

Property tax deadline extended to July 10

People who have been anxious to pay their property taxes can now do so, according to Fremont County Treasurer Winifred Rhoades. The state has finally come up with some answers to a variety of legal questions that had been preventing the figuring of final tax amounts.

The penalty for late payment of taxes has been extended for more than three months this year, to July 10. Miss Rhoades says there will be no penalty on unpaid first-half taxes until that date. The usual time is March 31.

Regular tax statements will be mailed out during the next two weeks, or the property owner can go to the treasurer's office and pay direct.

Although the lack of property tax money has caused many taxing bodies to pay their bills with distress warrants, the local situation, while tight, did not reach that point. Supt. of Schools George Neuzil said Tuesday that a combination of monies from other sources, plus a slight fund surplus, should continue to carry the financial load here.

City Clerk Anne Hollingsworth said some city funds were threadbare, but transfers from others would keep the city from having to borrow money.

1214 FARMS SIGN FEED GRAIN PACTS

Fremont County followed the national trend of an increased sign-up for the Feed Grain program, according to Robert Hume, Chairman of the Fremont County ASC.

Hume reports the final figures show that 1214 farms were signed into the 1969 program. This represents 87% of the total eligible farms in the county. Set in the previous high was 84% in 1968.

Acres to be taken out of corn production on these farms will amount to 63,329 acres. Mr. Hume estimated that this would reduce the total corn production by 6,000,000 bu.

Mr. Hume also announced that payments of \$4,786 had been mailed to wool growers for wool and unshorn lambs sold during the 1968 marketing year. Shorn wool payments were made at the rate of 65.4 percent of the dollar return each grower received from the sale of shorn wool marketed in 1968.

Henderson, Dougan sale is April 26

A public auction to settle the estate of Maude A. Henderson will be held Sat., April 26, starting at 1 p.m. Immediately following, personal items from the Richard C. Dougan estate will be auctioned.

Included in the Henderson sale at 901 Lake will be household possessions, and a six-room bungalow.

The Dougan sale, also at 901 Lake, will be at 2:15 p.m.

WENGER APPOINTED TO HUGHES COMMITTEE

Howard Wenger has been appointed state vice-chairman for the "Welcome Home Senator Hughes" Committee buffet at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines Sat., May 3. It will be the Senator's first visit home since taking office in January.

RALPH CLOYD DROWNS IN CAR SUNDAY

Ralph Cloyd, about 71, was found in his car in a boat 25 feet of water at the bottom of a farm pond a mile west of Tabor late Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Ed Collins said it is believed the Cloyd car had blown a front tire, sending the car off the road and into the farm pond early Sunday morning. Mrs. Cloyd said he had left home at Tabor Sunday morning to go into the country after eggs, and she became worried when he had not returned by afternoon.

Collins found car tracks leaving the blacktop shoulder west of Tabor, but there were no tracks into the pond, indicating the car must have literally flown through the air near the pond.

A skin diver from Glenwood was contacted, who found the car with the body of Mr. Cloyd still in it. A window was down, but Collins said there was no evidence that Cloyd had tried to get out.

HAMBURG RODEO MAY 3 and 4

The date of the annual Hamburg Rodeo has been set for May 3 and 4. The show will be held at 8 p.m. on the 3rd and at 2 p.m. on the 4th.

The show has been approved by the United Rodeo Association and promises to be even bigger and better than last year. Stock will be furnished by Billy Merritt.

TWO SIGN TEACHER CONTRACTS

James Harris has signed a contract to teach high school science in the local system next year. Harris is a 1968 graduate of Peru State College. Currently he is teaching in Gothenburg, Nebr.

Gerald Strecker will teach high school math here next year. He has three years teaching experience. Strecker is a Peru graduate and presently is teaching at Beemer, Nebr.

Both Mr. Harris and Mr. Strecker are married.

Jerry VanHoutan has resigned his position as art teacher. Jim Francis Zuck, who will graduate from Tarkio College this spring, has agreed to accept the art position for the 1969-70 school year. He will teach in both high school and elementary.

Hamburg school officials are still seeking a high school principal, an elementary principal, a girls' basketball coach, and a remedial teacher.

