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Pictured is a portion of the group of 270 stockholders and guests attending the annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association here. (See story below.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

CO-OP'S VOLUME HIGH IN STATE

\$303,800 in Land Loans Is Greatest in Nebraska

Stockholders and guests of the Elkhorn Valley National Farm Loan association in the annual meeting here last Thursday learned that the three-county cooperative had accomplished the greatest volume of Federal Land bank loans in the state during the past year in comparison with other associations.

Secretary-Treasurer Lyle P. Pierks reported that 84 land bank loans were made during last year for a total of \$303,800.

The association paid dividends totaling \$9,394 during the same period.

The Elkhorn Valley group has members in Holt, Boyd and Wheeler counties.

Nile C. Kinnick, supervisor of the service division of the Federal Land bank, of Omaha, briefly outlined the history of the bank's loan system.

The meeting began at noon with a dinner in a restaurant, followed by a motion picture and business session in the Royal theater.

JURY CONTINUED TO APRIL 26

The Holt county district court jury, which is scheduled to hear 10 civil and one criminal action during the Spring term, has been continued from March 8 to April 26, Judge D. R. Mounts said Wednesday.

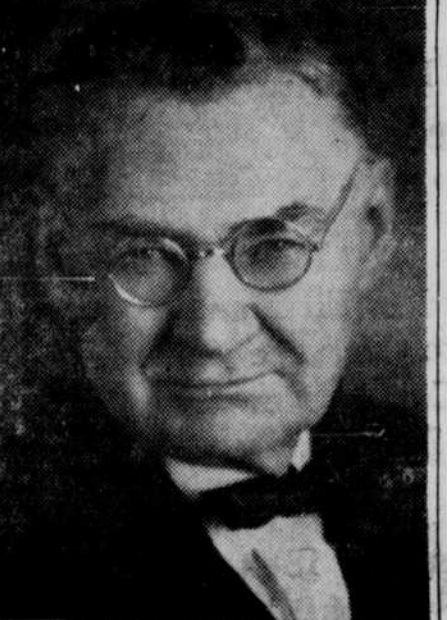
Elkhorn Project Club Meets— Mrs. D. N. Loy entertained the Elkhorn Project club Monday afternoon with Mrs. Ray Lawrence as assisting hostess. The second lesson on "Breakfast, a Family Affair," was presented.

The leaders were Mrs. Robert Cook and Mrs. Mernice Fetrov.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Max Grenier with Mrs. Frank Ellis as assisting hostess.

Marriage Licenses— Glenn E. Fink, 24, of Ewing, and Mildred I. Miller, 20, of Star, on February 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fetrov were in Norfolk last Thursday.



Robert Engel New Gambles Salesman

Robert Engel, 21, of Beatrice, has joined the staff of the Gambles store here as a salesman of building materials and home appliances, according to Store Manager Gene Cantlon.

Engel, who is married, served nearly two years in the Army.

Switzers Entertain— Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Schinck and family, of Brunswick, Neb., Faye Weinberger, of Seward, and Mrs. Mary Switzer, of Meadow Grove, spent Sunday at the C. H. Switzer home.

Mrs. Switzer remained for a longer visit here in the home of her son.

Spending the weekend at the L. C. Walling home were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Walling and daughter, Barbara, of Albion.

Mrs. Henry Bruhn and daughter, Rita, of Norfolk, spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson.

SCHRUNK RITES HELD SUNDAY

Atkinson Woman, 69, Had Been Ill for 15 Years

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER—Funeral services were held Sunday in the Methodist church here for Mrs. John F. Schruk, 69, who died on February 18 as a result of a heart ailment. She had been ill for nearly 15 years.

A. L. Loving, of Omaha, elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Harold Reid, of Stuart, officiated in the funeral services. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Special music at the funeral was provided by two daughters-in-law of the deceased, Mrs. Francis Schruk and Mrs. John Schruk.

The late Mrs. Schruk, nee Mabel E. Gull, was born March 1, 1879, in Colesburg, Ia. She was married to John F. Schruk on February 13th, 1901.

They spent the first 6 years of their married life on a ranch near Ewing, moving in 1907 to a farm 9 miles northwest of Atkinson.

Retired 6 Years—Mr. and Mrs. Schruk moved into Atkinson 6 years ago. Mrs. Schruk united with the Reorganized church in 1912.

