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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ERZA W. COOKE HELD AT THE HOME

Mr. Cooke Had Served As A Member of Both Wheeler And Holt County Boards.

The funeral of Ezra Cooke, Holt county supervisor, who died in a hospital at Norfolk last Wednesday, was held from the family home in Chambers last Friday and was largely attended, several from this city going down to attend the services.

Mr. Cooke was one of the pioneer residents of the southern part of this county and the northern part of Wheeler county. In the latter county he served for several years as a member of the county board and was elected a member of the Holt county board last fall. He was a good citizen and a valuable and able public servant. His death is mourned by a large circle of friends over the county.

Red Bird Wins Over Atkinson Saturday At Atkinson Festival

Playing at Atkinson last Saturday before a lively, good natured fall festival crowd, the Red Bird baseball machine processed Atkinson nine 4 to 3. The Red Bird battery was Bill Alder and Ernie Schollmeyer, while the battery for the Atkinson performers were Mike and Bill Troyshinski. Hits Red Bird, 11; Atkinson, 5. Struck out, nine of the Red Birds were fanned and 11 of the Atkinsonites. Errors, Red Bird 2; Atkinson 4.

Red Bird, not satisfied to take Atkinson in camp, a strong nine composed of superb players and fine fellows generally, entered a contest Sunday at Lynch wherein the cream of Holt county baseball—Red Bird—and the All Stars of Boyd county mixed on the diamond at Lynch and again Red Bird came out on top with a score of 16 to 10.

The Red Bird battery, Tomlinson, Karr and Schollmeyer; All Stars, Bartling, Axberg and Whitley. Hits, Red Bird 13; All Stars 9. Six on each team fanned the ozone while trying to connect. Errors, Red Bird 4 and the heavenly sparks 12.

There are three things Red Bird can do better than any community in this section. The three are baseball, baseball, baseball. Next Sunday Red Bird plays Orchard out at Midway, and Orchard is in for a methodical drubbing.

Holt County Corn Husking Contest

Several inquiries have been received at the agricultural agent's office regarding a corn husking contest. While the corn prospects on many farms would not keep very many huskers busy there are several places that would qualify for an event of this kind.

The National Contest will be held Nov. 8, in Fountain county, Ind., and the State contest Nov. 4, the place not having been decided upon.

This means that a county contest would have to be held sometime toward the latter part of October. If sufficient interest develops and a suitable place can be located a County Contest will no doubt be held this year.

Anyone interested in entering or holding the contest on their farm should get in touch with Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece as soon as possible.

Federal Aid For Court House Definitely Out

From the latest reports published in the daily press from Washington, it seems as if Holt county would not be granted the money to erect a new court house. The daily papers again carried a list of rejected applications and among them was listed applications for new court houses for Dawes and Holt counties. Not only were the court house buildings turned down but dozens of applications for several other projects in the state were also rejected.

Take Trip Boosting O'Neill's Free Day

Wednesday evening about fifty auto loads of O'Neill people, headed by the High School band and Mayor John Kerssenbrock, drove to Stuart to attend the annual fall

festival held in that thriving little city. The O'Neill band played a few selections for the Stuart crowd and with their neat and attractive appearance and the quality of the music rendered won the plaudits of the people assembled at Stuart.

The band and the O'Neill delegation were advertising the O'Neill Free Day.

On their way home they stopped at Atkinson, where the band also rendered a few selections and the people of that city were reminded of the Free Day celebration to be held in this city next Wednesday.

Bush Which Produces Wheat Rust Found In The Center of Town

About two years ago James W. Rooney, who then was Holt county agricultural agent, now secretary-treasurer of the O'Neill Production Association, minutely described common barberry brush to a news-writer who walks much in the country. For two years this walker looked in vain. Last Saturday while walking to the business section here, in an alley, he found a seven-feet-high common barberry bush with a half dozen trunks and the elongated red and yellow berries making a pretty sight. This barberry propagates a parasitic plant that causes stem rust in wheat and an intensive campaign of eradication is under way wherever wheat is grown. It might be a good plan to have children, those from the country especially, view this bush, in fruit now, before it is destroyed. F. M. Reece, Holt county farm agent, has been notified of the find.

