transacted, and she urged all band mothers to make an effort to be present. Mrs. Ayrta Drew, who is head of the English department in the International School of Languages at Los Angeles, Calif., will give a book review at the home of Mrs. Dewey C. Schaffer on Monday at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and everyone is cordially invited to attend, sponsored by Circle II of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. James Morris and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Magstadt and children, and Mrs. Vannie Newman and daughter, Ardis, spent last Thursday in Ainsworth visiting relatives.