The following article from Matthew Lindaman’s, “Heimat in the Heartland; The significance of an Ethnic Newspaper,” aptly describes the importance of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten and its impact upon the East Frisian emigrants as well as those still living in the homeland. This Breda, Iowa, German language newspaper was printed from 1884 to 1971 and contains a wealth of information pertaining to those from northwest Germany, the United States, and specifically southeast Nebraska.

On the evening of 31 December 1881, Pastor Luepke Hündling tucked a modest stack of freshly printed newspapers under his arm, walking toward the post office in Dubuque, Iowa. Officially known as the Ostfriesische Nachrichten (East Frisian News), the newspaper was sent out after the holiday season had drawn to a conclusion. The launching of yet another ethnic newspaper was certainly not uncommon for the era. The German-American population alone supported hundreds of newspapers in the German language. Hündling's new enterprise, however, was neither religious nor labor oriented, thus distinguishing itself from the scope of dozens of other ethnic newspapers. Moreover, his paper focused on neither national events, nor coverage of one specific locality. Instead, his was the twin goal of joining dozens of growing East Frisian communities spread out across the prairie in an open discourse, not only amongst themselves, but also with the old homeland. By the turn of the century, the Ostfriesische Nachrichten found a welcome place in thousands of East Frisian homes, both in the Midwest and abroad. Analysis of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten reveals that the newspaper played an enabling factor in chain migration, while also holding the widespread rural communities together. By linking the isolated communities and inviting the East Frisian immigrants to participate in an open discourse, the paper allowed readers to reify old traditions while negotiating the new American culture. As a result, the Ostfriesische Nachrichten helped create and preserve a more specific East Frisian-American identity and not a more generalized German identity.  http://jaeh.press.illinois.edu/23/3/lindaman.html

Immigrants and many of their descendants living in the Hanover area of southeast Nebraska (Gage County) were frequent readers and contributors of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten. Recently, several anonymous Ostfriesen descendants from this area have allowed me to photocopy, scan, photo edit, and format many of these submissions to the Ostfriesische Nachrichten into the PDF document contained on the CD.

In the early part of 2008, Jürgen Adams from Wiesmoor, Germany and Lewis Miller from New Mexico graciously consented to help with the enormous task of translating some of these newspaper articles into English. During the latter part of 2008, Frank Ollermann from Osnabrück, Germany also came on board as a translator. The PDF document that follows the four-page index is a compilation of 1 ½ years work by these three dedicated men and one very detailed female Ostfriesen descendant and former Nebraskan, now transplanted to northeast Mississippi.

The following are points you should be aware of when reading the document containing the 159 translated Ostfriesische Nachrichten newspaper submissions:

- Sentence structure in each translation was not changed in any way by the compiler except for spelling correction and adding occasional punctuation for better readability.
- Most of the O. N. submissions were from the early 1900’s to 1920’s and pertain to southeast Nebraska.
- A * by date in the second column indicates that it has been verified with Rick Gersema’s index.

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• A ( ) around the date in the second column indicates an educated guess by the compiler based on the birth date and number of years lived. This date could be at least one year off.
• The title, “Community News,” was not found in the Ostfriesische Nachrichten. It was chosen to separate news from areas around the country from that of southeast Nebraska, particularly Gage County.
• The title, “Renke’s News,” was also not found in the Ostfriesische Nachrichten. It was chosen by the compiler to separate news about the Hanover/Zion Lutheran Church—located in the southeastern Nebraska county of GAGE—from the other areas across the country. Renke Leners was this community’s Ostfriesische Nachrichten reporter, and you will find his obituary following this preface.
• The PDF document includes (1) preface, (2) Renke Lener’s obituary, (3) four-page index, and (4) 158 Ostfriesische Nachrichten newspaper submissions with English translations.
• There are search capabilities with this PDF document when you (1) open document, (2) click on edit, and (3) key in your query. The majority of the time, each O. N. scan and its translation are limited to one page.
• The index is alphabetized and includes the compiler’s scan numbers for future reference.
• Duplicates may occur since several sources were used.
• Page numbering has not been added since future scans and their translations will be included.

