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## ROCK COUNTY MAN TAKES COUNTRY'S LAST HOMESTEAD

Filing Made in Office of Clerk of District Court As There Are No Land Offices Now.

Martin E. Lantis, of Rose, in Rock county, last Monday completed a filing on 120 acres of government land in Rock county, in township 26, range 17. The filing was completed before the clerk of the district court as there are no land offices in the State of Nebraska, altho not so many years ago there were six.

This entry will probably be the last one made on government land in the United States, as last February the President issued a proclamation taking all public lands from entry. Mr. Lantis had his application for this land on file at the time the order was issued, so that particular piece of land was exempted from the provisions of the order.

## Celebrate 80th Birthday of Mrs. William Hull

At the home of Mrs. William Hull on Friday, Sept. 6, her eleven children and their families gathered to help her celebrate her birthday, where a sumptuous dinner was served cafeteria style.

The table decorations consisted of a bouquet of pink and white carnations and three large birthday cakes. Two of the cakes were baked by the two oldest daughters for their mother, and one for the oldest daughter, Mrs. Sarah Nelson, whose birthday is the 9th of September.

Mrs. William Hull was born in the year 1855 in Boone county, Ia. She and her husband came to Holt county 56 years ago and took up their homestead where she still resides, her husband having passed away in July, six years ago.

She endured all the hardships of pioneer life and reared twelve children, all of whom were present, except one, a son who died in early manhood.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull, Redbird; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hull, Paddock; Mrs. Sarah Nelson and children, Meek; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hull, Meek; Mrs. Alice Miller, Boone, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hull, Crookston, Neb.; William who resides with his mother at home; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones and family, Meek;

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Haynes and family, Parmelee, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hull and family, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mellor and family, Redbird; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crawford and family, O'Neill; Mrs. Guy Hull and son, Redbird; Mrs. Loyal Hull and children, O'Neill.

The guests departed wishing her many more happy birthdays, xx.

## State Fair Successful Financially This Year

The state fair held at Lincoln last week is declared by the managers to have been a success from a financial point, the first successful fair, as far as finances are concerned, held in the past four years. A race meet was held in connection with the fair at which pari-mutuel betting was allowed, which helped to defray the ordinary expenses of the fair.

## Senator Huey Long Is Dead As Result of Last Sunday Night Shooting

United States Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, was shot last Sunday night about 9:15 in the corridor of the state capitol building at Baton Rouge. Senator Long was shot by a Baton Rouge eye specialist and the latter was instantly killed by Senator Long's bodyguard.

Senator Long was shot through the abdomen, the assailant shooting the senator in the side as he walked down the corridor of the building. The senator was at once rushed to a hospital and an emergency operation at once performed. He lived until 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, when he passed away.

For several months the senator had a premonition that an attempt would be made on his life and he had been accompanied by a body guard whenever he was in his home state.

The death of Senator Long, in

the prime of life, removes from the political life of the nation one of its greatest characters. He had exceptional ability as an organizer and was both loved and hated in his home state. For several years he had been the champion of the poor and oppressed of that state, and had a great and enthusiastic following among them. He was also supported by many of the real big men of the state, so he must have had many fine traits of character, to be able to command the following that he had in that state for the past ten years.

## Hospital Notes

Miss Leola Rodger, 14, of Orchard, Neb., was operated on Thursday for fibroid tumor. She went home the following evening.

Charles, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper, of Page, was brought in Tuesday suffering from a skull fracture and lacerations received when a horse he was riding ran with him and threw him. He is resting as well as could be expected at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. DeLong and Mrs. Griffin and son, R. L. Griffin, of Coquille, Ore., arrived here Monday afternoon for a visit at the home of Mr. DeLong's nephews, Floyd and Roy DeLong, living southeast of this city. They are on a tour of the country visiting relatives in various states. From here they will go to Illinois, then down to Arizona, Arkansas and California then on home visiting relatives in the various states. Mr. DeLong is 91 years of age but is as spry and active as a man of 50. He must have discovered the famed fountain of youth in Oregon, where he has lived for the past fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady and sons, Harry and Billy, returned last Friday from a three months visit with relatives and friends at Casper, Wyoming, and in the Big Horn mountains 100 miles north of Casper. Henry says they had a very enjoyable outing, as part of the time they lived in a cabin, and nearby was a fine trout stream and that he had lots of fun catching fish as well as eating them. The fact that it was the first real vacation Hank had ever had, added to the enjoyment of the outing.

Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. C. E. Stout, W. J. Froelich and Mrs. Nellie Froelich drove down to Sioux City last Monday, where Bill took the train for Chicago and Mrs. Nellie Froelich took the train for Rochester, Minn., where she will spend the week with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Campbell who is in a hospital there recovering from an operation. Mrs. Campbell is getting along nicely and is expected home the end of the week.

Phyllis Dean Chapman, who had been visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPharlin in this city, and with her grandmother, Mrs. Withers, in the southwestern part of the county for the past three weeks, left for her home in Omaha Tuesday afternoon. She returned home with Miss Koenig, of Omaha, who had been visiting relatives in Boyd county.

Mrs. Harry Reardon received a message last Sunday afternoon announcing the death of her father, J. E. Hasburgh, at Tacoma, Washington, that morning. He was 74 years of age and had been an employee of the Milwaukee railroad for many years, retiring on account of ill health about a year ago. The funeral was held Tuesday and Mrs. Reardon was unable to attend.

Mrs. P. V. Hickey, Mrs. J. B. Donohoe and Mrs. T. F. Donohoe entertained twenty old time neighbors and friends at dinner Thursday at the home of the latter, honoring their mother, Mrs. Catherine McNichols on her 76th birthday. Five of the guests were 75 years old. It was a complete surprise to Mrs. McNichols. A very enjoyable day was spent by all.

**GAMBLE'S SCORE AGAIN!**  
The middlewest's greatest assortment of Radio Values, 12 Models to choose from—Over 100,000 Coronados in use. Farm Set, complete with batteries and tubes, \$21.15.—Adv.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Henry Beckman went over to Bloomfield last Monday afternoon to take in Children's Day at the Knox county fair, returning in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Mrs. V. C. Johnson and her son, Virgil, in response to a message left Monday for Scottsbluffs, Neb., where Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. Morris Harmon, was reported ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards and daughter, Cecilia, were at Ponca CCC camp last Sunday visiting their son, Shobert. On the way home, relatives at Plainview were visited.

Mrs. Judson Meyer, of Wisner, came up last Tuesday afternoon for a couple of weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mannefelt. Mrs. Meyer is a sister of Mr. Mannefelt.

Attorney and Mrs. Douglas Cones, daughter and little granddaughter, of Pierce, were in the city last Monday on their return home from a visit with friends in Brown county.

Mrs. Grant White and children moved last Sunday to Bristow, Nebraska, where they will make their future home. Mr. White is station agent for the Northwestern railroad at Bristow.

According to reports from Washington the newly created potato control act was expected to be put into operation by December 1. On that date a three-fourths of a cent a pound tax becomes effective on potatoes sold in excess of farmer allotments.

What to do with alley weeds has been demonstrated by Clarence Cunningham in south O'Neill. Clarence shaved off the ground on his side of the alley, getting most of the roots and leaving nothing for snow to catch in to water more weeds next summer.

Frank Gallagher left Tuesday morning for LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he will spend a week visiting his uncle, Dr. E. E. Gallagher, and will then go on to St. Louis, Mo., where he will enter St. Louis University for his final year in the medical college.

Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Van Every, of Opportunity, arrived here from Gordon last Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every of this city took him to the home of his folks. Leslie was to return to Gordon Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Edward Kirkpatrick reported while looking for wild grapes and plums he found a tree bearing dark berries like choke cherries and on sampling them he found them "hot" enough to heat a flat iron. Maybe they are choke cherries still hot after the heat of this summer.

Henry Huntman and son, Gabriel, of Plainview, came up last Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of William Hagensick. The Huntman family were residents of this county for many years, leaving here about five years ago and moving to Pierce county.

James Harrington returned last Friday morning from Granite Butte, Mont., where he had been visiting an uncle, M. T. Sullivan, for ten days. His uncle was quite sick while he was there and a couple of days after his return James received word that he had passed away.

