Obituary

Mrs. Martha E. Rhodes

WEEPING WATER (Special) — Mrs. Martha E. Rhodes died July 9, following a stroke. Mrs. Rhodes and her sons, Phillip and Jack had returned home Sunday evening from Beatrice where they had spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stratton and family. They were unloading their car and had just finished when another car struck the rear of their car. It moved the Rhodes car 15 feet and was struck by a man from the Lincoln Air Force Base.

Mrs. Rhodes suffered a stroke shortly after the accident at 7:45 p.m.

Martha McMullin Rhodes was born March 6, 1916, daughter of Glen McMullin and Hattie McMullin at Tekemah, Nebraska. She was married to George Rhodes in 1935 and they had five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes lived in various places during their married life and made their home in Manley where Mr. Rhodes passed away. Mrs. Rhodes and her children moved to Weeping Water six years ago and have made their home here since that time.

Funeral services were at First Methodist church in Weeping Water with Rev. Fred C. Gardner of Pierre, S. D., former pastor of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Staley Hackley officiating.

Mrs. Richard Lauritzen and Mrs. Alvin Groesser sang, and accompanied by Miss Maude Moulton, organist.

Pallbearers were Virgil Wiles, George Wiles, George McKinistry, Charles Sahs, Linus Massoth and David Beck.

Survivors are Robert of Kearney, Phillip and Jack of the home, Mrs. Marilyn Stratton of Beatrice and Mrs. Rae Ellen Mitchell of Green Lake, Wisconsin and a brother, James McMullin of Omaha.

Burial was in the Tekemah cemetery with the Hobson Funeral Home in charge.

HELP THE POSTMAN

Seoul — In Korea, families have been ordered to paint name plates on their homes, listing the names of all residents of that home including children.

This was a ruling by the military junta — to help postmen deliver mail to the correct person.

A Classified Ad in The Journal cost as little as 50 cents.

WHAT'S IT?—The top of a drizzle-drazzle cake? shadows cast by a chain fence? eroded fields as seen from a plane? Tisn't very romantic. For the answer see photograph at bottom of page.

VFW Auxiliary At Weeping Water

WEEPING WATER (Special) — The VFW Auxiliary met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Lyle Thomassen with eight members present.

The Auxiliary was asked to collect for the Salvation Army Drive and the members voted to do so. They were also asked to collect for the school of mentally retarded children but the members decided not to.

A discussion was held on having a float at the Cass County Fair but no decision was reached. The Auxiliary will have supper at a cafe in Nebraska City in July.

Next meeting wil be held Aug. 4 at the home of Mrs. Howard Heneger.

Mostly Vice

Betting, says a church paper, is essentially a means of getting something for nothing. Or vice versa. — Life.

He Is

A citizen is a man who demands better roads, bigger schools, a new post-office — and lower taxes. —Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Weeping Water News

Mrs. Edward Van Horn — Phone 252-W

The members of the Busy Belles 4-H Club and their parents enjoyed a picnic supper at the Cass County Extension office, in the backroom due to the rain, on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Rolland Heil and Douglas of Omaha were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiles visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiles at the Providence hospital in Lincoln Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore visited on Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Schmader and Mr. and Mrs. George Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bickford and Cindy of Lincoln spent part of the past week with Mrs. Al Bickford. They also visited Mrs. Bickford's parents in Nebraska City.

Mr .and Mrs. Ray Freeman and family enjoyed swimming at Syracuse Sunday afternoon. They went on to Cook where they were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holscher.

Mrs. George Wiles visited on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Al Bickford.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller of Bakersfield, California were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Kunz and family.

Jeannie Kunz, Kenneth Hensen, Patty Gerdes and Roy Jones of Ashland went swimming at Linoma Beach at Ashland on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meisinger and family were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meisinger of Plattsmouth.

Mr .and Mrs. Pat Bauers are the parents of a daughter, July 13, at St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City. She weighed two pounds, 10 ounces at birth and has been named Cheryl Ann. The new baby has a brother. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Switzer are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauers are the paternal grandparents. The baby will remain in the incubator until she weighs five pounds.