It is the desire of the translators, contributors, and compiler to provide this PDF document of southeast Nebraska’s Ostfriesen history to as many interested individuals as possible. It is too large to send as an email attachment. Consequently, a CD is available to anyone for a donation of $6 to cover the cost of materials and postage. All inquiries can be addressed to Cheryl (Jurgens) Meints, 11 Turtle Creek Drive, Corinth, MS 38834 (662-415-6047) nebrrose1@yahoo.com (The index, preface, and one scan with translation can be sent as an email attachment upon request, though.)

If anyone is interested in specific translations, those scans and their translations related to southeast Nebraska will be added to the Gage County, Nebraska USGenWeb site in the near future. This ongoing project is dedicated to all those who left their legacy in print.

Ostfriesen LINKS and family CONNECTIONS,

Cheryl Meints, compiler
Jürgen Adams, translator
Lewis Miller, translator
Frank Ollermann, translator
Several Ostfriesen descendants
Our dear father and longtime correspondent of O. N. has returned home on the 21st of this month, aged 83 years, 7 months and 9 days. He was born on July 12, 1851 as the son of Renke Oltmanns Leners and wife Ettje Schweers, nee Harms at Oltmannsfenh, Ostfriesland. His mother had died on October 10, 1857 and on September 15, the following year he emigrated with his father and his siblings to America.

They crossed the ocean aboard of a sailing vessel, and it was in the beginning of December when they arrived at Golden, then Keokuk Junction, Illinois. He was still one of those who did the entire journey on water, with a sailing vessel from Bremerhaven to New Orleans in nine weeks and four days and from New Orleans to St. Louis on the Mississippi River in eight days and then to Quincy, Illinois in another day.
He was confirmed on September 19, 1868 at Golden, Illinois, and he married Menna Schuster, daughter of Menne Everts Schuster and wife Gretje, nee Lubinus the same day. This matrimony was blessed with seven sons and two daughters, whereof four sons died at the young age and a son, Renke, died on March 4, 1932. In March 1878, he and his brother Johann together with their families came to Gage County, Nebraska. At first he lived for five years on a farm at Hanover Township, and in March 1883 they moved to a farm in Logan Township, where he lived until the end of his life. Our mother died on January 26, 1915. He leaves behind two sons, Johann and Menne Leners, two daughters, Gretje Foßler and Ettje Caspers. The burial took place under great attendance on February 24. Pastor Reents conducted the sermon. From afar came to his burial: Mrs. Tom Leeners, Mrs. Henry Leeners, John Hulse with wife and daughter of Bruning, Nebraska, Ehme Bienhoff and daughter Gertrude and son Albert of Kensington, Kansas, Frieda Bienhoff of Lincoln, Nebraska, Henry Rohrs and Fred Hector of Rohrs, Nebraska, Conrad Harms of Auburn, Nebraska, John Remmers and wife of Marysville, Kansas, Georg Tjaden and wife and Martin Tjaden of Wymore, Nebraska. We will miss our father very much, but we will always keep him in a thankful and loving memory.

E. C. (Ettje Caspers)
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To all friends herewith the sad news that it has pleased Almighty God to take from our side my darling wife and our good mother and grandmother

Gesche Ackermann, nee Schuster

She was born on November 7, 1856 in Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland and also baptized there. In the year 1865 she came with her parents to America, to Golden, Illinois. In 1868 she came to Gage County, Nebraska. On April 14, 1878 she was confirmed and on April 28 she entered into matrimony with John Ackerman. A good six months ago she started to become ill, and in the last seven weeks her condition worsened. On the morning of June 7, she went home. She was 69 years and 7 months. She leaves behind her grieving husband, two sons, Menne and Harm Ackerman, four daughters, Frauke Buhr, Gretje Buhr, Johanna Huls, and Gesche Ackerman. Seven years ago when her daughter-in-law died, she took in her three children and replaced the mother to the best of her ability. Others mourning her are two brothers, a sister, three sons-in-law and 18 grandchildren. The funeral took place on June 10 with Pastor Reents conducting the service. Text Psalm 94: 19.

