

THOMAS CROWE DIES AT LYNCH OF PNEUMONIA

Was Considered As Holt County's Most Prominent Farmer And Livestock Breeder.

FUNERAL WILL BE SUNDAY

Thomas Crowe, one of the pioneer settlers of northeastern Holt county, died in a hospital at Lynch yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, after an illness of about 10 days of pneumonia, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Crowe was one of the most prominent ranchmen in this county and undoubtedly its largest landowner. He came to this county in the early eighties, without a dollar, and by hard work and strict economy he became undoubtedly the richest farmer and stockman in the county.

He had the best equipped farm home in the county, with all modern conveniences. The sheds and barns for his stock were also of the best.

For several years he has purchased all the surplus corn in northeastern Holt county, which he fed to his cattle in his feed yards, where he always had about 100 head on feed getting them ready for the market.

Tom Crowe was a man who always attended to his own business and was universally well liked by everyone in the northeastern part of the county, as well as in other parts of the county, as his prominence in the cattle business gave him an extensive acquaintance.

He was a splendid citizen and one of the men who is responsible for Holt county getting the reputation of breeding and shipping extra fine beef cattle to the eastern markets.

Mr. Crowe leaves a wife and two children to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to them in their hour of sorrow.

Mrs. Crowe has also been ill of pneumonia the past ten days, but we understand she is somewhat better at the present time.

The funeral services will be held at the Odd Fellows hall in Lynch at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon, interment in the cemetery at Niobrara.

Corn Compliance Check-up In June

Nebraska corn hog associations will check corn acreage under the 1935 contracts immediately after corn planting time, according to the present plans of the corn-hog program. Final hog compliance will not be completed until after December 1, 1935.

Supervisors of compliance, employed by the county corn hog association, will measure the land planted to corn. If a farmer happens to have too much corn planted he can cover it up and plant the ground to some late feed crop like sudan or millet. This attempt to fit the corn compliance into the season of the year should meet with universal approval of contract signers. It will also save expense to the county association since it will be easier to measure the corn land before the corn is laid by, than after it is higher than a man's head.

Checking compliance with the wheat allotment program will begin as soon as blanks and instructions are available from Washington. Part of the supplies to be used by the supervisors are being prepared in Lincoln now. Counties anxious to start measuring up the land can plan to begin shortly after the first of April unless some unexpected delay enters into the picture.

Conduct Hearing On Auto Code Cases

George G. Campbell, of Atkinson, chairman of the Ninth district of the Motor Vehicle Retailing trade, announces that a hearing was held at Norfolk last week on alleged violations of the code.

The hearings were conducted by Richard Low, of Omaha, Code Commissioner for the State of Nebraska, on the liquidated damage plan of the retail motor code. Nine alleged violations from District No. 6 were summoned, appeared, and were assessed sums varying from

\$100 to \$300 each, for violations of the code and unfair trade practices.

District No. 9, which is made up of the counties of Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown, Keya Paha and Cherry, has been a little slow in getting into action, but there are quite a few violations in this district, according to Mr. Campbell, which have been thoroughly investigated and are ready for hearings. A few more complaints have been filed which are being investigated at present. Mr. Low will probably conduct hearings in this district within the next two or three weeks.

The automobile code is one of the codes that is functioning, as is evident from the results of hearings in different parts of the state within the past few weeks.

Funeral Services Held At Page For One Of County's Early Settlers

Mrs. Adelaide I. Cronk died at the home of her son, C. W. Cronk north of Orchard, last Tuesday morning at 11:50, after an illness of several months, of infirmities due to old age, at the age of 85 years, 3 months and 17 days. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Methodist church in Page and interment in the Page cemetery.

Adelaide Van Galder was born at Homer, Ohio, on December 2, 1849. When a young girl her parents moved to Wisconsin where she grew to womanhood, and on April 18, 1869, at Janesville, Wis., she was united in marriage to James Cronk. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Iowa and in 1879 came to Nebraska, settling in Antelope county, where they remained for one year and then came to this county, in the spring of 1880, and she had been a continuous resident of this county for 55 years, except the past year, during which time she lived at the home of her son in Antelope county.

