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Mrs. Charles E. Martin, Long Time Resident Of Holt County, Is Dead

Mrs. Julia Luella Martin died at her home, about 43 miles south of this city, last Friday afternoon at 5:30 after an illness of several months of an affliction of the liver, at the age of 61 years, 4 months and 15 days.

Julia Luella Jones was born on January 12, 1873, in Ohio. When she was 12 years of age her parents moved to this county, settling south of this city in the Chambers valley, where she had made her home ever since. On September 19, 1892, in this city she was united in marriage to Charles E. Martin. Six children were born to them, two boys and four girls, who, with their father are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent wife and mother. The children are: Mrs. Ben F. Jones, Ekalaka, Mont.; Walter P. Martin, House, New Mexico; Mrs. C. R. Elkins and William E. Martin, O'Neill; Mrs. F. L. Knight, Opportunity, and Mrs. Walter Jutt, Chambers, Nebr., all of whom were present at the funeral. In addition to her immediate family she is also survived by two brothers, C. C. Jones and Edgar Jones, of Chambers.

In the death of Mrs. Martin Holt county loses another of her old pioneers, a woman who had been a resident of the southern part of the county for nearly half a century. As a young girl and woman she endured all the hardships of the early settlers in this section of the west. She was a splendid example of the pioneer mothers whose entire time and devotion was expended in the care of her loved ones and her home. She was an exceptional neighbor and friend and her passing will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the southern part of the county.

The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Baptist church at Chambers, Rev. Sawtell officiating and interment in the Chambers cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the southern part of the county for several years, many people from this city attending, to pay their last respects to their departed friend. The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending its condolence to the sorrowing relatives.

Grasshopper Poisoning Program Is Effective

The grasshopper control program has been well received according to County Agent Frank Reece. Many farmers have already poisoned their fence rows, etc., are very enthusiastic with the results obtained. Relief workers have assisted several precincts in a general control campaign.

While the best time to poison will be passed by June 1 effective control may still be obtained by spreading the poison within the next few days. Ten pounds of poison will cover an acre effectively now and will do the work of 100 pounds three weeks from now. It should be spread between 4 A. M. till 9 A. M. as poisoning after this time is useless.

The poison bran now on hand is also effective in controlling cutworms. Cutworms feed mostly at night and the poison should be spread after 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the best results. Where the pests are working in row crops the bait may be spread along the rows at the rate of 4 or 5 pounds per acre.

Chinch bugs are reported doing considerable damage in the southern part of the state. Any one in Holt county who notices a large number of these bugs present should consult the County Agent for effective control measures.

For effective control of grasshoppers, cutworms, or chinch bugs, it is always more effective to take control measures during the forepart of the growing season.

Will Ship South Dakota Cattle Into Nebraska

The latest plans for handling straying cattle of South Dakota call for the moving out of the state of about 500,000 head within 30 days. The state has 2,414,000 head of cattle. The federal government was expected to buy cattle in the regions hardest hit by the drouth. Final plans have not been announced. One plan called for the purchase of the cattle by the federal bureau of animal industry, the diseased stock to be destroyed and the remainder to be canned for relief purposes.

A definite plan of action is expected to be announced within a few days. Previous announcements indicated the

South Dakota stock would be moved to the sand dune region of Nebraska. The situation is rather complicated in that mortgages held by bankers and others must be satisfied before either slaughtering or moving can be accomplished.

According to Governor Tom Berry, the efforts of the relief administration will be concentrated on the live stock industry of South Dakota and he is certain his state will be the first to receive attention. Tom, a Holt county boy, has been flying around night and day in effort at getting relief for his stricken people.

Receives Penitentiary Sentence For Auto Theft

A complaint was filed in district court Tuesday alleging that John W. Pointer did on May 24 steal and take from the streets of Atkinson one Ford automobile the property of A. J. Atkins, of Atkinson. When the car was taken Pointer headed east with it and when near Emmet burned out a bearing and he was hooving it east when he was picked up and brought to this city and confined in the county jail.

