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Statistics Show Transactions of County Offices

297 on Relief Rolls in County, 7,727 Auto Licenses for 1936—Few to State Institutions.

Records to the early part of this week showed 197 marriage licenses issued in Cass county during 1936. Twenty-five divorces were granted.

County Court
Fees collected by the county court totaled \$4,258.86 during 1936.

County court comes to a close with 98 criminal cases handled. Seven were dismissed by complaint before trial and nine by the county attorney before trial. In nine cases the warrant is in the hands of the sheriff. One fine was placed on execution (bond for payment). Seven trials found the defendant "not guilty" and seven defendants were sent to jail. Fines were imposed in 26 cases and peace bonds were required in five cases in complaints to keep the peace. Nine preliminary examinations were held and four criminal cases are pending. Suspension during good behavior and parole to probation officer was made in 12 cases and two drivers licenses were revoked for reckless driving.

Proceedings in county court total 294—adoption, five; guardianship (new cases filed), 18; guardianship (old cases), 19; trusteeship, three; feeble minded to institution, one; guardianship (reports filed in cases), 102; new estates filed for probate, 68; old estates settled and discharge entered, 77.

Civil actions totaled 60 with 28 new cases filed on the county term docket and 32 new cases filed under the justice docket.

District Court
One person has been sent to the state penitentiary and one to the state reformatory from the district court in 1936. Three were released on parole and one was sent to a home for dependent children. Forty law, sixteen criminal and 177 equity cases are pending as a new district judge comes into office.

County Sheriff
Sixty-nine warrants have been served by the county sheriff, 81 summonses, 26 subpoenas and 22 orders of sale.

Treasurer
A total of 7,727 auto licenses were issued for 1936 in the office of the county treasurer. So far, 477 have been issued for 1937.

The tax levy for 1935 was \$517,691.04. \$471,630.91 of that amount has been paid leaving only \$46,160.13 in outstanding taxes. This is a better ratio than at any time in recent years.

Dependents
Twenty persons are on the mothers' pension list at present. A total of 359 receive old age assistance, a new form of aid provided by recent legislative enactment. Fifty-six children in 24 families are on the dependent children list. Seven persons in Cass county receive blind assistance.

Two hundred and seventy-nine persons in Cass county have been recipients of direct relief. This is confined largely to grocery orders, but includes some clothing and occasionally fuel in cases where a physical handicap prevents the cutting of wood for fuel.

Five were taken to state hospitals at Lincoln and Norfolk during the year of 1936. One person was sent to a feeble minded institute.

FOREIGN SCOUTS COMING TO JAMBOREE IN JULY

Invitations sent to Boy Scout organizations of 73 different lands have already brought assurances that the thousands of American boys at the National Scout Jamboree in Washington next June 30 to July 9 will be hosts to foreign contingents.

Great Britain plans to send 50 Scouts and several leaders. Roumania will send a picked patrol of eight Scouts; Poland will be represented by 24 Scouts, and Canada and Mexico each plan to send a full troop of 33 boys. Other countries planning to send contingents are Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, Bermuda, Poland, Denmark, Switzerland, Hungary, Luxembourg, India and Ceylon.

SUFFERS LOSS OF CHICKENS

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning Sheriff Homer Sylvester was notified of the fact that a large flock of White Rock chickens had been stolen from the home of George Lutz, near Union. The chickens were taken some time Wednesday but the matter was not reported until today so that the parties taking the chickens had plenty of time to make their escape. The fowls were branded with the Nebraska Farmer brand and it is hoped may be located for the owner.

To Start New Cemetery Record Work Monday

WPA aid will be received on important work of compiling records of cemetery.

One of the most important WPA projects that has been planned in this city is that which will be started on Monday when the compiling of the records of the Oak Hill cemetery will be started.

This work is one that will require the most diligent work and will comprise personal check of lots and graves, the checking of city records as to lot owners, as well as contacts with morticians and physicians that may have record or knowledge of deaths and lot ownerships.