Mrs. Cronk was the mother of six children, five of whom are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Fred and J. W. Cronk, Page; C. W. Cronk, Orchard; Mrs. Sylvia Spar and Mrs. Daisy Wilson, Page, and a large number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Cronk was one of the real pioneers of the county. When she and her husband moved to this county in 1880 there were very few settlers in the locality where they located, north and a little east of the present town of Page. She, like the other pioneers of the county, endured all the hardships and privations of the early days. She was a splendid woman, a helpful and loving wife and mother and her passing will be regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives.

Receive Word of Death of Mrs. Frank Bruzell

O'Neill relatives received word this morning that Mrs. Frank Bruzell died at her home at Tecla, Wyo., last evening. The body will be shipped to this city for interment, arriving probably Sunday morning, and the funeral will probably be held that day.

Mrs. Bruzell is the daughter of Mrs. Thomas Waldron of this city and visited her mother and other relatives here only two weeks ago, returning to her home two weeks ago last Wednesday. While her health has not been good for several years she felt about as usual when here and her sudden death comes as a distinct shock to her relatives and friends here. Her husband and one son are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving wife and mother, besides several relatives in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beha, of Sioux City, and Miss Nan Beha, of Omaha, came up last Saturday for a short visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beha. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

A called congregational meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday night immediately following the night service. The purpose of the meeting is to consider applying for a building loan.

Mrs. F. D. McMillan returned last Thursday night from a six weeks visit with relatives at Palm Beach, Florida.

PREPARE FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR HOLT COUNTY

Holt County and O'Neill Allotment For Better Housing Is Over Four Hundred Thousand.

John O'Donnell Financial Relations Manager, a former O'Neill resident, and V. A. Hall, associate State Director of the Federal Housing Administration, were in the city Tuesday preparing to set up a program for O'Neill and Holt county. Mr. O'Donnell stated that the better housing allotment for O'Neill and Holt county is \$440,000. It is estimated, Mr. O'Donnell said, that 70 per cent of the amount will be spent for labor.

The principle of the F. H. A. plan is to encourage home owners, including farmers, to repair and paint their buildings which have been neglected during the past five years. The government has made money available through local financial institutions, according to Mr. O'Donnell, by insuring 20 per cent of the loan for repairs, which is under Title 1 of the housing act.

Under Title 2, which is the building of new homes, the government insures the full amount of the loan. It is expected that hundreds of people, now on the relief rolls in Holt county, will again be placed into active service.

Maurice Archer, of Ewing, has been chosen as supervisor and Miss Esther McCarthy as secretary for the county program. Mr. Archer will be called into Omaha for a meeting and instructions to be held Monday, March 25. Immediately following this meeting a representative from the state office will assist Mr. Archer in making the set up here in O'Neill where the headquarters will be located.

Feeders Day At Nebraska Ag. College

The 23rd annual Feeder's Day, which always attracts statewide attention will be held on the Nebraska college of agriculture campus in Lincoln on Thursday, April 18, Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece was informed this week. Holt county farmers have been invited to attend.

Although no definite program for the day has been worked out as yet, several Nebraska farmers along with experiment station workers and men of national prominence will probably speak. R. R. Rhalman of the animal husbandry department is in charge.

One hundred twenty head of experimental cattle will be on display throughout the day. A test with various protein supplements and other experiments with grainless silage, limited corn rations and sex and age studies will probably attract considerable attention. Horses will be on exhibition also.

Nebraska Annual Pasture Contest

April 1 is the last day applications can be received at the Agricultural Agent's office for the 1935 pasture contest. This contest is divided into three divisions which are: temporary pasture; improvement of old permanent pastures, and new permanent pasture. The fields must aggregate at least 10 acres and simple management records should be kept from April 1 to October 15.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the two highest contestants in each county and five prizes totaling \$110 in cash, will be awarded in each of the three divisions. Assistance will be furnished by the Extension Service in regard to pasture mixtures and seeding methods.