This notice from the deeply grieved husband John Ackermann and family.

Filley,
Nebraska
Herewith the sad news to all relatives, friends and acquaintances, that our God, the Lord about life and death decided to take my beloved husband, our good father Rindert J. Ackermann to His own by death. He was born on September 31, 1872 in Menard County, Illinois, and got married on 14 June 1902 to Margaretha Karolina Buss. From this marriage sprouted 3 children, 2 sons and one daughter; the latter is just three months of age. The deceased was nearly the entire summer ill and his father-in-law, John Buss, traveled with him to Kirksville to get some help, but our dear God had decided another way. They were just three days there and in the morning of December 5, he already had died and then was brought to Cozad, where he got buried at Block's Cemetery. He reached the age of 34 years, 2 months, and 7 days. Pastor F. C. Schuldt held the sermon about John 13:7; also an English sermon was held about Hebrews 4:9.

This brings to attention the dolorous spouse Margaretha Ackermann, nee Buss, and children.

Cozad, Nebraska.
Our dear mother Gertje Alberts Aden, nee Fecht, passed away on March 5 near Adams, Nebraska, aged 67 years, 7 months, and 1 day. She was born at Wiesens, Ostfriesland as the oldest daughter of Albert J. Fecht and wife Himke, nee Frantz. She came to America on April 11, 1874 and married Hinrich Heyen Aden in the same year. Five of the eight children she gave birth to preceded her in death in juvenile age, and a son of hers had died some years ago, aged 32. One year ago also her husband preceded her in death. She was buried in God’s Acre of the Lutheran Zion congregation, where the sermon was about Corinthians 15:42-43. Her passing away is mourned by one son, one daughter, one brother, one sister, and eleven grandchildren.

This notice by her son, Gerd Aden. Adams, Gage County, Nebraska
This sad news to all friends and acquaintances that it pleased the Lord over life and death to call my dear husband and faithfully caring father of my small children, our dear son, and brother, Heye Mennen Aden, from our side after a short time of illness.

He was born on September 25, 1881 at Hanover, Nebraska and got married to Margaretha Holz on March, 2, 1905. The Lord blessed them with four children. He was buried under great attendance on October 5, where Pastor Reents conducted the sermon over Psalm 46:11. He reached the age of 31 years and 9 days. His deeply saddened widow and four children, his parents, a brother, and a sister are mourning him.

This brings to attention with saddened heart the grieving widow, Margaretha Aden, nee Holz, with children, Adams, Nebraska; and his parents, Hinerich Aden and wife Gertje, nee Fecht, Pickrell, Nebraska
February 6, 1913

This sad news to all friends and acquaintances, that it pleased the Lord over life and death to call Johann Mennen Aden after a long and serious suffering to eternity. He was born at Wrisse, Aurich County, Ostfriesland, and came with relatives to America as a boy into the vicinity of Carthage, Illinois, where he was confirmed in 1871. On January 28, 1881 he got married to Julie Bruns. The couple lived at Golden, Illinois, but moved later to Gothenburg, Nebraska. He slipped away on January 31, aged 57 years and 4 months, and got buried under the great attendance of near and far on February 2nd on God's Acre of the Evangelical Lutheran Christ congregation, where he was a member of for many years. Psalm 71:9.