All of the raw material must be gathered and checked before the workers can start in on the compiling of the new records that have been prepared to care for the future history of the cemetery. The city cemetery board that now has the administration of the cemetery in charge have prepared a wonderful system of records that will make a thorough and complete description of each lot, grave and history of the lot and its membership.

When completed there will be no worry as to the future as far as records of the Oak Hill cemetery are concerned.

Allen McClanahan and Ralph Olson, who have been working on the indexing and recording project at the office of the county judge, will be assigned to the work as their present project is closing this week.

BUSINESS VALUES EAGLE SCOUT RATING HIGHLY

Boys who become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in their organization, have a better chance of securing good positions in the business world. If a letter received by the Scout Executive at Appleton, Wis., from a large insurance company, can be taken as an indication in that direction.

The letter requested a list of young men who became Eagle Scouts between 1921 and 1929, to be considered for a high position now open in that company.

It said in part, "Our purpose in asking for this list is one of increasing our personnel and we do so for the reason that we know Eagle Scouts are held in high esteem and should furnish the caliber of individual that we wish to have working in our organization."

HERE FROM BURLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brooks and daughters, Mary Jane and Helen Jean, with Forest Coulsen, of Burlington, Iowa, are here to enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crabb, the former a brother of Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Brooks, who was superintendent of the Plattsmouth high school for several years, is now head of the Burlington city schools and one of the outstanding schoolmen of Iowa.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Tony Klimm, residing south of this city, was operated on Thursday at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha. The latest reports from the hospital state she is resting very well and it is hoped may soon be definitely on the road to recovery. The many friends will regret to learn of the operation but trust that she may soon be able to resume her usual activities.

U. S. Projects in Cass County During 1936

CCC, WPA, National Park, Electrification and Resettlement Active During Past 12 Months

Federal projects in Cass county during the past year have been the source of a large amount of income in wages and a smaller amount in loans.

Sarpy and Cass counties' resettlement administration, newest of the federal agencies, opened offices in Plattsmouth in November. Thirty-one emergency seed and feed loans have been made in the area, fifteen of them in Cass county. Thirty-two standard loans have been made, averaging from \$1,000 to \$1,200, twenty-one of these in Cass county. One hundred and eighty-eight outright grants were made, ranging from \$20 to \$25 per month, sixty of these going to farmers in this county.

Rural Electrification

Farm Bureau precinct chairmen of the east half of the county, and their rural electrification committee met at the Farm Bureau office last Wednesday evening to hear D. D. Wainwright, agricultural agent, explain the rural electrification program.

At the conclusion of the evening, the committee formed themselves into an organization to make a survey of their precincts and explain the project to their neighbors.

Mr. Wainwright reviewed the national legislation that has been enacted to make the electrification of rural America possible. The United States, as advanced as it is in many fields, has been very slow to expand in the electrical field, as compared to some other nations. Holland has 100 per cent of their farms electrified, Germany 90 per cent, Sweden 50 per cent, Ontario 15 per cent, while the U. S. has only 10 per cent—although the rural population of most of these countries is more congested than that of the U. S., making electrification easier and cheaper. The standard of living generally in our country is higher than that abroad and the American farmer should share in the relative American prosperity," Mr. Wainwright said.

The Eastern Nebraska Public Power District composed of Saunders, Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Richardson and Pawnee counties, was organized about two years ago. It took a great amount of preliminary surveys etc. to get under way. The district is being set up by projects. Project number I covers about 350 miles of line in the vicinity of Tecumseh. In this project most of the poles are set and wires are being strung. Project number II takes in, roughly, the northwest quarter of Otoe county, the west half of Cass county, and up into Saunders county. This project is expected to get under way by early spring.

Project number III will cover the east half of Cass, Otoe, Nemaha counties. It was about this project that the committees were being organized.

A. H. DeLong and Fred Siefert, agricultural agents of Otoe and Nemaha counties attended this meeting with committees from their counties.

These chairmen with their committees will contact the farmers within their precinct in the near future as the first step in developing project number three.