Father And Son Banquet

The Father and Son banquet held at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening was enjoyed by about fifty fathers and sons and the evening was spent in eating a wonderful dinner, prepared by the ladies of the church, and in short talks by the citizens of the community and in pep songs. Those on the program were, H. B. Burch, who gave the welcome address, followed by a son; Lewis Cambre, who responded and led the singing; Roy Carroll; Superintendent C. C. McClurg; Judge Malone; Seth Noble, C. C. Bergstrom, H. Couetts, Peter Todson, Ted McElhaney, F. M. Reece and Max Hough gave a

reading. The boys yelled for the Dads and the Dads yelled for the lads and all had a real fine time. Rev. D. S. Conrad gave the invocation and Rev. A. J. May acted as toastmaster.

As a closing number on the program L. M. Durham, music director at the public schools, gave two reels of moving pictures which attracted a lot of interest of those present. All voted they had a good time.

Trees To Be Planted In Five Counties For Proposed Shelter Belt

This spring trees will be planted in five Nebraska counties in connection with the middle west plains shelter belt project, according to the acting director of shelterbelt organization in Nebraska.

The selection of the counties was made, he explained, following preliminary field studies by investigators which are now being assembled into a report to be used as a basis for conducting the field work of the project. The counties selected in this state are, Holt, Antelope, Custer, Frontier and Red Willow.

These counties, the director explained, are all within limits of a zone, the present location of which has been determined in accordance with the investigations of the past winter. Land for the 1935 planting has been selected that has been in cultivation during the past year, as sufficient time has not elapsed since the establishment of the project to permit the kind of advance soil preparation that is necessary.

A soil survey has been made, and records compiled, to serve as a basis for the final adjustments in the boundaries of the zone and the determination of specific sites for shelter belts within the zone.

Attempting To Repair Dam Dike At Spencer

Spencer Advokat, Saturday, after a week of accomplishing nothing although several methods were tried, crews were discharged and Old Man River was given unbridled reign at the dam on the river, south of Spencer. Jerome K. Lewis, jr., returned to his home at Omaha, where plans were laid for another fight. Engineer H. G. Roby, of Chicago, one of the nation's foremost river engineers, arrived the forepart of the week and quickly took the matter in hand. He started his operations higher up the river from where crews had spent the previous week trying to switch the water from the gap in the dike to the north side and through the wheels so that the gap could be repaired. By the manner in which things are buzzing and clicking around the dam, one is inclined to think that the river will soon be back in its old channel, although old timers are still inclined to shake their heads and state "it can't be done that way."

Monday a raise of several inches in the river caused new worry to the highway below the dam, but a crew has apparently checked that again. A small force has been present most of the time trying to keep the water from doing more damage to the already badly wrecked dirt dike.

J. K. Lewis, Sr., of Chicago, one of the officials of the company, arrived today.

Several hundred O'Neill people drove over to the Niobrara river dam last Sunday to inspect the ravages of the river on the dam and the highway. In conversation with one of the tourists he said that the dam is nearly filled with sand that has drifted in and that it would take several months and a lot of labor to get the river back into its old channel.

Dr. L. T. Harmon, dentist of Atkinson, was visiting friends in this city last Sunday. Dr. Harmon was away from Atkinson for a couple of years but has returned to that city and has opened up an office there over the Schultz barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Con Gokie had their little son baptised on St. Patrick's day, by Rev. M. F. Bryne. The name of the little lad is Donald Joseph.

J. F. O'Donnell went down to Omaha last Tuesday for a few days business trip.

"SHERD" SIMMONS DIES SUDDENLY OF A HEART ATTACK

Funeral Services To Be Held Here At 10:30 Friday Morning In Presbyterian Church.

Phillip Sheridan Simmons passed away about 7:15 Wednesday morning while sitting in a chair at the Western Hotel. About 7 o'clock he came down stairs and complained of a heart-burn and asked for some soda, drinking a glass of water with a little soda in it. He went out into the office and sat in a chair and in a few moments was found dead, having passed away evidently a few moments after seating himself.