This brings to attention the grieving wife, Julie Aden, nee Bruns. Gothenburg, Nebraska February 6, 1913
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
ALBERS, Trientje (Gronewold)

June 13, 1913

To all relatives and friends the news that our dear mother and grandmother,

Trientje Albers, nee Gronewold,

was withdrawn to eternity in the morning of June 18, 1913 after a longer period of suffering by cancer. She was born on September 7, 1840 at Hüllenfeth, Ostfriesland and was married in 1860 with the then helmsman, Behrend Albers. This marriage was blessed with ten children, where three sons preceded her in death in juvenile. Also two grown-up daughters, one year or one eight years ago. In 1873 she came with her family to America where they settled at Golden, Illinois at first and after a short while moved to Gage County, Nebraska. Her husband died in 1887 and since then she lived as a widow. She reached the age of 72 years, 9 months, and 22 days. She died in the true faith in the earning and the justice of Jesus Christ. She lived her past five years with her daughter. She is survived by two sons, three daughters and their husbands, 27 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. May she softly rest from her work until her blitheful day of resurrection!

This news is announced by the mourning children, E. D. Cramer and wife Hanna, nee Albers with children

Cortland, Nebraska, June 20, 1913
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

AURICH-OLDENDORF

A bell tower shall get erected as a sign of commemoration and gratefulness that our homeland is spared by the enemy so far. The tower shall be built in coherence with the church and more seats can be generated in the church. If the erection of the tower would happen, our bells would finally receive their own place, because they count to the most beautiful peal of bells in Ostfriesland.

NOTE: The bells got erected.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
BARTELS, Margaretha Habben
(Ostermann)

It has pleased the Lord to take away my dear wife Margaretha Habben Bartels, nee Ostermann. She was born on 22 December 1844 at Voßbarg, Ostfriesland. On 20 February 1863, she was confirmed by Pastor L. B. Köppen. She emigrated to America in 1865 together with her parents and a sister. Three brothers of hers already came to America some years before. On 27 February 1867, she was married to the subscriber. We lived here at Golden for some years, then moved to Champaign County, Illinois, and lived there for 23 years. Twenty-two years ago we returned to Golden. The deceased was normally in good health, but during the past two years she was often weak. On 24 July 1915 she was hit by stroke, but recovered again. Awhile ago she felt very weak, and she could not recover from this illness. She was granted to celebrate our Golden Wedding in the circle of our relatives and friends. She was a member of our Lutheran Immanuel congregation. The Lord brought her life to a span of 72 years, 7 months, and 4 days. "Let me prepare my house betime, so that I'm always ready and can always say: Lord, Thy will be done, I will accept."

[In German it rhymes.]

The mourning husband, Gerd Bartel*’s, Golden, Illinois (*Typo in the script-Bartels is spelled correctly on top.)
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
BAUMFALK, Marie (Krueger)

November 1, 1918*

Maria Baumfalk, nee Krueger was born March 6, 1871 at Michigan City, Indiana. When she was eleven years old, she came to Gage County, Nebraska with her parents and siblings. We were married here in 1888, and since then have lived here with few interruptions. Eleven children were born to us, three of whom preceded the mother in death. In the 30 years, we have experienced much misery and sickness from which she is finally set free. She was seized with an apoplectic fit on August 27, and since then suffered much pain. On October 5 she passed away into eternal peace in the hospital in Beatrice. The funeral service was held in English at the Lutheran Church in Ellis and in German at the Lutheran Church in Cortland. She chose the text of the sermon herself. Maria selected most of the material. Her troublesome life lasted 47 years, 6 months, and 28 days. I stand at her grave with my eight children, ranging in ages from 6 to 28 years, hoping for a blessed reunion in the light of heaven with the dear wife and faithful mother. Also mourning her are two sisters, two brothers, and her elderly mother-in-law, widow of Dirk Baumfalk, 82 years. Asking for quiet sympathy.