New school bus ordered

A new school bus is in the works for next year, reports Supt. George Neuzil. A chassis has been purchased from Dooly Motor Co., and the board will to choose either a Wayne or Bluebird body Tuesday night.

Cost of the new 48-passenger rig is expected to be from \$6000 to \$7000.

ART ANDERSON SERVICES THURSDAY

Art E. Anderson died at Grape Community Hospital April 15 at the age of 72.

A long time resident of Hamburg, he was employed at Hamburg Hatchery for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Geneva; one son, Cecil Ray of Fremont, Nebr.; one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Edith) Sparkes of Prairieville, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. Otto Hinze, Hamburg; and one brother, Ray Anderson, Sheridan, Ia.

Funeral services will be held at Rash Funeral Home Thurs., April 17, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Perry officiating. Interment will be in the Hamburg Cemetery.

ANOTHER DEER KILLED ON HWY. 275

Eva Schmitt of Hamburg hit a deer on Highway 275 at the Riverton corner intersection about 11:30 Sunday night. The deer was killed, and damage to her auto was estimated at \$300.

She reported she was driving 45 miles per hour at the time of contact with the deer, and the fact she had slowed down probably prevented her from being injured.

Senior Citizen Day attracts old & young

More than 70 persons attended the Senior Citizens open house on April 12 at the Center in the Julien Hotel Building.

The meeting was hosted by the committees of all the Hamburg Churches. Cookies and coffee were served.

The Center will be open daily for the convenience of all Senior Citizens.

Donations of furniture and equipment are being accepted. If there are those who would like to make such a donation, they may call Rev. Bill McKee or Monsignor Schmidt.

P. Q. Collins and Chas. Mortimore both 88 years, were presented prizes for being the oldest persons present. Charles Mortimore had also traveled the farthest, having come from Stockville, Nebr. Mrs. Frank Chaney was the one present with the most grandchildren.

Door prizes were won by Ada Phillips, Alice Bridgeford, Blanche Hukill, Veda Mortimore, May Whyte, Marion Bailey, Gertie Cleek, Eva Herrman, Mrs. Emil Mayberry, Etta Ledgerwood, Clara Zach, Hettie Arnold, Leo Herrman, Mrs. Frank Chaney, Mildred Boettner, Fay Jaekel, Ruby Brown, Grace Aspedon, Anna Phillips, Leah Miller, Grace Maupin, Hat tie Clayton and Marie Morgan.

The committee has expressed its appreciation to all the merchants for the many prizes given and to all who helped to make the day a success.

The group participated in a covered dish dinner at 12:30 April 15 at the Center.

RUBY FENDER COMPLETES COURSE

Ruby Fender, an employee in the dietary department at Melton Manor in Hamburg, has completed a correspondence course of 12 lessons on sanitation.

The course is conducted by the Iowa State Department of Health to help improve the quality of food served in hospitals and nursing homes.

RHODES' PURCHASE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Rhodes are purchasing the home at 1504 Washington Street from Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bridgeford. The Rhodes family expects to move to their new home on or about May 1.

The sale is being handled by Don C. Dougan, Jr.

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Testing—This group of law officers and volunteers spent most of Friday northwest of Hamburg on ground farmed by Victor Moyer probing and prodding the soil, seeking clues to the whereabouts of Gary Sebek, missing more than 13 months from his Hamburg home. Sheriff Ed Collins reported the search was fruitless, with nothing new turned up. At times an army metal detector was used, but no belt buckles, buttons, or coins were found.

Day-long farm ground search reveals no Gary Sebek clues

Kristie Meyers strangles in car window

Kristie Lynn Meyers, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyers of Sidney, was strangled to death late Monday afternoon when an electric window on the new family car rolled up, cutting off air to her lungs as she hung out the window.

She was in the car alone at the time, at their home three miles north of Sidney.

Mrs. Meyers (Gilda) was office manager of Community Hospital here for several years until she resigned this spring. Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Church in Sidney April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

A concentration of more than 40 area law men Friday failed to uncover any new clues as to the whereabouts of Gary Sebek, who has been missing since March 4, 1968.

Under direction of James P. Tighe, district agent for the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Sheriff Ed Collins, the group spent most of Friday with probes, post hole diggers, shovels, and a mine detector going over 240 acres for possible clues.