The Schruks became the parents of 14 children, 2 of whom died in infancy. Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Mrs. Paul (Ina) Roth, Mrs. John (Ruth) Anders, Mrs. Alvin (Lusetta) Alton, Mrs. Roy (Lois) Ries, all of Atkinson; Mrs. Gaines (Ethel) Rzeszotarski, of Emmet; Mrs. John (Mabel) Banks, of Elgin; Mrs. Orlin (Pearl) Moore, of Albion; and Mrs. Edward (Ida) Boles, of Chadwick, Mo.; sons—Francis and John, both of Lincoln; Earl, of Ewing, and Ralph, of Pine Bluffs, Wyo.; mother—Mrs. Mary A. Gull, 89, of Colesburg, Ia.; sisters—Mrs. Jesse Walters, Mrs. Frank Bush, Mrs. Mamie Bush and Mrs. Herbert Olson, all of Iowa; and Mrs. Matt Kirshboun, of Pavillion, Wyo.; brothers—Arthur, Harry and John, all of Iowa; and 29 grandchildren.

Those who attended the funeral from out-of-town were: Robert Gull, of Edgemont, S. D.; Harry and John Gull, of Colesburg, Ia.; Mrs. Mamie Bush, Mrs. Frank Bush and Mrs. Herbert Olson, of Iowa; Mrs. Matt Kirshboun, of Pavillion, Wyo.; Arthur, Harry and John, all of Iowa; and 29 grandchildren.

Mr. Marshall also conducted the business meeting for the group.

Others appearing on the program were: Sam Grasmich, state game conservation officer; Ray Robeson, of the state safety patrol, also spoke to the group.

Grasmich thanked the carriers for their assistance with the game survey, and told his listeners that areas where game had been depopulated have now been restocked.

He also answered numerous inquiries about hunting and fishing laws.

Patrolman Robeson's talk emphasized careful driving.

The musical portion of the program consisted of a vocal solo, "Laddie," by Marde Birmingham, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Cronk; vocal trio, "Three Captains," by Marde Birmingham, Loraine Simonson and Bernadette Hynes; vocal solo, "June Is in My Heart," by Loraine Simonson; vocal solo, "You're a Grand Old Lady," by Janet Enright.

The Catholic Daughters of America served the dinner in the Knights of Columbus club-rooms.

MOUNTS ELECTED SCOUT CHAIRMAN

D. R. Mounts was elected chairman of the north-central Nebraska district of the Boy Scouts of America in a committee meeting here Monday night. Mr. Mounts is the judge in the Fifteenth judicial district.

Dr. J. M. Pucelik, of Spencer, was chosen vice-chairman; and Harry A. Snyder, of Atkinson, was made district commissioner.

Scout leaders from Ewing, Lynch, Atkinson and O'Neill attended the north-central district committee meeting. A highlight of the session was the introduction of Robert W. Rispler, of Bassett, the new field executive for the district.

A graduate of Omaha university and an experienced Scout and outdoor camper, Mr. Rispler will headquarter at Bassett, and spend considerable time each month in Holt and Boyd counties.

A year's scouting program of objectives and activities was planned, including camping, camporees, rallies, courts of honor, and training courses. Efforts will also be made to organize scout and cub units in Page, Chambers, Ewing, O'Neill, Butte and Lynch during the next 10 months.

Scout Executive H. W. Haun, of Omaha, was present at the meeting.

Donna Mae Has Visitors— Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Mullis and sons visited with Mrs. J. B. Harnish and Miss Ruth Harnish last Thursday. Later in the day they visited with Donna Mae Fuhrer and her family.

Weekend in Norfolk— Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Brennan spent the weekend in Norfolk visiting friends and in Wayne visiting Mrs. Brennan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Porterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Benda spent the weekend in Platte and Kimball, S. D.

O'Neill Woman, 88, Sells Out to Air Travel

Mrs. Amanda Pace, 88, of O'Neill, has often stared at the sky and watched airplanes buzzing about. Not until recently, however, has Mrs. Pace been convinced that the airplanes are here to stay.

After contemplating for several months a trip to Miami, Fla., to visit her son, Charles, Mrs. Pace decided on her own that she'd have a go at flying.