Gust Johnson

Gust Johnson was born April 26, 1871, at Randolph, Kansas, and died August 28, 1935, at Alliance, Nebraska.

He spent his childhood in Kansas coming to eastern Nebraska at the age of 18. He joined the Lutheran church during his boyhood. On April 19, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Carlson, and to this union there were born eight children, five sons and three daughters.

He lived in western Nebraska until the spring of 1930, when he moved to O'Neill, where he and his family lived for five years, engaged in farming northeast of that city.

He is survived by his wife, who lives in Alliance, and the following children: A. F. and Harold Johnson, of Oakland, Calif.; Oscar Johnson, of Hastings; Everett and Raymond Johnson, of Alliance; Mrs. Henry Sandy, of Lakeside, Nebr.; Hazel Johnson, of Alliance.

Funeral services were held in Alliance on Sunday, September 1.

SCHOOL NOTES

Holt county schools are observing "National Constitution Week" this week. A nation wide move is being made to support the constitution.

Nearly all of the Holt county schools are now in operation, and we are expecting a very good school year. Teachers wages for the most part have shown a slight tendency over the county to raise. This condition is perhaps more true in the case of town schools than in regard to rural schools.

We have one new school house being erected at this time. District No. 87, south of Chambers. This school is a modern tile and stucco building, which will be able to qualify as a standard school.

District No. 11, in the Cleveland neighborhood, is making a number of improvements on their school and will likewise become a standaridized school.

Teachers Institute will be held on Friday, October 4. We are making plans for a good institute, and city schools will be compelled to attend, since most of them feel that they are obligated to attend the district teachers convention at Norfolk.

We have completed posting our school exhibits and the building will be open on Free Day. We have an unusually fine school exhibit this year and it is our hope that many people will take advantage of the opportunity to see our exhibits.

County Superintendent

Miss Nancy Dickson left Sunday for Wayne, where she enters the Wayne Normal for her last year. (Continued on page 8, column 5.)

SIXTEEN PROJECTS ASK FEDERAL AID OUT OF WPA FUNDS

First Two Project Applications To Be Filed Have Been Awarded — Work To Start Soon.

Sixteen projects with an estimated total cost of \$298,871.81 have been filed with the local emergency relief office here. The projects are construction projects, mostly for building of roads, and of the total sum, \$235,896.71 is asked of the Federal government, to be furnished out of WPA funds.

The remaining \$62,975.10 is to be furnished by sponsors of the projects.

Nearly half of the total expenditure would go in the payment of wages for labor, and a third would go to rental of equipment for doing the work. The remainder would go to material and other costs.

Projects Number 45-1 and 45-2 have been approved in Washington and construction on these two should start within two weeks time.

The balance of the proposals are contingent upon the amount of available relief labor in the locality in which the project is located. The balance of the proposals are in the Washington office awaiting approval, and it is hoped to have notice of approval on the earliest submitted within a week.

Construction of these projects are contingent upon the amount of available relief labor in the locality in which the project is located. After the project is approved, construction will start as rapidly as the relief load increases, making the necessary labor available for the prosecution of the work.

Ninety per cent of all men employed on each project must come from the relief rolls.

Following is a list of WPA project proposals which have been submitted thru the local emergency relief office:

Project 45-1—Construction of 7 miles Ewing-Chambers road; labor, \$7,112; material and supplies, \$2,643.37; equipment rentals, \$5,730; other costs, \$150; total, \$15,635.37. Federal funds, \$10,237.37; sponsors contributions, \$5,398. Approved.