Sheriff Collins said the thorough search of ground farmed by Victor Moyer was done to quiet some rumors, and to check out certain aspects of the disappearance not done previously. A search warrant had been obtained for the operation.

Included were highway patrolmen, sheriffs, deputies, and volunteers from Fremont, Montgomery, Mills, Page and Taylor Counties.

M/Sgt. Williams of the Council Bluffs National Guard employed a mine and metal detector, but uncovered nothing more unusual than nails, tin cans, and other bits and scraps of metal normally found on farm ground.

The searchers went over the ground at arms length abreast, probing and digging at any suspicious hump or dip.

An extensive search and investigation at the time of his disappearance led authorities to believe young Sebek, 20 then, was the victim of foul play. No clue has been found as to his whereabouts since he was last seen by friends at his Hamburg apartment. He had earlier visited his estranged wife at a Nebraska City hospital, where she had given birth to a child.

Friends of Sebek, with whom he regularly drove to work, reported him missing the next morning. Lights were on in the apartment, and an open pack of Sebek's brand of cigarettes was on the table.

A fresh stain on the davenport was removed and sent to the Iowa CBI for analysis, and the report eventually (six weeks) came back identified as "human blood".

The investigation languished through a political campaign during which Deputy Collins resigned to run for sheriff, winning over Sheriff Jim Findley, and then winning the general election last fall.

Interest in the case surfaced again early this year when the FBI started searching for Sebek when he failed to appear for a draft physical. Results of their work is not known, but the usual procedure is for the FBI to, among other things, start the massive fingerprint comparing process in motion.

Sheriff Collins Monday said his office has been sifting information for some time, but would not speculate whether the Friday ground search northwest of Hamburg was based on new evidence. He said that with the search of Moyer's farm out of the way other aspects of the case would be concentrated on.

Mrs. Sebek, an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer, has since married again and is living in Arkansas.

Both Collins and County Attorney Gene Eaton say the case is still under active scrutiny and will continue to be under regular investigation.

GOSPEL SINGING PROGRAM APRIL 18

A special service of gospel singing will be featured at the Church of Christ Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Portner and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenier of Guide Rock, Nebr., with their guitars, will present the program.

The public is invited.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK

Gov. Robert D. Ray has proclaimed the week of April 20 through 26, 1969, as Youth Temperance Education Week. In his proclamation he urges citizens of Iowa to give special attention during this time to the promotion of temperance among our youth as a means of health, happiness and spiritual enrichment.

SON FOR PHILLIPSES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips are parents of a son born at Grape Community Hospital April 12. He weighed six pound pounds and twelve and one-half ounces and was named Kevin Ray.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Phillips of Hamburg. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Esther Aspedon of Hamburg, and Donald Aspedon of Leona, Ia. Great grandparents are Mrs. Grace Aspedon and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Bridgford of Hamburg.

SON FOR BEAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Jonny Beam of Omaha are parents of a son born April 9. He has been named Michael Scott. He weighed eight pounds and eleven ounces. They have another son Tony Allen.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cashus Smith of Springfield, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beam, Hamburg.

BASEBALL ASSN. MEETING APRIL 18

There will be a baseball association meeting in the front room of the Legion building Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Minimum tillage day demonstration 24th

The Minimum Tillage Day will get underway at 9 a.m. April 24 at the Joe O'Hara farm, located four miles east of Shenandoah.

There is plenty of parking space available at the demonstration field, and a taxi service from the airport for those who fly in.

Twenty-seven plots have been laid out for machines to demonstrate on. There will be 27 different methods of planting corn demonstrated throughout the day. Each machine will be demonstrated twice.

Demonstrations will get underway at 9 in the morning and be concluded at 3:30 p.m. In the different types of corn planting will be rotary strip tillers, mulch planters, shovel and chisel cultivators, spring tooth harrows, planters, and other kinds of machines.