Boarding a huge passenger airliner at Omaha at 11 a. m., she was comfortably resting in her son's home in Miami less than 12 hours later.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," she wrote her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Quig, who also lives in O'Neill.

Mrs. Pace was overwhelmed with the luxury and attention she received. The hostesses



MRS. AMANDA PACE

paid so much attention to their eldest passenger that she was a most embarrassed. "The meals were wonderful," she wrote.

Mrs. Pace is a veteran of innumerable surface trips to California, but her Miami junket is her first. She doubts now if she would have made the trip had she been obliged to travel by automobile or rail.

The elderly O'Neill air tourist is the widow of the late James Pace. The Pace family came to Holt county from Missouri 30 years ago, spending a number of years on a farm.

When the sojourn in sunny Florida is over, Mrs. Pace will return to Nebraska—by air, of course.

BIDS SOUGHT FOR POWER LINES

Consumers Plans 80 Miles of Construction in Spring

The Consumers Public Power district is advertising for bids on the erection of approximately 80 miles of 115,000-volt transmission line in the O'Neill area. The new line will extend from the district's network at Norfolk by way of Neligh and will supply additional power from the high voltage Nebraska public power system grid.

The 80 miles of high voltage line is the first phase of a large construction project to be started in this area, and is the largest single project in Consumers extensive statewide construction program to start this year.

When completed the project will include, in addition to the line now being started, high voltage substations at Norfolk, O'Neill, Wausa, Creighton and Belden, reconstruction of the Belden-O'Neill and Oakland-Twin Church (near Dakota City) lines, along with related equipment, all of which will run well over one million dollars.

The project is a part of the 15 million dollar construction program scheduled to be carried on by Consumers throughout the state during the ensuing five years. It is intended to enable CPPD to increase its power supply to keep pace with the rapidly expanding use of electricity and to provide more dependable service to the many communities served.

According to the advertisement which appears in this issue of The Frontier, bids will be opened March 22 and construction is to start as soon as possible thereafter.

Consumers officials advise that all of the material for the line is now on hand or has been ordered, and it is expected that work on the line will progress according to schedule starting in early Spring.

Visits at Kearney— EMMET—James Carney left Saturday for Kearney for a visit in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Gibbon. He recently returned from an extended visit at Waterbury.

Mrs. Charles Benda, of Platte, S. D., arrived Monday for a week's visit in the homes of her daughter and son, Mrs. Roy Shelhamer and Lyle Benda.

HOLT MEN ADMITTED TO BAR

John R. Gallagher (left) and Harold E. Connors, two O'Neill men, were among 42 new lawyers recently admitted to practice in the courts of the state by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Both are World War II veterans and both attained the rank of major, Gallagher in the Marine Corps and Connors in the Army.

Mr. Gallagher, son of Mrs. Robert E. Gallagher, was studying at Creighton university, Omaha, when the war interrupted his studies. Mr. Connors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Connors, of Bridgeport, taught in the O'Neill public school during 1940-41. His wife is the former Evelyn Wallace.

Mr. Gallagher became the father of a daughter on February 18—the same day that he was admitted to the bar. His wife is the former Mildred Honke, of Butte.

Both Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Connors were graduated from the Creighton university law school on February 16.

Mr. Gallagher has not announced his plans, while Mr. Connors will report to the department of justice in Washington, D. C., on March 1.

Other recent law graduates admitted to the bar at the same time were: Warren Eugene Van Norman, of Bassett; and John J. Biglin, of Hastings, who is known here.

MRS. BERIGAN TO HEAD ARC DRIVE

Community Leaders Are Named Preparatory to March Campaign

Mrs. J. J. Berigan, of O'Neill, has been named chairman of the annual Holt county fund-raising drive for the American Red Cross. The campaign will begin Monday, March 1, and continue through the month.

With final preparations being made for launching the drive, Mrs. Berigan has announced the following community chairmen: Ewing—Mrs. John Spittler; Inman—George Coleman; Atkinson—Dr. W. J. Douglas, Harry Snyder and Mrs. Minnie Shaw; Stuart—Miss Theresa Lewis; Chambers—John W. Walter; Emmet—Mrs. P. W. McGinnis; Page—Mrs. R. D. Copes.

The drive in O'Neill will be under the direction of Mrs. Berigan and Mrs. James W. Rooney, who is secretary of the county organization.