Cass county ranks fourth in project allotment for rural electrification projects. Forty-four projects have been allotted, the contracts executed, and are now under construction. The sum of \$365,000 is given as the cost of the projects, to cover 320 miles and serve 800 customers.

Only ten other projects are now under construction in the state. Three are in Scotts Bluff county and seven in Gage. Projects have been allotted in Scotts Bluff, Gage, Cass, Lancaster, Morrill, Polk, Adams, Platte, Howard, Burt and Dodge counties.

The above reports are made of the situation as of November 15, 1936.

U. S. Engineers

The U. S. Engineers' project has been one of the outstanding projects in the county during the past year. The work has been closed down for

the winter now and 25 men are employed in the administrative office with about 25 active on the river for a short time.

Among the contracting companies that have worked in the area during the past year are the Kansas City Bridge company, the A. W. Farney company, Patton Kelly transfer, Belhorn, Bower and Peters, Inc., and McGeorge. During the summer and fall the payrolls of these concerns (Continued on Page 2.)

Farming Holds Lead in Spite of Drouth Years

Records Show 5.59% Return on Investment During 1935-'36 Results to Be Announced Soon

Cass county has 2,563 farms with a farm population of 17,684. The past year has shown a decided trend toward soil conservation methods. Farmers have cooperated closely with C.C.C. and county agent workers in altering plans in order to preserve soil.

22 miles of terraces were constructed to protect 252 acres of farm land during 1936 and 9 miles to protect 36 acres of pasture. 34 permanent structures were built in the county for the control of gulches and water storage basins. 862 small dams were built and 72 acres of badly eroded land was planted with trees. 1,305 acres have been changed from straight row farming to contour farming. 16,600 seedling trees were planted during 1936.

Farm Menaces

Two of the most serious menaces to the farming industry that can be destroyed are the grasshoppers and bindweed. The county is heavily infested with hopper eggs at the present time and organization for the 1937 campaign against them has begun. Unless there is a winter with many intervals of freezing and thawing which will crack the egg shell the farmer may expect many more hoppers during '37 than in '36.

During 1936 an emergency program unexcelled as an insect control campaign was carried out in the county. 712 farmers purchased poison bran mash. 40 tons of bran, 600 gallons of sodium arsenite, 17 gallons of amyl acetate, and 600 gallons of molasses went into mixtures to kill hoppers. The saving to crops is estimated at 15 to 20 thousand dollars.

Approximately 2000 acres in this county are infested with bindweed. 15% of the weed is along the public roads. This is especially significant for nothing is being done to kill it, along the road and from there it spreads to the fields. Each branch that is broken off by a maintainer is dragged along to drop and start another of the choking vines.

Over 11,200 pounds of sodium chlorate was used in the county during 1936 for the control of bindweed. Many areas of one to 40 acres in the county, however, have had no control measures whatever attempted.

Poultry and Livestock

Turkey raising is growing into a lively farm activity in the county. During the past year a turkey growers non-stock marketing association was formed through which 9,000 turkeys have been sold.

10,076 hogs were vaccinated in the county in 1936. The problem of feed has proved serious in the county. Cass county is in a drouth stricken area, thus may take advantage of a reduced rate on freight, 33 1/2 per cent off on most feeds. 50 railroads have been brought in on the lowered rate.

Seed Corn

Cass county will have sufficient seed corn for spring planting. About 6000 bushel of seed have now been located and a more complete survey is being made from the county agent's office during January.

5.59 Percent on Investment

Despite adverse conditions of 1935 records kept by 48 farmers show an average return earned on their investment of 5.59 per cent after deducting a wage for themselves. Reports will come in during the next month for the 1936 return. 76 farmers have kept 1936 records.

LOST—N. H. S. class pin with initials P. E. S. on back. Leave at Journal.

Cass County Boasts of Many Small Industries

Natural Products of Rock, Gravel, and Clay; Packing Company and Shops Boost County.

Although Cass county is primarily an agricultural section a number of other industries are found to be thriving. Fourteen stone quarries have been in active operation during the year of 1936. The largest of these is used for the cement factory at Louisville. This factory is putting out both cement and crushed stone.

