

Peace program helps feed hungry children

Insight today

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Television, newspapers, magazines and the web are filled with images of starving children – skeleton-like figures crouched like dogs on their haunches while their mothers wail in anguish. Sometimes these pictures from such far-away places as Mozambique, Ethiopia or Angola also include children eating bread, bowls of rice and other staples that may have come from food produced on the fertile land of Kansas farmers and their counterparts across the United States.

Food aid for these hungry people started nearly 60 years ago right here in Kansas. It was named Food for Peace and this program was an outgrowth of this country's foreign-aid policy.

A few years after the conclusion of World War II, the United States implemented plans to help countries devastated by the war. The Marshall Plan in Western Europe became the cornerstone of this newly emerging program.

While some of the funding was used for reconstruction, most was used to help feed starving people left homeless and unemployed by the war. During this same period, the United States enjoyed bumper crops and began stockpiling huge commodity surpluses.

In September 1953, Cheyenne County Farm Bureau (in northwest Kansas) held a countywide policy development meeting. In that meeting, Peter O'Brien, a young farmer and rancher, suggested that it would make more sense to give aid in the

form of food items rather than in the form of money.

Cheyenne County Farm Bureau drafted a foreign-aid resolution that called for exporting grain to other countries. The northwestern Kansas farm leaders believed that if underdeveloped countries were able to secure food – once they became more prosperous – they would become major buyers of U.S. commodities.

The Kansas farmers also saw this as a "sure-fire" method to help reduce grain inventories and realized that increased shipments of U.S. agricultural products could generate more business for American processors, packers, shippers, railroads and ocean vessels.

The county Farm Bureau resolution became a state resolution at the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting and later part of the official policy of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the national level. In '54, Kansas Sen. Andy Schoepel sponsored legislation known as "Food for Peace" that passed both houses of Congress and was signed into law by Kansas' own native son, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Since its early beginning in Cheyenne County, Kan., PL 480 has gone through many changes. Today it remains a key ingredient in our overseas plan to aid countries with food rather than money.

Using food for humanitarian relief programs helps everyone. PL 480 helps feed hungry people around the world while helping American farmers reduce surpluses.

While there have been many new laws and farm bills introduced during

this period, not many have been as significant to agriculture and feeding the world's hungry people as Food for Peace. Without this humanitarian vehicle and the output of Kansas producers and their counterparts across the United States, millions of people continue to go hungry.

Each year millions of people need millions of tons of food to fill their hungry bellies. In 2008, an estimated 963 million people remained undernourished.

That same year, more than \$2.8 billion was donated worldwide from U.S. aid programs to developing countries, reaching tens of millions of people. This aid is essential in emergency situations and included drought in the Horn of Africa, conflicts in Sudan and Congo, hurricanes

in Haiti and drought in Afghanistan. Approximately 43 million in 38 countries benefited from emergency food aid provided through Food for Peace.

At the same time, non-emergency programs continued to focus on increasing agricultural production and supporting programs to address health, nutrition, HIV and others aimed at investing in people. More than 7.2 million people in 28 countries benefited from USAID non-emergency food assistance.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Public Notices

Petition of probate filed in Schultz estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

MARTHA J. SCHULTZ, Deceased.

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 10-PR-15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on October 27, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Larry R. Schultz, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Schultz", deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Larry R. Schultz, Petitioner

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Public Notice

Petition filed in court for the Kellner estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF
THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
IRENE C KELLNER, Deceased.

Case No. 10 PR 17

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Wayne A Kellner, son and one of the heirs of Irene C Kellner, deceased, requesting:

That descent be determined on the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County and Sherman County, Kansas, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in All of Section 28, in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the S1/2 and all of the NW1/4 of Section 33 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the W1/2 and all of the SE 1/4 of Section 27 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the SW1/4 of Section 22 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

An undivided one-half interest in Section 5, in Township 6 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Sherman County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the NE1/4 of Section 6, in Township 6 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Sherman County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the Laws of Intestate Succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 6th day of December, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day in said court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Wayne A Kellner, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court for the Salas estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

MARJORIE J. SALAS, Deceased.