He was arraigned before Judge Dickson Tuesday morning, plead guilty to the complaint against him and was sentenced to not less than one nor more than two years in the state penitentiary, and to pay the costs of the prosecution, assessed at \$8.75. He was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Duffy Tuesday afternoon.

Prior to sentence when Judge Dickson asked him if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against him he said that dope and trouble with his wife was the cause of his trouble.

The penitentiary sentence will enable him to get off the dope habit, if he is so disposed.

Heavy Run Of Cattle On Sioux City Market

Tuesday, last week, the heaviest run of truck transported cattle on record was received at the Sioux City stockyards, 5,366 head. The high truck mark previously was made May 1, 1934, when 4,435 head were moved to the Sioux City market by trucks.

One cause of the big movement was the Chicago stockyards fire. Another is the prolonged drouth all over the Sioux City stock producing territory. The railways Tuesday brought Sioux City 780 head of live stock.

A feature of the days sales at Sioux City was 100 head of choice 1,118 pound steers that sold at \$8 a hundred. The big run however pounded prices down 15 to 20 cents a hundred pounds.

Blame For The Drouth Has Been Planted On Brow Of Pete Duffy!

The true cause of the wide spread drouth has been revealed. It is caused by Peter W. Duffy, sheriff of Holt county. Yes, there's going to be an investigation.

Last January 4 Mr. Duffy went out to interview a so-called "wild man" neighbors said had some chance of freezing to death the way he lived on lower Eagle creek. The sheriff looked around and found a man giving his name as Bert Olds, about 62, no address, and with only a camp fire, slender shreds of shelter, a police dog and more hope than an elephant might carry on its back.

A second trip was made for the purpose of bringing the man here and later the placing of him in a federal transient shelter at Omaha. The man did not like anyone disturbing him and said so. He told of putting down barrage curses on other localities where officers bothered him and then and there he set down a double strength curse on Holt county and amplified that to include other places where he had been antagonized.

"The good Lord is going to punish whoever is responsible for this something awful," Old said, "I don't know if Duffy is to blame or not, I hope he is not, but there'll be no rain and much suffering I can tell you." So if Duffy had not "bothered" things might have been different.

Barn Destroyed By Fire At Old Magirl Place

Wednesday forenoon at 11:55 fire was discovered at the southwest corner of the two-story barn at the old Robert Magirl place just west of town by the tenant, Gilbert Chaney. The loss on the barn was estimated by firemen at about \$250. Chaney did not know if the building was insured. He had household goods valued

at about \$100 stored in the barn and these were lost, without insurance.

The structure was lost when firemen arrived and no pipe water was used. A high south wind prevailed at the time and it was about 100 in the shade.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. The structure was erected about 40 years ago.

Mrs. Christina Fritton Dies Of Heart Ailment

Mrs. F. A. Fritton died at her home near Emmet last Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, after an illness of several months, of leakage of the heart, at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 6 days.

Christina Heiman was born in St. Louis, Mo., on June 21, 1868. When she was a little girl her parents moved to Iowa and she was united in marriage to F. A. Fritton at Tabor, Iowa, in 1890. Ten children were born to them, eight of whom, with their father, are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent wife and mother. The children are: Mrs. Anna Wolken, Leigh, Nebr.; Mrs. May Wolken, Chicago; Ralph Fritton, Emmet; Mrs. Irene Odenreider, Leigh; Alloysius Fritton, Atkinson; Mrs. Edith Callies, Leigh; Frank Fritton, Emmet and Mrs. Christina Crawford, Emmet, all of whom were present at the funeral, many of them being accompanied by their children, grandsons and granddaughters of the deceased.

The Fritton family moved to this county in 1919, coming here from Colfax county and locating near Emmet, where they have since made their home. She was a splendid wife and neighbor and had a host of friends in the Emmet neighborhood, where she was well known.

The funeral was held from the Catholic church at Emmet last Wednesday morning, Rev. M. F. Byrne officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery in this city.