The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church will serve a chicken dinner in the basement of the church on Thursday evening, September 26, 1935. Serving will commence at 6 o'clock and the price for a real feed will be 50 cents. You are all cordially invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. May left for Omaha Tuesday morning to attend the annual conference of the Methodist churches of the state, which is being held there all week. They expect to return home next Monday. Sunday services will be conducted at the Methodist church next Sunday by Rev. D. S. Conrad.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

As the winter season draws close, a sentiment not noticeable during the autumns of 1933 and 1934 is evident in Nebraska pertaining to federal relief.

When the FERA was new the great majority of Nebraskans found a sense of security in the fact that the federal government was on the scene with millions of dollars to stem the tide of human destitution.

By September 1934 some murmuring against the colossal expenditures for relief was heard, but it was pretty well drowned out in the chorus of thankfulness raised to federal agencies by persons helped thru the drouth.

Now, however, the people are failing to enthuse very much over the prospect of "being saved" thru another winter. They are as apt to wince as to smile appreciatively when PWA and WPA millions are mentioned. Political observers say the trend of sentiment in Nebraska is unmistakably toward retrenchment in expenditures, and they predict that President Roosevelt will give heed to that trend when congress convenes next year.

Meanwhile a sizeable army of officials and employes of alphabetical relief agencies is girding its loins for the coming battle. This army is so large that \$25,000 a month just about covers the travel expenses of the generals, majors and captains who have travel privileges.

Despite the overhead and hitches resulting from trying to shape up huge administrative organizations in a few weeks time, prospects are bright for the unemployed, the majority of whom undoubtedly want to work.

Altho the WPA has failed to contribute to the employment situation as yet, except where several hundred administrative employes are concerned, applications for approximately \$4,500,000 worth of projects had been sent to Washington up to this week. Regional WPA officials declared that the FERA will end November 1, and that the WPA must be ready to take over the job of providing work for the employables by that time.

Applications under the PWA program had passed the \$26,000,000 mark when the deadline was reached last week. At least half of the projects submitted should be approved. School and college improvements account for \$7,000,000 of these applications, while flood control and irrigation projects are second with nearly \$6,000,000.

Word from Washington that a \$2,116,890 loan and grant probably will be made available to the North Loup public power and irrigation district, brings to \$41,500,000 the total sums recommended by the government for Nebraska's program of river resources development.

Much of Nebraska's unemployment relief will come thru road building and grade-crossing elimination, but this work is necessarily curtailed during the winter. Heavy grants from the WPA along with continued aid from the United States bureau of roads have enabled Nebraska to launch the most extensive program in state history.

The state highway department has shaped a \$12,500,000 road and bridge construction program for the next 12 months. Grade separation work will total \$3,550,000. Highways built under the regular federal aid grants will account for \$5,162,000, of which half will come from the state 4-cent gasoline tax.

Highway construction under the WPA will account for \$3,800,000. A special emergency grant of \$1,040,000 for reconstruction of highways and bridges in the Republican river valley brings the actual proposed 12-months' outlay for highways to \$13,550,000.

With completion of projects now underway or advertised for bids, the state will have 950 miles of paving, in addition to 641 miles of oil mat surfacing, 5,777 miles of all-weather gravel and 740 miles of unsurfaced earth highways.

Restrictions under the WPA highway construction program are that 50 per cent of labor be drawn from relief rolls, and 50 per cent from a preferred list submitted by

the federal re-employment service.

Word from Washington that \$2,000,000 has been set aside from the \$4,000,000,000 work-relief fund to help farmers scale down their debts, means that Nebraska will get enough to pay expenses incurred by voluntary farm debt adjustment committees which were set up under C. W. Bryan's last administration.

There are 88 local committees in the state with 352 members, and their purpose has been to seek means of averting financial disaster to hard pressed farmers. Last year they considered 651 cases and succeeded in averting 167 foreclosures as well as obtaining 102 loan extensions. The work will now be administered thru the regional resettlement administration, one of the newest alphabetical relief agencies to make its appearance in Nebraska.

The RRA has set up regional offices in Lincoln to supervise the work in four states, including Kansas, and the Dakotas. The agency aims to put needy farmers on their feet by making loans based on farm and home management plans where "good risks" are concerned, and second, by resettling families whose location apparently makes self-support impossible.