A number of the quarries have furnished rock for the river projects on the Missouri. Some rock is sent out from the county to be used as building stone. Other is ground to be used in a variety of ways.

Tobins quarries have been used mainly for river work during the past year as has Pickins, Dietz Hill, and the U. S. Engineers quarry. A county quarry was opened at Rock Bluff and Nehawka to furnish material for road work.

Olson's quarry sends sugarstone to Grand Island to be used in refining sugar. It also exports building stone and material for riprap. Although the grinding is done outside the county, the United Mineral Products Co. secures part of its stone from this county.

Iodized calcium, poultry grits and small quantities for use in paint, putty, and cosmetics are among the products of the Western Limestone company. It also produces rock for paving and foundation work.

A Burlington quarry is located at South Bend and is used by the company itself for rip rap.

The stone of Cass county underlies most of the eastern half.

Sand and Gravel

Another of Cass county's contributions to industry is the sand and gravel. Scheibler at Cedar Creek, Lyman-Richey corporation at Plattsmouth and Louisville, Western Brick and Supply at South Bend, the Merritt and Bell sand pits at Plattsmouth have furnished material for resurfacing the roads of the county.

Other Industries

One of the newer lines of endeavor is pottery. The Kahler Pottery company is located at Louisville. Elmwood operates a mill for grinding flour and feed. Plattsmouth has a feed mill.

Another boost to the county, both as a consumer for farm products and as an employer, is the Norfolk Packing company. An average of 100 are on the payroll for the remainder of the season. The employee figures have varied during the past year from 50 to 250.

200 men are employed in the B.R.E.X. shops in Plattsmouth. The shops are now building refrigeration cars.

MARRIED AT MANLEY

Saturday afternoon Harold Ellsworth Ralston of Sabetha, Kansas, and Miss Clara Elizabeth Babe, of Falls City, were licensed to wed by Judge A. H. Duxbury. The young people motored to Manley where they were married by Father J. J. Hoffman, pastor of the St. Patrick's Catholic church.

The bride is a former parishioner of Father Hoffman at Falls City where he served as pastor for some twenty-seven years.

CLUBS IN COUNTY

52 project clubs are organized in the county. Spring project clubs had an enrollment of 814 and fall of 791. Study clubs had 95 members in the spring and 114 fall members.

64 4-H clubs completed work during the past year and 2 keep well clubs are now active in rural schools of the county.

FIRST NEW BUS LICENSE

State Treasurer Murray at Lincoln Thursday issued the first 1937 bus license to C. C. Cotner of Plattsmouth who is operating a ten passenger bus between Omaha and Plattsmouth. The fee was \$75.

ATTEND OMAHA MEETING

Misses Mia and Barbara Gering attended the Mignon Shaylor memorial daughters of the King meeting held in Omaha December 31, at 11 a. m. commemorating the birthday anniversary of the Sainted Mrs. Shaylor. Celebration of the Holy Communion was held at the Bishop's residence.

The service was followed by a luncheon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hoagland. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Frank Haller and Miss Sprague. After lunch the regular routine of business was dispatched. The president presided.

Burlington Plans for New Rolling Stock

Expected That 1,500 New Cars Will Be Constructed in Shops in Nebraska This Summer.

The Burlington railroad has applied to the interstate commerce commission, the Wall Street Journal states, for permission to issue \$7,080,000 of two per cent equipment trust certificates which are to be sold in connection with the purchase of new equipment.

This is the first step in the program of the railroad that will mean the building of large numbers of new cars as well as the rebuilding of several hundred others.

The program embraces plans for the building of 3,550 new cars at points over the system and 1,500 of these cars are expected to be constructed in the state of Nebraska.

The Plattsmouth shops of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., is scheduled to supply 250 new refrigerator cars, which will make a very extensive program in addition to the regular supply run of repairs on cars that come in from the lines for light repairs. This work would call for a large sum and additional workers.

The Havelock shops are expected to handle 1,000 fifty-ton steel frame box cars and 250 auto cars as a part of the program of the railroad.