Project 45-2—Construction of 6 miles Inman west road; labor, \$7,020; materials and supplies, \$2,217.80; equipment rentals, \$5,152.10; other costs, \$500; total \$14,889.90. Federal funds, \$9,725.00; sponsors, \$5,164.90. Approved.

Project 45-3—Construction of 2 blocks curb and gutter in Stuart; labor, \$678; materials and supplies, \$549; equip. rent, \$235.20; total, \$1,462.20. Federal funds, \$1,114; sponsors contributions, \$348.20.

Project 45-4—Manufacture of articles of clothing for Holt county relief clients; labor, \$13,872.00; mat. and sup., \$8,578.80; equip. rentals, \$324; other costs, \$960; total, \$23,734.80. Federal funds, \$22,690.80; sponsors, \$1,044.

Project 45-5—Extension of City Water Works, Atkinson; labor, \$1,952; mat. and sup., \$1,656.52; equip. rentals, \$70; other costs, \$60.60; total, \$4,359.12. Federal funds, \$2,780.26; sponsors contributions, \$1,578.86. Approved.

Project 45-6—Construction 4 1/2 miles road, 7 miles south of Atkinson; labor, \$9,140; mat. and sup., \$1,897.50; equip. rentals, \$911.32; other costs, \$500; total, \$20,560.50. Federal funds, \$16,352; sponsors, \$4,298.50.

Project 45-7—Construction 19 1/2 miles road, Stuart south; labor, \$15,759; mat. and sup., \$3,204.51; equip. rent, \$16,729; other costs, \$500; total, \$36,192.51. Federal funds, \$28,399.31; sponsors contributions, \$1,793.20.

Project 45-8—Construction of 4 1/2 miles road, Red Bird south; labor, \$16,068; mat. and sup., \$5,297.94; equip. rent, \$12,904; other costs, \$500; total, \$34,769.49. Federal funds, \$27,359.94; sponsors contributions, \$7,793.20.

Project 45-9—Construction of 5 miles road, Parshall bridge south; labor, \$13,014; mat. and sup., \$4,129.95; equip. rent, \$9,804; other costs, \$500; total, \$27,197.95. Federal funds, \$21,815.95; sponsors contributions, \$5,382.

Project 45-10—Construction of 12 miles road, Atkinson north, labor, \$15,008; mat. and sup., \$4,134.64; equip. rent, \$12,824; other costs, \$500; total, \$32,466.64. Federal funds, \$24,372.88; sponsors contributions, \$6,444.

Project 45-11—Construction of 10 miles road, Emmet north and south; labor, \$16,758; mat. and sup., \$5,206.88; equip. rent, \$8,352; other costs, \$500; total, \$30,302.88. Federal funds, \$24,372.88; sponsors contributions, \$6,444.

Project 45-12—Construction of 6 miles road, Parshall bridge south; labor, \$12,420; mat. and sup., \$3,595.60; equip. rent, \$7,996.10; other costs, \$250; total, \$24,261.70. Federal funds, \$19,613.60; sponsors contributions, \$4,648.10.

Project 45-13—Remodeling Smith-Hughes building, Page, Nebr.; labor, \$512; mat. and sup., \$259; total, \$771. Federal funds, \$496; sponsors contributions, \$275.

Project 45-14—Building town hall and water works extension, (Continued on page 8, column 5.)

BRIEFLY STATED

Raymond Shoemaker, of Plainview, and Miss Lucinda Fleek, of Chambers, were granted a marriage license in county court Thursday morning.

The citizens of Meadow Grove put on a free day last Saturday and, according to reports, they had a crowd of 4,000 people in their little city on that day.

Last Sunday the Burlington freight pulled out 16 cars. Reports in daily papers have said the Burlington and Union Pacific are the only Nebraska lines now making a considerable profit on their investment.

James P. Harte, J. S. Jackson, Karl Keyes and Arthur Tomlinson, of Inman, and E. J. Mack, of Atkinson, have been selected from this county to serve on the federal jury at Norfolk during the next term of federal court, which will meet about October 1.