"Sherd" was united in marriage at Pierce, Nebr., to Julia Ellen Thomas. To this union twelve children were born, 10 of whom are living. They are: Pearl Dinine, Toole, Utah; Charles, Mrs. Ella Dempsey and Mrs. Zella Cook, of O'Neill; Mrs. Melvina Anderson, North Bend; Sara George, Clouisa Lister, Escondido, Calif.; Maxine Wagman, Blair, Nebr.; Philip Simmons, Hawaiian Islands, and several grand children.

Sheridan Simmons was about 70 and had been a resident of this county for nearly half a century, and in his younger days took a prominent part in the political affairs of the county. In one campaign, some 30 years ago, he was a candidate for county judge on the democratic ticket and lost the election by only a handful of votes.

He later became a republican and was a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff on a couple of occasions, but failed of nomination. A few years ago he was again a candidate for the nomination for county judge, on the non-partisan ballot, and missed being one of the nominees by only a few votes. He had a very extensive acquaintance over the county and was universally well liked.

Sherd was a great reader and had a very retentive memory, and he could entertain any kind of a crowd with his stories of the "old west," stories he loved to tell. Although, at times, he was the principal hero of the story, they were usually entertaining and he always commanded a good audience.

He had a good deal of sickness the past year, suffering a very bad heart attack in the winter, and for days it was not thought he would survive the attack, but he recovered and seemed better the past six weeks than he had for a couple of years. Sherd was a good companionable fellow and he will be missed from his usual haunts around the city.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10:30 from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

County Seiged With Severe Dust Storm

One of the worst storms in years struck this county about 11:45 yesterday morning and raged unabated for about four hours. On account of the dust the visibility was very low, it being almost impossible to see 100 feet at times.

The storm was general over the state, being particularly severe in eastern Nebraska, which has been free from storms of this character. Kansas and Oklahoma had a severe storm that it is claimed done millions of dollars worth of damage to the wheat crop in these two states. The air is still full of dust and it will not abate probably until we have a good heavy rain.

ECONOMY LEAGUE MEETING

The Holt County Economy League will meet at O'Neill on Saturday, March 30th, at 2 p. m. All taxpayers are invited to attend.—Martin Conway, Secretary.

Jesse Bennett, about 22, was arraigned in district court last Monday charged with statutory rape on the person of a 14 year old girl. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

L. Oscar Chalman, manager of the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation, in Omaha, stopped in the city last Sunday for a few hours while on his way to western South Dakota.

Hospital Notes

Miss Kathleen Cadman, of Emmet, went home Monday the 18th. Mrs. Fern Davis, of Star, went home Wednesday, the 20th.

John Hoffman had his tonsils removed Monday morning. Arthur Eugene Urban, 6 months old baby was brought in Wednesday morning. The baby was having convulsions, the result of having swallowed heart stimulant pills. By evening the child was better and was taken home.

Holt County Spelling Contest To Be Held Friday, March 29th

The Holt county spelling contest will be held on Friday night, March 29, 7:30 P. M. at the O'Neill High school building. This should be a good contest, as we have a number of very good spellers.

Normal Training students are doing practice teaching work at the present time. Some very good work is being done and we expect to have a large number of these folks qualify for positions next year.

Teachers examinations will be given again on April 20. The eighth grade examinations will be held April 25 and 26.

I want to remind you that Arbor Day will soon be at hand. School boards and school patrons should set out some trees at this time. There are many native trees that will live under severe drought conditions. Our native Cedar is perhaps the most hardy trees that we have in this section of the county.

Clarence J. McClurg.

Is the Crib Big Enough?

By P. L. Sanford, formerly Professor of Poultry Extension Penn. State College.

Most any parent or other observer of growing children has noted from time to time during the youngster's life the surprising growth made. It is with somewhat of a shock that one realizes that the basket or bassinette, which was ample for the first several months of the youngster's life, is suddenly outgrown and a crib is necessary, and then but a short time to a full size bed.

Baby chicks attain maturity in size in approximately six months and, therefore, correspond to what it may take 15 or 20 years for a human person. Many a splendid lot of chicks is put into a brooder house so small that the Chinese practice of feet binding had nothing on the restrictions imposed on baby chicks. A 10x12, preferably 12x12 or 12x14, brooder house is certainly none too large for 350 chicks and even at that the cockerels should be removed as early as possible. Growth demands room. Unhindered growth, therefore, is dependent upon plenty of room. Do not spoil a good lot of chicks by prohibiting room for expansion.