It is expected that the other cars will be turned out at Galesburg, Illinois, where the shops will turn out 250 hopper cars, 1,500 gondola cars, 150 stock cars and 100 flat cars.

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was called to Nehawka New Year's day by a complaint that a young man there was laboring under too heavy a cargo of liquor. When the sheriff reached there he found the young man in the passing out stage of his celebration. The young man was brought here and lodged in the county jail. This morning he came to and was startled to find that he had been placed in jail. To the sheriff he unfolded that he had no recollection of the arrest or the trip here. The matter will be settled by the young man paying the expense incurred as he is not a confirmed drinker, but failure to reimburse the county will make necessary his being arraigned.

FIREMEN'S GRAND BALL

From Friday's Daily—
The annual fireman's ball last evening at the American Legion building proved as successful as its predecessors and hundreds of the residents of the city thronged the dance floor to participate in the fun and enjoyment of the dance. The dancing continued until after the advent of the new year and the audience greeted the infant 1937 in the most appropriate manner.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Byron Golding, who was forced to abandon his motor trip to California as the result of a heart attack, was reported as being somewhat improved this morning. Mr. Golding has suffered a great deal in the past two days but Friday he showed a decided gain and it is hoped in a short time may be able to resume his usual activities.

HAVE SMALL FIRE

Friday evening the residence in the south part of the city occupied by Albert Hikes, was discovered to be on fire. The department was called to the scene but the fire had gained a strong headway and it was impossible to check the flames, the small structure soon burning down. The cause of the fire is unknown.

E. L. McKissick to Leave Position with Iowa-Nebr.

Takes Position with Norge Electric Refrigerator Co.—Warren Scharfenburg of York Comes Here

E. L. McKissick, who has been located here as sales manager of the Plattsmouth district of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., is leaving his post here to accept a new position.

Mr. McKissick will be employed by the Norge Electric Refrigerator Co., and has a very fine position with this well known corporation that will give him an opportunity of advancing his future.

During his stay here Mr. McKissick has been a very capable official for the Iowa-Nebraska Co., and in the local community has made many friends by his very genial personality and his business capability. He has been very active in civic enterprises and his fine spirit of co-operation has been most helpful in all of the community activities.

Mr. Warren Scharfenburg, who has been with the Iowa-Nebraska company at York, Nebraska, will be here Monday to take over the position that Mr. McKissick is leaving. The new sales manager of the Plattsmouth district has been most successful in his former location and will bring here an extensive experience in this line of work.

RESIGNS POSITION

Harold S. Baker, who has been connected with the U. S. postoffice at Weeping Water for the past year, has resigned his position there. He has been assistant to Postmaster Sterling Amick since November 1, 1935, when the change was made in the postoffice.

Mr. Baker is removing to Valley, Nebraska, where he will have charge of Valley and Elk City Methodist churches.

The family will leave soon for their new home and take with them the best wishes of many friends.

Wilson Bleckford has been named as the assistant in the postoffice to succeed Mr. Baker and is now entering on his new duties.

FUNERAL OF RYNARD GILMORE

The funeral services of the late Rynard Gilmore, Cass county pioneer, were held on Thursday afternoon at the Straight funeral home on Oak street, a large number of the old friends and neighbors being here for the services. Rev. J. W. Tenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, conducted the services and paid tribute to the long and useful life of the departed pioneer citizen.

Mrs. Clifford Black gave two of the favorite hymns of the departed. "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me," Mrs. O. C. Hudson being the accompanist for the numbers.

RA'S ANNUAL REPORT

The first annual report of the resettlement administration's activity in the 48 states was forwarded to regional offices for careful distribution to points where it would do the most good. At the region seven offices in the Union Terminal warehouse, at Lincoln, about 250 copies were received of the 172 page booklet in attractive binding and on slick paper. They contain all money figures, photos of conditions before and after RA, and a glossary of terms, all of which have to do with grants of money in one way or another. The report only goes up to June 30, 1936, the end of the fiscal year.