The ARC membership and fund-raising campaign will be carried on simultaneously throughout the nation. The national quota is 75 million dollars.

Calls Once a Year—Mrs. Berigan said: "A local Red Cross worker who is donating his or her time and effort to make this membership drive a success will call on you sometime during March. Be ready to do your bit by donating to this worthy cause."

She continued, "The American Red Cross gives to those in need 365 days of the year; you are asked to give only once a year."

One of the ARC's 1948 objectives is the establishment of 80 blood banks in strategic locations throughout the United States. Blood plasma in these banks will be available to anyone in need of its life-saving properties. Mrs. Berigan pointed out. There is need in the nation for nearly 4 million pints of blood for hospital and emergency use. This will cost 9 million dollars this year alone.

John H. McCarville is captain of the solicitation team in the O'Neill business district. Team members are: C. E. Jones, John Havelka, Mrs. Halsey Moses, Lester Jonas and Mrs. Stephen Price. Residential district captains are: Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh, Mrs. Ted McElhane, and Mrs. H. E. Coyne.

PETER DONOHOE SUFFERS BURNS

Peter Donohoe, about 38, was seriously burned on the abdomen and left leg about 2:40 a. m. Tuesday while attempting to remove a flaming gasoline stove from a building in which he was residing.

He was taken to the O'Neill hospital for treatment, and he was later removed to the Veterans' hospital at Lincoln. Dr. O. W. French, the attending physician, said the man may be suffering second degree burns.

Only a handful of firemen responded to the first alarm, because of wind. The alarm was sounded a second time.

The small one-room structure in which Donohoe lived alone was virtually destroyed by the fire. The building is located outside the city limits on the south edge.

Mr. Donohoe is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson spent February 14 and 15 visiting relatives at North Platte.

RITES HELD FOR FRED BECKWITH

Well-Known Farmer, AAA Chief Buried at Oakdale

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER—Fred F. Beckwith, 78, a Holt resident for 37 years and one of the county's agricultural leaders, died at 2 a. m. last Thursday in Atkinson. He had suffered a paralytic stroke two days before his death and was removed to a nursing home here where he died. He had been in "good health," relatives said, in spite of his advanced age.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian church here, and burial was at Oakdale. Rev. Orin C. Graff, of Atkinson, officiated.

The late Frederick Fremont Beckwith was born March 18, 1869, near Fremont, the fourth child in the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beckwith, who came to Nebraska from Pennsylvania shortly after the close of the Civil War.

At the age of 16, the late Fred Beckwith was the driver of the "hack" which met the construction trains at Valen-

time—then the end of the railroad which is now the Chicago & North Western. Young Beckwith's father was the proprietor of the hotel and livery stable there.

On September 5, 1893, he was married to Irene Ellora Palmer at Oakdale, and later they became the parents of 8 children.

The late Mr. Beckwith worked as a paper hanger and as a painter until 1906, when he began farming. In March, 1911, he moved his family from Antelope county to a farm southeast of Atkinson, where he resided until his death.

He was a member of the Methodist church for many years before affiliating with the Presbyterian church in Atkinson.

Mr. Beckwith served several terms as chairman of the Holt county organization of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, having been elected a committeeman in 1933.

He was active in the establishment of the early shelterbelts in the county.

Survivors include: Sons—Guy, Rex, Leon and Dean, all of whom reside near Emmet; Ralph and Vern, both of O'Neill; daughter—Mrs. Edith Garvin, of Scottsbluff; sister—Mrs. Pearl Hall, of Neligh; brothers—Ed and Clyde, both of Neligh; 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

His wife died on January 30, 1933, and one son, Kenneth, died at the age of 10.

M. F. MULLEN DIES IN PORTLAND, ORE.

M. F. Mullen, brother of Mrs. W. H. Harty and a former O'Neill resident, died early Sunday in Portland, Ore., where he had been residing.

Reared in O'Neill, the late Mr. Mullen left here more than 25 years ago. He attended Creighton university at Omaha and settled afterward in Portland.

Mrs. Harty departed late Sunday for Portland to attend funeral services.

Survivors: Mother—Mrs. Mary Mullen, of Portland; sister—Mrs. Harty; brother—Bernard ("Barney") Mullen, of Longview, Wash.

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