Now when you are planning on the number of chicks you will get, look well to the size of your brooder house. Plan on sufficient hoppers space, make certain enough drinking fountains are available, and if you have never done it before, plan a roomy program.

Rural Rehabilitation

Work is progressing steadily on the Rehabilitation of Holt county farmers.

In working out the plans for many of these cases, it is found necessary to purchase additional livestock and machinery in order that the farmer will be able to carry on operations this year.

To keep the capital investment, in each case, to a minimum the county agent's office is interested in the purchase of used machinery and livestock.

Russel Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowen, who has been in the employ of the Interstate Power company in the office here for the past few years, has been transferred to the office at Crookston, Minn., and left this morning for his new home. Bruce Rummel takes the position vacated here by Mr. Bowen, while William Beha takes the place formerly filled by Bruce.

T. C. Hornsby, of Omaha, formerly of Valentine, was in the city visiting old friends last Monday. Mr. Hornsby is now vice president of the Federal Land bank in Omaha.

YOUTH SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT AND MURDER ATTEMPT

Lauris Lauritsen, 70, Filling Station Attendant Stops Assailant With A Gas Can.

Cornelius Carroll, 17, who said his home was at Charles City, Ia., was before Judge Dickson last Wednesday afternoon charged with assault with intent to murder, plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to the State Reformatory for men for not less than two nor more than fifteen years.

Shortly before dusk Tuesday night a young fellow came to the filling station on the highway on the west side of Atkinson, operated by Lauris Lauritsen, aged 70, said that he had run out of gas and his car was about two miles out in the country and he wanted some gas. Mr. Lauritsen filled up a one gallon can with gas and as the young fellow said that he was tired from walking in, Mr. Lauritsen got his car and took him out to where the car was.

When they reached the car, the young fellow got out Lauritsen drove on west a ways until he found a place where he could turn around and then drove back.

The young fellow was standing at the side of his car and had not as yet put the gas in the car. Mr. Lauritsen got out of his car to help him when the young fellow hit him over the head with a club, stunning him.

When Lauritsen turned around the young fellow had a gun in his hand and told him he was going to kill him. Lauritsen said he had a little money and he could have it, but not to kill him.

The young fellow said that he was going to kill him, and for him to walk toward the railroad track, which was done, the young fellow having the gun in his hand.

When they reached a hollow along side the track the young fellow told him to lay down as he was going to kill him. Catching the bandit unawares, Lauritsen cracked him over the head with the gas can, knocking him down and then jumped on him, finally succeeding in getting on top and holding him down.

A car came along the highway, driven by Andy Moss, of Stuart, and he sent out George Spence, Atkinson marshal, and the would-be highwayman was taken into custody. He was taken to Atkinson and placed in jail. He was brought here Wednesday, the complaint filed, and was arraigned and sentenced.

After he was taken into custody it developed that the car belonged to a traveling man who had given him a ride from Chadron as far as Ainsworth. There the traveling man had some work to do and while he was away from the car the young fellow drove off with it, getting to the point west of Atkinson before the gas ran out.

This traveling man is another who has probably been cured of giving rides to unknown parties.

No Contest So Far For City Offices

The city election this spring promises to be very quiet. There is in the field only one candidate for each office to be filled and there is no possibility of a scrap. For the city council the only candidates are John Protivinsky for councilman in the first ward; Hugh Coyne for councilman in the Second ward and Norb Uhl for councilman in the Third ward. For members of the school board the only candidates in the field are Ben Winchell, for the short term, and L. E. Downey and George Shoemaker for the full terms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rooney left last Tuesday morning for Omaha, where Mrs. Rooney will visit friends for a few days and Mr. Rooney will attend a meeting of the Secretary-Treasurers of the Production Credit Association from this land bank district, comprising the states of Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and Wyoming. The meeting will be held in Omaha and will continue for three days.

There were 12,611 marriages and 2,269 divorces in Nebraska last year, or more of both than in either 1933 or 1932.