You And The Law

One of a series, "You and the Law," prepared by the Nebraska State Bar Association.)

Descent of Property

A question which frequently arises in any talk about law concerns the descent of property. In other words — Who gets my property when I die? A simple question — but one difficult to answer. If you have a will, that must be followed.

If you do not, then the statutes enacted by the Legislature will determine this for you. The answer is difficult because there are many different things which have to be considered. Only general situations may be discussed, because each case presents a different problem.

Real property and personal property descend similarly. But there are some important differences. Both personal and real property are subject to the debts of the deceased. In the case of the real property, the distribution is subject to any homestead rights.

The descent of personal property is also subject to special rules depending upon the survival of a spouse, children and children under 14 years of age.

The statutes do attempt to cover all situations. The first thing which must be determined is whether or not the deceased is survived by a husband or wife.

The next, is whether or not the deceased is survived by any children or the issue of any deceased children.

The number of children surviving is important as is the fact that all of the children of the deceased may not be the children of the surviving spouse.

To show some of the possibilities, let us assume that a man dies leaving a wife and children. The debts are paid and the special exemptions are made and there is still property which is left to descend according to the law.

If the deceased only had one child and the surviving spouse is the mother of that child then she is entitled to one-half of the property. But, if she were not the mother of that child then she would only be entitled to one-fourth of the property. The surviving child would inherit the balance.

If there are no children nor any issue of any deceased child, the surviving spouse would be entitled to one-half of the property.

A wife who is the mother of all the children of the deceased who has more than two children or the issue thereof surviving will receive only one-third.

These are only a few of the possibilities. There are many more, but each change in the situation may change the result materially. To give a definite answer, all facts must be known.

Wills Aid Transfer of Property at All Ages

By Dr. Philip A. Henderson
Extension Farm Economist
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Most of us accumlate some property as we get older. We can't take it with us, but we can have something to say about who gets what when we're gone.

Unfortunately, many people have the idea that a will is something that should concern only old people. However, death has a way of claiming the young as well as the old.

If we want to be sure that an estate we may have accumulated will be divided according to our wishes in case death should come unexpectedly, we ought to make a will regardless of how old we are or whether or not we are married.

The need for a will is greater where a wife and small children are involved or where there are wide differences in the ages of children. The advice and help of an attorney is desirable in drawing up a will.

Property can be transferred with or without a will at time of death or it can be transferred prior to the time of death by gifts or by sale or both. Frequently, it may be to the interest of both parents and children to make arrangements to transfer the farm to a son or daughter before the death of the parents. How can it be done to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned?

Mutual satisfaction can never be guaranteed, but it is more likely to be achieved if all concerned are fully aware of the objectives of any transfer plans and of the problems involved. Frank discussion of both the objectives and the problems among family members helps to head off misunderstandings and hard feelings. Husbands and wives of sons and daughters might well be included in such discussions.

Most families will want to keep some or all of the following things in mind when planning for the transfer of a farm business:

—A reasonable degree of income security for the parents in their remaining years.

—A reasonable degree of security for the son or daughter (and his or her family) who might be operating the home farm, with particular reference to capital investments and ultimate ownership.

—Equitable treatment of all heirs, including recognition of assistance and care given to the parents during their declining years.

—Ways and means of holding the cost of taxes and other costs associated with the transfer to a minimum.

— The possibility of helping a son or son-in-law get established in farming.

—Maintaining or improving the productivity and value of the farm.

—Avoiding bitterness and hard feeling between family members.

Parents sometimes feel that it just wouldn't be right for someone outside the family to have the old home farm; they would much prefer to see a son or daughter step in and take over. Occasionally a son or daughter feels that they must have the old home place at almost any cost. The estate may be up for settlement at a time when land prices are at their peak. The son or son-in-law who has been renting the place hates to leave and is severely tempted to pay the high price, even though he wouldn't think of paying such a price for any other farm just like it.

Both parents and children need to remember and keep reminding themselves that the transfer involves a business proposition. Is the farm large enough to be a good economic unit? Is it worth the money in terms of potential earnings?