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 10-PR-18

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Sherry Smith, one of the heirs of Marjorie J. Salas, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

Lot Two (2), Block Forty-seven (47), in the Original Town, Now City, of St. Francis, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

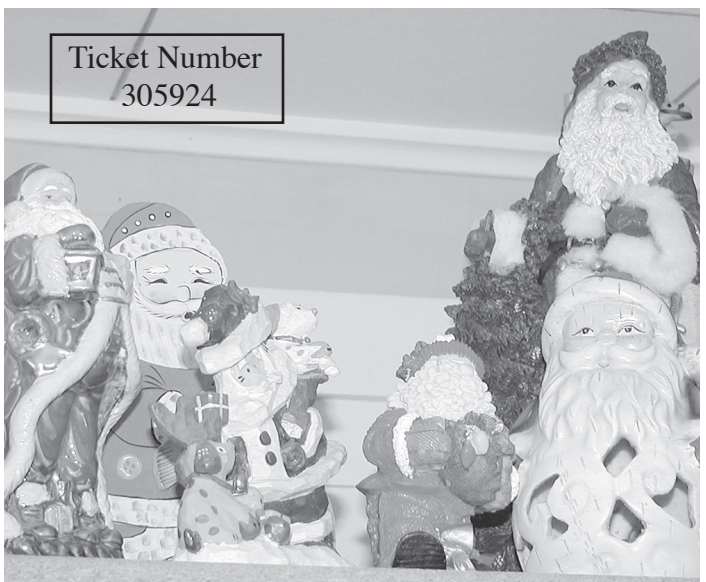
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the city of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Sherry Smith, Petitioner

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St. Francis
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Bird City Times
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Out of State \$40

The Saint Francis Herald
Bird City Times
P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, Kan., 785-332-3162

Christmas ON US

Don't Miss The Drawing On Monday, Dec. 13 at the St. Francis Grade School Gym 5:30 p.m.

Comparison of 2009 and 2010 levies and valuations:			
	2009 Valuation	2009 Levy	2010 Difference
State	\$44,824,318	1.500	
County	\$44,824,318	1.500	
General	26,783		25,272
Road & Bridge	17,568		3,398
Bridge Building	1,053		0,288
Noxious Weed	0,248		0,714
Hospital	5,203		0,258
Total	60,857		31,662
Levies of Taxing Units			
City of Bird City	K.S.A.	Levy	
General	79-1953	48.485	
Library	79-5032	3.656	
Total		52.141	
City of St. Francis			
K.S.A.	Levy		
General	79-5032	38.481	
Library	79-5032	4.004	
Total		42.485	
USD 297			
K.S.A.	Levy		
Supp. General	72-6435	15.628	
General	72-6431	20.000	
Capital Outlay	72-6801	6.080	
Total		39.628	
Recreation	12-1927	40.628	
NWKS Library			
K.S.A.	Levy		
General	75-2551	0.994	
Employee Benefits	12-16, 102	0.071	
Total		1.065	
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6			
K.S.A.	Levy		
General	2-623	2.271	
Total		2.271	

001 City of Bird City				002 City of St. Francis				008 Bird City Township				010 Bird City Township			
Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference
State	\$2,325,752	\$2,325,752	-0.814	\$6,482,270	42.485	39.628	0.734	\$5,671,812	1.500	1.500	0.000	\$70,568	1.500	1.500	0.000
County	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519	
City	52,141	52,141		42,485	42,485	42,485		53,003	53,003	53,003		53,003	53,003	53,003	
USD 103	53,003	53,003		39,628	39,628	39,628		0.507	0.507	0.507		0.507	0.507	0.507	
Recreation 103	1,025	1,025		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,025	1,025	1,025		1,025	1,025	1,025	
Cemetery 1	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875		1.288	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288	
Rural Fire 1	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065	
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271	
Total	192,966	192,966		170,278	170,278	170,278		143,178	143,178	143,178		142,983	142,983	142,983	
017 Calhoun Township				018 Calhoun Township				019 Calhoun Township				027 Cleveland Run TWP			
Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference
State	\$320,263	\$320,263		\$342,819	1.500	1.500		\$127,710	1.500	1.500		\$852,231	1.500	1.500	
County	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519	
USD 103	53,003	53,003		39,628	39,628	39,628		39,628	39,628	39,628		39,628	39,628	39,628	
Recreation 103	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	
Cemetery 1	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875	
Rural Fire 1	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288	
NWKS Library	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065	
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271		2.271	2.271	2.271	
Total	143,178	143,178		130,146	130,146	130,146		130,296	130,296	130,296		130,146	130,146	130,146	
033 Wano Township				034 Wano Township				036 Wano Township				048 Orlando Township			
Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference	Valuation	2010	2009	Difference
State	\$128,982	\$128,982		\$157,863	1.500	1.500		\$15,000,287	1.500	1.500		\$577,914	1.500	1.500	
County	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519		82.519	82.519	82.519	
USD 297	39,628	39,628		39,628	39,628	39,628		39,628	39,628	39,628		39,628	39,628	39,628	
Recreation 297	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	
Cemetery 2	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875		0.875	0.875	0.875	
Rural Fire 1	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288		1.288	1.288	1.288	
NWKS Library	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.065		1.065	1.065	1.0					