Sometimes a man should think this note might apply to us here in Holt county: "My friend, we're strangers here; is that the moon or the sun? We have a bet on this." The native replies: "I don't know; you see, I have been here myself only 79 years."

According to the daily press, Arthur F. Mullen has filed a bill for \$160,000 as attorneys fees for representing the two big power projects in southern Nebraska. If this is a sample of the size of fees earned by attorneys in the capitol city no wonder Arthur opened up an office there.

Eldon McPharlin, of Iowa City, Iowa, arrived in the city last Thursday afternoon to spend a few days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McPharlin. Eldon is attending the Iowa State University, where he is taking the law course. He left for Iowa City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Howard left here last Sunday for Lincoln, where Mark will spend a few days looking after business, while Mrs. Howard is visiting with relatives. Mrs. Howard returned home Wednesday evening, while Mr. Howard was called to New York city on business and will not be home for several days.

R. R. Morrison, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Dorothy, left last Thursday for Winona, Minn., where Miss Dorothy enters St. Theresa's college for a four year course. Mr. Morrison then went on to Rochester, Minn., where he went thru the Mayo clinic for a thorough medical examination, returning home Wednesday.

Frank Nelson, living in the Meek neighborhood, returned last Thursday night from a week's visit with relatives in Omaha. Mr. Nelson says that the corn crop in eastern Nebraska is about the same as it is up this way, very spotted, but that pastures are not nearly as good in that section of the state as they are in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schroeder were called to Colome, S. D., last Thursday afternoon by the death of a nephew, Donald Patterson, 3 1/2, who was run over by a truck. His father, Oscar Patterson, a brother of Mrs. Schroeder, had left his oil truck parked beside the house and it started to roll, knocking the lad down and running over him.

James Walling, who has been an employee of the Gamble Stores for the past year and a half, left last Friday morning for Aurora, Neb., where he will install a Gamble Agency. Jimmy is a hustling and energetic young man and will no doubt make a marked success of his business venture. Mrs. Walling will remain here for a time until he gets located.

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BIRTHDAY MADE A DAY FOR GENERAL PICNIC AND VISIT

Large Group of Friends Gather Sunday At William Storts Home To Celebrate.

Last Sunday, Sept. 17, was the 70th birthday anniversary of William Storts, Holt county pioneer, and friends from all sections gathered to help him properly celebrate the event, at his ranch home south of Emmet.

The day will long be remembered by those who participated in the event, as the gathering was one of the largest ever assembled in that section of the county, over 100 persons being present. They started coming early in the morning, each bringing a lunch basket well filled with all the delicacies of the season. The forenoon was spent visiting and at noon they all enjoyed a splendid feast.

After dinner they enjoyed a baseball game between the Whip Poor Wills and the Never Sweats. The latter name was a little out of order for the team Sunday, as many of them sweat as they had never sweat before, but they won the game with a score of 7 to 0, so they did not mind a little thing like that. The teams were composed of everyone from 6 to 60 and it is needless to say that they had a very pleasant game and the spectators had several good and hearty laughs.

Henry Benz, better known as Shorty, was master of ceremonies and speaker of the day. Shorty filled the position with great credit to himself, and during the day he rendered several very appropriate recitations in a very able manner that won for him tumultuous applause.

Mr. Storts has been a resident of Holt county for about 54 years, coming here when in his teens and has seen this county grow from a prairie wilderness to one of the brightest spots in this grand old state.

That he has a host of friends in the county was evidenced by the large crowd that gathered Sunday to celebrate his three score and ten anniversary, and there would have been hundreds of others present if all of Bill's friends had known of the event. The following guests were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Slatery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Earls and family, Charles Earls, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herschiser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark and family, Andy Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoeger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welsh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Head and family, Frank Pierce, Mr.