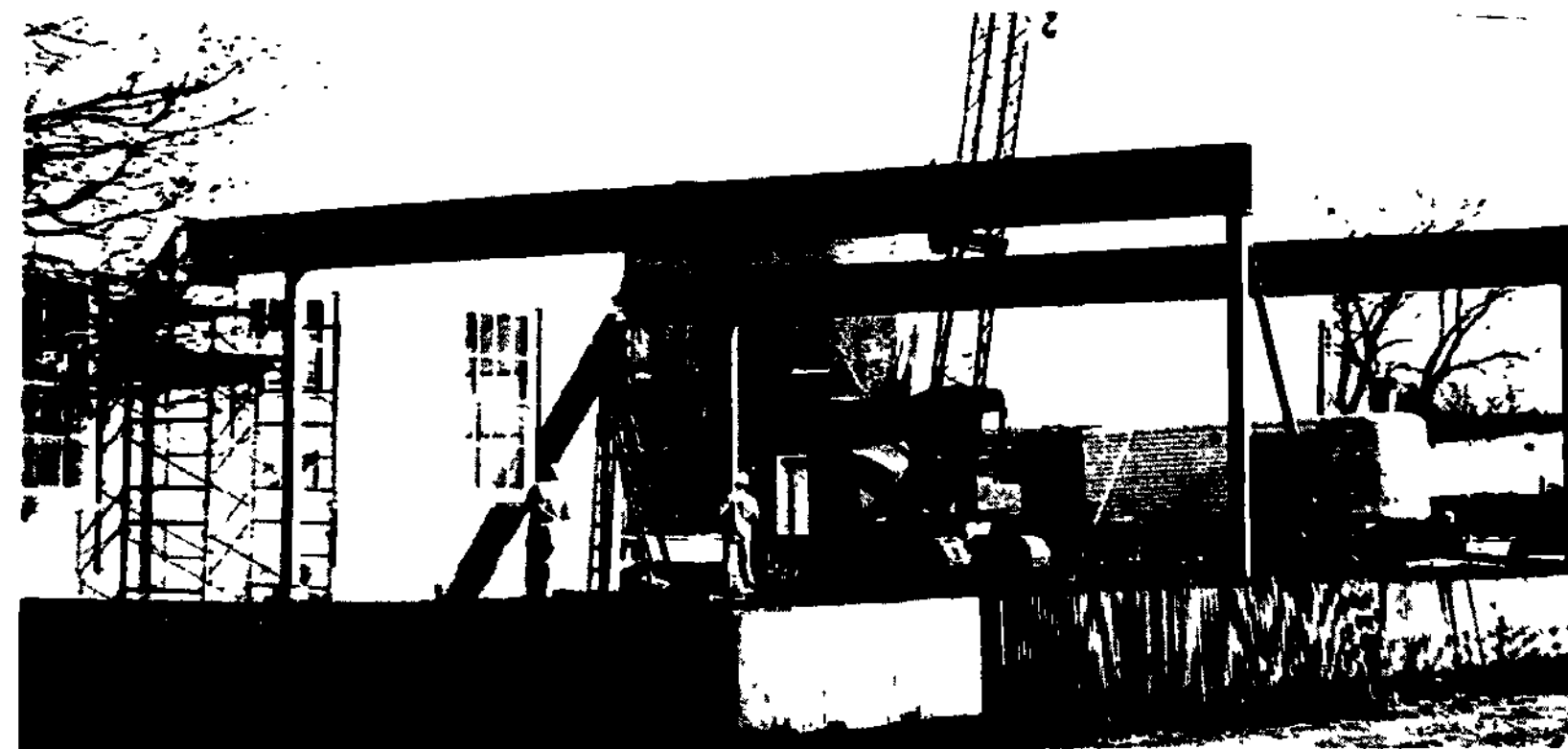
One of the big highlights of the day will be a display of new machinery. Machinery companies are planning to display new equipment they have released this year. This will be of interest to all farmers in attendance.

One of the fine aspects of this field day will be the follow up of the planting demonstrations. The field will be open throughout the summer for visitors to drive in and look the plots over at their convenience. Each plot will be marked with signs. Plans are for a follow up harvest day in the fall, sometime in October.

All are invited to the April 24 event.

WE ARE SORRY

The name of Elizabeth Fletcher should have been included in the junior high honor roll instead of the name of Elizabeth Zanker.



Shapes To Come—Huge steel girders designed as roof supports for the Hamburg post office addition went into place Monday, clearly outlining how big the enlargement will be. Old building is at left, while the alley is along the fence at right. Foundations and footings are nearing completion. The old Odd Fellows building, directly behind crane in this view, will be torn down late in May.