Additional news from the relief front includes the return of WPA Administrator Felton to his job after a visit to the Rochester, Minn., clinic, and his second lay-off because of ill-health since his appointment last summer; and the announcement that four Nebraska counties have been classified as drouth-stricken. The counties are Harlan, Franklin, Webster and Nuckolls, and the RRA is making plans to come to the assistance of farmers in that area.

## Inside State House "Dope"

Senator R. C. Regan, of Columbus, a recent visitor to the governor, is of the opinion that the state got a dead horse when it accepted the federal government's gift of the old Indian school at Genoa.

"They are going to lose money on it this year and I doubt if it will ever be a paying proposition," he declared. "Half of the furniture has been moved out already, and the crops are just about a failure."

State Fire Marshal Davis, while giving out information to the effect that "fire losses were small for the first half of 1935," and "fire hazards are being eliminated," has failed to give to the press the information that the number of fires and losses thereon so far this year in Nebraska are about double the amount for the same period a year ago.

In the initial six months this year, 1,121 fires were reported. The reported loss was \$528,900. Employes in the fire marshal's office said figures were not available for the period last year.

The increase in fires this year can not be attributed to the weather, as last year's drouth was much more conducive to fires than this season. The only logical explanations are that incendiaryism is on the increase in Nebraska, or that the state fire marshal's office is succeeding in procuring a more complete coverage in reporting fires than last year, or both.

Incidentally, more farm fires in this state during the first half of 1935 started from oil stoves and kerosene lamp explosions than any other one cause. The number was 30 in a total of 248 farm fires reported. The records also show that farmers lose a great deal more in proportion from blazes than do their urban neighbors. This is mainly because the farmers carry less insurance.

The appointment of A. L. Haecker, of Lincoln, as state dairy inspector and assistant to Director Banning of the state department of agriculture and inspection, marks a pleasant but rather startling departure from political etiquette. The starting thing is this—Haecker is a republican, and the pleasant aspect is that he probably is better qualified to hold the job than any other man available in the state. He founded the dairy department at the state university.

While receipts of the liquor commission totaled only \$152,950, or approximately \$37,000 below the July figure, the August receipts are highly pleasing to the state of (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

## The Weather

	High	Low
Thurs., Sept. 5	76	43
Fri., Sept. 6	78	52
Sat., Sept. 7	71	48
Sun., Sept. 8	74	52
Mon., Sept. 9	80	45
Tues., Sept. 10	82	49
Wed., Sept. 11	87	49

## Will Open Wholesale And Retail Fruit And Vegetable Mart Here

W. H. Barnhart, of Atkinson, has rented the Ryan building on Douglas street, formerly a grocery store, and will open up a wholesale fruit and vegetable market therein the first of the coming week, as soon as some repairs that are being made on the building are completed.

For the past year Mr. Barnhart has been running a wholesale fruit and vegetable market at Atkinson and has made a splendid success of the business there. He intends to continue to operate his Atkinson store as well as the store in this city. Mr. Barnhart says he decided to open up business here on account of its railroad facilities, as with two lines of road it is much more convenient for him to get his fruit delivered. Shipping fruit and vegetables here in carload lots he should be able to make attractive prices to the people of this section. The Frontier welcomes him to the business ranks of O'Neill.

## Postmaster M.R. Sullivan Taken To Stuart Hospital

Postmaster M. R. Sullivan has been under the weather the past couple of weeks and the latter part of last week he was taken to the hospital in Stuart for treatment. Word from Stuart is to the effect that he is getting along nicely. The genial postmaster has many friends in O'Neill and over the county who hope that he will be able to return home shortly and resume his position as head of Uncle Sam's local mail system.

## Black Widow Seems On Increase Here

One day this week Tom Edwards and Lloyd Godol worked at boarding up doors part way on a coal shed west of the Northwestern depot in preparation for storage of coal for the Seth Noble lumber co. Edwards opened a door, long closed, and there found a spider's web entirely over the entry-way. Dangling on the web was a large, glossy black spider and on it's lower part a bright red hour glass shaped design.