Hold Drouth Meetings In Farm Communities

In response to a request issued by W. H. Brokaw, extension service head of the Nebraska university, meetings of farmers will be held this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in every school house in Holt and Cedar counties to sign drouth survey blanks for benefit of farmers and state administration heads who may be called on to secure aid for them. It will be very advantageous for farmers to fill out drouth survey blanks as quickly as possible. F. M. Reece and M. L. White, agricultural agents of Holt and Cedar counties said.

Try This One On Your Pet Bugologist

Some specie of snake or animal in southeast O'Neill, of nocturnal habits, makes a hole about the size of a half dollar and the strangest fact is that as far as can be determined, no earth is brought to the surface. In one of the holes, four buckets of water were poured in rapidly and the water went down out of sight in a jiffy, giving the impression the holes go down to water. The borings are almost straight down.

Another strange fact is the absence of tracks about the holes. Weasels, bull and garter snakes have been suggested as residents of these inverted tunnels, yet no sign of these has been reported in the neighborhood. Traps might reveal the identity of the mysterious diggers but it is feared they may be something beneficial to man and it is desired to give them the benefit of the doubt until they are proved otherwise.

In all, there are about six holes, close together, at the foundation of a building. Dogs and cats give the place a wide berth. There is some possibility, as happened in western Nebraska recently, that extinct species of snakes have hatched under an abnormally hot sun and have been compelled to burrow for a drink of modern water.

The members of the school board, parents, pupils, teacher and residents of District No. 15, and many friends, gathered together on May 19 to complete a very successful term of school with a picnic. A very delicious dinner was served at noon, after which ice cream and cake were served. The ice cream was furnished by the district and very liberally served by the director, Mart Stanton. Dinner was served in the basement which proved to be a very appropriate place for the occasion, the day being so warm. The day was very well spent and much praise given to Mr. Rotherham, the teacher who will teach the ensuing term.

Nebraska Has Received Over Thirty-one Millions Of Federal PWA Funds

Following a conference with Public Works officials, Congressman Edward R. Burke, of Omaha, stated that Nebraska has received a total appropriation of \$31,071,737 from the Public Works Administration during the first year of its existence. This is 140 per cent of the state's quota and is considerably more than any of the other states surrounding Nebraska have received.

For instance, Iowa has received only \$28,860,937; Kansas, \$20,527,332; and Colorado, \$24,486,665. All three states are more thickly populated than Nebraska although the allotments are made on a basis of 75 per cent population and 25 per cent unemployment. South Dakota has received \$11,794,732, while Wyoming has received \$21,989,462.

Nebraska, with a federal and non-federal per capita appropriation of nearly \$25 ranks sixteenth of all of the states. On non-federal projects, the per capita appropriation is \$10.50. Here Nebraska ranks fourth in the entire country.

The principal non-federal appropriations which Nebraska has received include \$7,500,000 for the Sutherland and Columbus power and irrigation projects; \$1,650,000 for the South Omaha Bridge; \$906,000 for the Omaha Sewer project; \$216,000 for the Lincoln waterworks project; Arcadia School \$74,000; York School \$15,000; Trenton sewer \$74,000; Eddyville School \$30,000; Wahoo School \$23,000; Hartington Sewer \$20,000; Columbus Sewer \$75,000; Scottsbluff Street Improvements \$65,000. Besides these projects, there are over a hundred others scattered over the state which have received lesser amounts from the PWA.

Of the 32 million odd dollars granted Nebraska, only approximately 12 million need be repaid, the remainder being outright gifts to the various communities as the government's contribution to help solve the unemployment problem, etc.

Congressman Burke stated that after his interview with the PWA Nebraska could expect approval of several additional projects sometime in the near future as a result of new appropriations. Among the projects which have passed preliminary examinations and have excellent chances of approval are the Peru School \$45,000; Cedar Bluffs Water Works \$12,000; Alma Water Works \$25,000; Stuart Sewer \$52,000; Exeter Water Works \$4,700; Callaway Sewer \$24,900; Saunders County Drainage \$60,000; Roca School \$4,200; Elba School \$14,100; Ansley School \$40,000; Ingleside Hospital, Lincoln, \$3,900; Daykin School \$16,000; Mason City School \$46,400; Pender Water Works \$2,400.