Sentiment and good sound business judgment sometimes pull in the opposite directions. The privilege of giving a high "value" to sentimental reasons for buying may come at the expense—sometimes pretty costly—of burdensome debt and relatively low dollars-and-cents earnings in years to come.

Farming is a tough enough game without letting sentiment overrule good business judgment. The important thing is to recognize and differentiate between sentimental reasoning and reasoning born of good sound business judgment; then decisions can be made accordingly.

Here are some points to keep in mind:

—The majority of farm families will not need to be greatly concerned with the tax aspects of property transfers. An attorney or a tax consultant can give you a rough idea of the amount of taxes which might be involved rather quickly if he is informed as the the amount of the estate.

—In general, most people who have some property should have a will regardless of their age. It should be kept up to date as family circumstances change. Neither the laws of descent nor an out-of-date will can accomplish ends which exist only in the mind of the owner of an estate. Husband and wife should make separate wills.

—Plan transfers well in advance. Try to anticipate the possible consequences of actions before they are taken. Is there a better way to do it?

—Don't "transfer" the parents short, however. Remember that they will need money for food, clothing, shelter, and some recreation as long as they live. If they transfer all of their estate to heirs too early in life, they may experience real hardship in later life. Life estates, contract sales, rental incomes, annuities, social security as well as other sources may provide the necessary income.

—Don't assume anything with respect to estate transfers; raise questions in family discussions and discuss them freely. This is probably the best way of insurinng against disapointhard feelings.

—Sons or sons-in-law who are farming the old home place should have an agreement in writing concerning compensation for any permanent improvements which they may add to the farm. Otherwise, they may lose all but their proportionate share of such improvements when the estate is to be settled.

—Give careful consideration to the business or financial aspects of any transfer arrangements and how the various family members may be affected before making any final decisions.

—Don't put too much emphasis on the importance of farm ownership especially on the home farm. The combination of too high a price and too much debt, sometimes brought on by the pressures of settling an estate can be nearly fatal to the financial success of the purchasing son or daughter and his or her family.

—The love, care, and attention of aging parents cannot be measured in dollars and cents; nevertheless, it is a good idea to agree among the family members on some kind of monetary allowance to those who assume the main responsibilities for aging parents. It should be taken into consideration in settling the estate and can only be recognized in terms of dollars and cents.

—Money spent for the advice and help of a reputable and competent attorney might well be one of the wisest investments you ever made.

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33rd in Ratings

LINCOLN — Nebraska's deer herd has another representative in the Boone and Crockett biggame hall of fame.

It is a typical whitetail which ties for 33rd in national rankings. The animal was taken by "Doc" Truman Lauterback, Sprague, in 1959 in the Fullerton area.

Lauterback kept the head around for two years, then brought it in to the Game Commission's game chief, Lloyd Vance, for measurement. The rack scored 170 points, putting it in a tie for 33rd in national totals. The animal weighed 255 pounds hog dressed.

A rack belonging to John Suroske, Fullerton, was also measured and will be entered in Boone and Crockett competition where it will rank about 65th. This typical whitetail was shot in 1960, also in the Fullerton area.

The Lauterback trophy is the most recent Nebraska deer to rank so high in Boone and Crockett typical whitetail ratings. A rack taken prior to 1909 held first place in the nation for many years, and is now 13th, at 178 1/8 points.

Vance predicted that many more trophy racks will be taken this fall by eastern Nebraska hunters. The new area that has been opened will expose bucks that have had time to grow fancy racks to guns for the first time.

A typical whitetail taken last year by Richard Davis, Scotia, is tied for 59th place in Boone and Crockett ratings. Nontypical whitetails and mule deer taken in this state last year also placed high.

'WINTER ITCH'?

New York — A skin disease called "winter itch" is caused by too much air-conditioning.

Dr. Marvin E. Chernosky of Houston, Tex., a dermatologist, reported to the American Medical Association that this disease shows up in summer and hot weather. He told of 18 patients with the summertime itch.

"They literally run from one air-conditioned place to another," even riding in air-conditioned cars, and they avoid outdoor activities, he said.

The drier air in the air-conditioned quarters can dry out the skin to the point of brittleness, the doctor said.