Godol inspected the deadly spider then found a Mason fruit jar containing several pickled apples, the container perhaps discarded by some hobo, and with the jar in one hand and the lid in the other he flicked the spider into the jar. Several persons then inspected the first black widow to come under their eyes.

There is no doubt but what these spiders have increased greatly here this summer. Their venom is said to be more than one hundred times poisonous than is that of a rattlesnake. Three widows were killed recently near the Burlington roundhouse. Their habitat seems to be a dark shed, closet, basement or cluster of weeds, brush clump or other shaded retreat where they spin extensive webs and jump on prey up to two feet away. Under the web where Godol captured his specimen were the shells of numerous bugs of large size.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 10:00, C. E. Yantzie, Superintendent.  
Morning worship 11:00, "Needless Yokes."  
Evening service 7:30, Young People's Choir and gospel singing. You are invited.

H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to our many friends for their sympathy and kindness extended to us at the death of our beloved husband and father; we wish also to thank them for the many beautiful floral offerings.—Mrs. C. W. Hagensick and Children.

Clyde Streeter returned last Monday night from Lincoln, where he underwent a tonsilectomy operation in the Veterans hospital.

## LAST RITES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR BILLY HAGENSICK

Was One of the Real Pioneers of The County, Having Lived Here Since 1884.

Christopher William Hagensick, known by everyone as "Billy," died at his home in the northeastern part of the city last Monday morning about 6:45, after a short illness of a heart affliction brought on by a dropsical condition, at the age of 79 years, 5 months and 10 days.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating, burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. In honor of this old pioneer most of the business houses of the city closed during the funeral services.

William Hagensick was born at Clater, Iowa, on March 29, 1856. When a young man the family moved to Lincoln, Neb., and there on March 19, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Neuman. To this union five children were born, four of whom, three sons and one daughter, are left with the mother to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The children are:

Edward, Elmer and Mrs. Selma Traney, of O'Neill, and Oscar, of Sioux City, Iowa, all of whom were present at the funeral.

In addition to his immediate family he is survived by four brothers, J. C. and Fred, of Lincoln; Henry, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Lewis, of Clater, Iowa.

Billy Hagensick was one of the real old pioneers of the county. He came here in the year 1884 and the next spring homesteaded a quarter section of land thirteen miles north of this city, where he lived for seven years, conducting a country blacksmith shop on the farm and taking care of the needs of his neighbors in that line while he resided on the farm.

In 1891 he moved to this city and opened a blacksmith shop on lots now occupied by part of the Seth Noble lumber yard where he conducted a shop for many years, then moved across the street where he successfully carried on the business for a number of years, until his retirement from active work a few years ago on account of failing health.

He was a good citizen and had a host of friends in this city and vicinity. In the early days of the county he took quite an active part in the civic affairs of the county and served as postmaster of Joy, Neb., something like 50 years ago, when the office was located west of the Spencer highway.

Another landmark has gone and his passing will be regretted by many of his old time friends in this vicinity.

## A Birthday Party

Tuesday, September 10, 1935, was the 76th birthday of Grandma McNichols, and a few of her friends and well wishers gathered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Donohoe to help her celebrate the event.

Those present at the gathering were: Mrs. Thomas Markey, Mrs. John Hickey, Mrs. Joe McNichols, Mrs. P. V. Hickey and son Pat, Mrs. Alice Minton, Mrs. Myron Sparks daughter and two sons, Mrs. James Brennan and daughter, Mrs. D. J. Cronin, Mrs. Hannah Donohoe, Mrs. Merzigi, Mrs. Harb Jansen, Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, Miss Anastasia Carney, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Donohoe and three sons, Harold, Walter and Eugene.

The folks gathered about 11 o'clock a. m. and at 12 o'clock sat down to a table loaded with spring chicken and all the good things that go with it. In the center of the table was a beautiful birthday cake with 76 candles on it. The cake was made by Mrs. Joe McNichols and Mrs. T. F. Donohoe. Grandma McNichols was presented with many beautiful presents, as a token of esteem and in remembrance of her anniversary.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and a nice lunch was served at 6 o'clock, after which the guests departed for home, after wishing Grandma McNichols many more years of useful life. \*\*\*

A large delegation of the citizens of this city are taking in the fair at Chambers today.