Hospital Notes

Miss Audine Cork, of Page, was admitted to the hospital Friday evening, May 25, for examination and observation. She went home Wednesday morning, May 30.

Miss Laverne Nissen, of Page, was operated on Saturday evening, May 26, for acute appendicitis. She is convalescing nicely.

Henry Monahan, of Amelia, was admitted to the hospital Monday morning, May 28, in a critical condition, suffering with carcinoma of the head and face. He died Wednesday evening, May 30, at 6:45.

W. J. Kennedy, of Iman, went home last Friday, May 18.

W. F. Harris was in the hospital from Monday morning, May 28, until Tuesday morning, May 29, for examination and observation.

The Roberts Construction company, having the contract to lay down cement paving on the main streets here, that are parts of highways Nos 281 and 29, found while mixing cement for culverts, that the city water barely supplied their wants, so a 2-inch pipeline was laid on the ground from east-west main street to the Elkhorn river, a distance of one mile.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Due to the shortage of water, and dry weather, you are hereby notified not to use water for lawns and gardens except during the hours of 7 p. m. to 9 p. m., and in case of fire to discontinue the use of water for lawn and garden use.

WATER COMMITTEE.

Boys Call On Mayor For Completion Of Dam

The great drouth, as far as it affects the young fellows, has been knocked galley west by a single stroke by Mayor John Kersenbrock. Boys have been after the mayor about ten days, asking that he send city workmen down to the holding dam they had half finished and make the place more than ankle deep. The mayor scratched his head, went down, in six inches of water, noticed the river raised a foot but went right down to six inches when he climbed out to see if the river was still running.

Kersenbrock hopped in his automobile, went back to town and hired about twelve men to finish the dam boys started a month ago. The dam is an idea generated by members of the O'Neill Tigers Club. Broken slabs of concrete, hauled out of town to make way for paving, is the material used. The boys succeeded in coaxing the Elkhorn to gouge out a hole four feet deep but there has been standing room only there this week.

It is planned to fix the hole so it shall be the finest, wettest and deepest between here and the next ones east and west, believed by historians to be the Pacific and Atlantic.

To Have Re-check Of Wheat Compliance

Plans are being completed in Nebraska this week for a re-check of the work of wheat supervisors and the completion of the check of compliance on the 35,000 wheat contracts held by farmers in the state. Only a small percentage of each wheat supervisor's work will be rechecked by the representatives of the agricultural administration.

The federal men will start work the latter part of this week in counties where the wheat compliance program began first. They will move rapidly from county to county in the next three or four weeks and complete all their work within a few days after the supervisors are done.

The re-check is being made by the administration in Washington for the sake of uniformity over the entire wheat belt and for the sake of accuracy of the work in each county. The re-check will include examination of the system used in the county office, the equipment used by the men to measure land, the methods of measuring, the accuracy of results, and the completeness of the required forms which are filled out and turned in.

Compliance with the wheat allotment contract to date will entitle the farmers to the second installment of the 1933 payments and also the first installment of the 1934 payments. These two checks for each of the Nebraska contract signers is likely to bring about five or six million dollars in benefit payments into the state this summer and fall. When the farmers get these two checks they will still have three more checks coming for compliance with the wheat contract in 1935, provided wheat does not go up to parity price. Should wheat go to parity farmers will get a higher price for their wheat and be happier than if they received a low price for the wheat plus the benefit payments.

Local Thermometer Goes To Record Height, But Is Considered Inaccurate

A large and supposedly reliable thermometer hanging on the west side of the Stout drug store here went haywire last Tuesday afternoon, registering up to 140, its limit, then the indicator, like the hand of a clock, went on until it was halted by the rim of the instrument box, bending and making every effort at spinning around like the propeller of an airplane.

Those who had been fairly cool under the official 107 at the courthouse, sweltered, gasped, staggered and felt that the end of the world surely must be in line to be burnt by fire and right away that afternoon at that.