Eagle

Mrs. John Fischer
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Judy Oberle, spent last weekend, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morton, at Alvo, Nebraska, former Eagle neighbors, of the Carl Oberle, family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lutjmeyer, of Unadilla, Nebr., called at the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Folken and his mother, Mrs. Lutjmeyer, who resides now, at the daughters home.

Mrs. Dale Oberle and children, of Lincoln, called at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwegnian, last Sunday afternoon.

On last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oberle and Judy, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Morton at Alvo, honoring the birthdays of both Mr. and Mrs. Morton with homemade ice cream and cake, during the evening.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lanning, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morton of Alvo with a supper, honoring the latter's birthday.

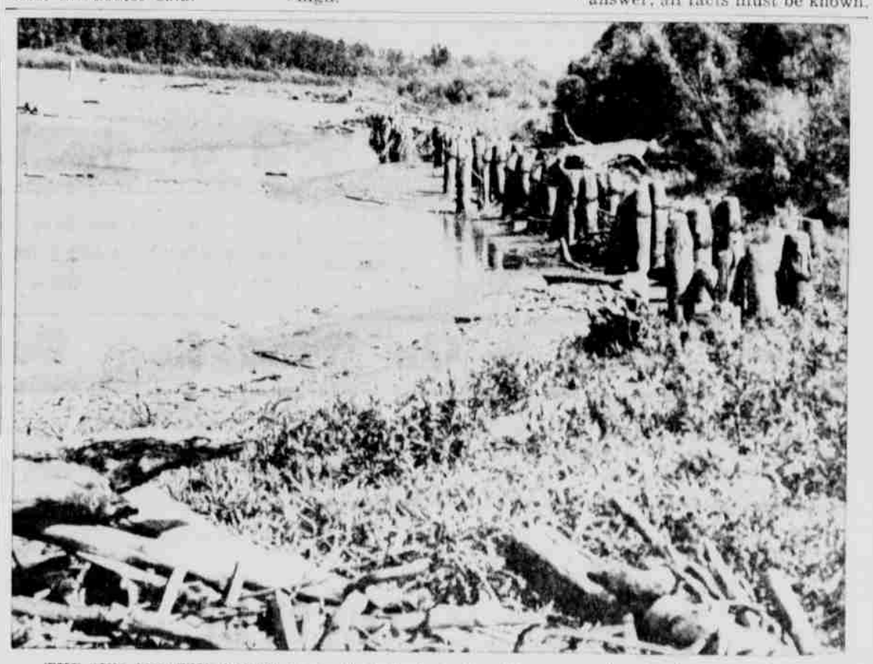
On Monday afternoon, the Perfect Attendance party of the Women's Society of Christian Service, was held at the Methodist Church basement. The honorees were Mrs. Dorothy Stall, who was presented a 5 year pin and Mmes. Pearl Adams and Louise Vickers one year perfect attendance, honor awards.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fischer, attended the funeral services for his sister, Mrs. Frank Miller (72) at Western, Nebr., on last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lutjmeyer and son Kurt, of Dunbar visited recently at the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Folken and his mother, Mrs. Maggie Lutjmeyer.

Mrs. George Althouse received word recently her sister, Mrs. Frank Clements Nona) former Eagle resident is seriously ill at her home at Imperial, Nebr. She has been hospitalized for a heart condition and is now at her home and her daughter Iva, Mrs. Lerebee, is caring for her. Her son Homer, is also at the hospital having undergone a second major surgery. A year ago he underwent an ulcer surgery and about that time, Mrs. Clements and family mourned the death of her other daughter. The above folks are well known by Eagle friends, and all share their grevance, with them.

Dr. Sampson, of Lincoln Nebr., Wesleyan dean of men will fill the Eagle Methodist pulpit, Sunday, July 23rd. A special anthem by the choir. Rev. Gaither will return July 30th.



THE SUN AND THE RIVER made the baked, cracked mud flat of one of the back washes (like the one shown above) behind a channel-control dike along the Missouri River here. High water this spring deposited a gooey black mess. The sun dried it to a glossy shine, then cracked it with some more heat. It's not good for anything, except to take pictures of.