Those looking at the thermometer immediately perspired and became the hottest they had ever been. Previously bearing a good reputation the thermometer is not blamed so much for trying to fly but it may not be forgiven for stretching 107 in the shade to 150 against the wall.

Tommy Thompson, Phil Dempsey and Shobert Edwards spent Wednesday night fishing for catfish at the dam on the Niobrara river north of here. Friends reported the three were seen buying beef steak in a local butcher shop after they came back from the dam.

COMMENCEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HELD AT K. OF C. HALL

Diplomas Presented To Twenty-High School Students And Twenty-Eight Eighth Grade Graduates.

Last Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the Knights of Columbus hall the eighth grade and high school graduating classes at one of the most glamorous commencements held here received diplomas and heard speeches that promised little and emphasized the fact there are more than two million graduates in the United States without anything to do, a carryover accumulating since 1930.

Myrtle Burge played a march. The invocation and address were by Rev. F. J. Aucock and the salutatory by Vivian Clouse. Junior girls sang "Summer Time" and "The Old Refrain." The valedictory was delivered by Pearl Burge. Roy W. Carroll presented the eighth grade and Dr. H. L. Bennett, president of the O'Neill board of education, presented the senior diplomas. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Aucock.

Twenty-six seniors and 28 eighth graders graduated. The friends and relatives attending the exercises comprised one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in the K. of C. hall.

Following is the list of graduates:

Vivian Clouse, John Michael Deines, Margaret Tehla Honeywell, Robert William Cook, Loraine Alice Ennis, Luella May Hartford, Ruth Leach, Opal Leone Harbottle, Hazel Leone Johnson, Gladys Ruth Evans, Fred George Cole, Nona Ina Bressler, Pearl Evelyn Burge, Hazel Gertrude Anderson, Birdie Carolyn Doolittle, Grace Loy, Dora Elizabeth Medcalf, Elva Marie Stauffer, Geneva Amelia Wilkinson, Norman T. Medcalf, Nila Renner, Arleen Mabel Page, Bennett C. Saunders, Willa Wilma Wilson, Cieta Jane Van Every and Mary Emma Spindler.

Tuesday Breaks May All-Time Heat Records

Nebraska all-time record for heat during the month of May has been broken in practically all parts of the state during the past week. The thermometer started climbing in this city Monday and finally registered 101 along in the afternoon. Tuesday it started climbing early and at 3:15 it had reached the unheard of record of 107 degrees, after that it dropped a few degrees. Wednesday started as if it was going to ease from the excessive heat, but it started climbing shortly before noon and kept going until it finally registered 105 degrees. This morning there was a little breeze blowing, but it changed to a warm wind shortly before noon and it will probably reach better than 100 today. Showers are forecast for certain sections of the state for today, but it will take a general rain to dispel the excessive heat wave.

Fresh Cows Draw Bid Of \$3.00 Per Head

A man from Vivian, S. D., called on a resident of Grattan township a few days ago and wanted to sell him 40 head of cows at \$8.00 per head. The man approached said that he would pay him the \$8.00 per head for the cows and their calves. Then the other told him that he had been compelled to kill the calves in order to try and save the cows. With the present outlook for feed and forage the man approached said that he would give him \$3.00 per head for the cows. The South Dakota man did not accept the offer on the spot, but said that he would let him know later. Just think of it, \$3.00 per head for cows, and in what they tell us are good democratic times.

Marriage Licenses

Edward L. Pavlik and Miss Charlotte Dobrichovale, both of Verdigre, were united in marriage by County Judge Malone at the country court room last Tuesday afternoon.

Freeman Beebe and Miss Leona Smith, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license in county court last Monday.

Edward E. Niemand and Miss Agnes M. Belik, both of Chambers, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday.

Harry Clemens, who lives on the old Rudybush place southeast of this city, was a pleasant caller at this office this morning and ordered The Frontier sent to his address for the ensuing year, so that he could keep posted upon Holt county happenings.