Gustav Baumfalk and family

Maria Baumfalk, nee Krueger

was born March 6, 1871 at Michigan City, Indiana. When she was eleven years old, she came to Gage County, Nebraska with her parents and siblings. We were married here in 1888, and since then have lived here with few interruptions. Eleven children were born to us, three of whom preceded the mother in death. In the 30 years, we have experienced much misery and sickness from which she is finally set free. She was seized with an apoplectic fit on August 27, and since then suffered much pain. On October 5 she passed away into eternal peace in the hospital in Beatrice. The funeral service was held in English at the Lutheran Church in Ellis and in German at the Lutheran Church in Cortland. She chose the text of the sermon herself. Maria selected most of the material. Her troublesome life lasted 47 years, 6 months, and 28 days. I stand at her grave with my eight children, ranging in ages from 6 to 28 years, hoping for a blessed reunion in the light of heaven with the dear wife and faithful mother. Also mourning her are two sisters, two brothers, and her elderly mother-in-law, widow of Dirk Baumfalk, 82 years. Asking for quiet sympathy.

Gustav Baumfalk and family
It has pleased the Lord of life and death to take away my dear husband, the faithful caring father of our children.

Heye B. Behrends by death into eternity after just falling ill two days ago. The hand of the Lord lies as a heavy burden on me and the children, but we will bow in humbleness and say, “Not ours but Thy will shall happen.” The deceased was born at Spetzerfeln, Ostfriesland on 20 June 1862. He came with his parents and siblings to America in 1878, where he lived the first years in the vicinity of Monticello, Iowa. In 1885 he moved to here and married Tatje Behrends, nee Frühling who already preceded him in death seven years ago. This marriage was blessed with five children. In 1907 he married the now bent widow Wilhelmine Behrends, nee Seehusen. This marriage was blessed with three children. The remains of the deceased were buried on the cemetery of the Lutheran St. Johannes congregation at Barnston under great attendance. Pastor G. Janssen spoke in the home about Ebr. 13:1, and in the church about 1 Samuel 20:3. The deceased reached the age of 50 years, 6 months, and 25 days.

This is announced by the saddened widow with children.

Barnston, Nebraska
Deeply saddened we make aware that it has pleased the Lord to take away our dear son and brother, Dick Janssen Bruns. He saw the light of day as son of Jan Eilers and wife Ete, nee Cramer, on 23 September 1895 at Lammertsfehn, Ostfriesland, where he also was baptized and confirmed. In 1912 he immigrated with his parents to the USA and lived here since then. On 2 December he fell ill on virulent flu that has currently caused the death of so many human lives. He deceased in the morning of 10 December, aged 23 years, 2 months, and 17 days. Shaken to the core are his parents, three brothers, and one sister, as well as his bride, Rebecca Schmidt. His corpse got buried to eternal rest at the cemetery of the Lutheran congregation where he will await his blithe resurrection.

The mourning bereaved.
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
With deeply grieving hearts we bring the news that it has pleased Almighty God to call forth out of this life our beloved son and brother

Dirk Janssen Bruns

He was born the son of Jan Eilers Bruns and wife Ete, nee Cramer on September 23, 1895 at Lammersfehn, Ostfriesland, where he was also baptized and confirmed. In 1912 he emigrated with his parents to America and lived since then here. On December 2 he became ill with the malicious influenza to which so many people have fallen victim as of late, and on the morning of December 10 he died. He was 23 years, 2 months, and 17 days. He is most deeply mourned by his parents, three brothers, and a sister as well as his fiancée, Rebecca Schmidt. His body was laid to rest December 11 on the cemetery of the Lutheran Congregation, where he now happily looks forward to the resurrection.

The grieving survivors.
Hanover, Gage Co., Nebraska
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
CARSTENS, Gerhard

Our dear husband, father and grandfather, Gerhard Carstens passed away as it pleased his Lord, aged 81 years, 7 months, and one day. He was born on March 30, 1828 at Varel, Oldenburg, came to America as a young man and settled near Golden, Illinois, where he married Harmke Heeren. The Lord blessed this matrimony with six children, whereof three children preceded the father in death. As his wife was torn apart from him by death, he married for a second time on October 13, 1872 with Juliane, nee Bauer, now his mourning widow. Four more children sprouted from this alliance, who all survived their father. The family moved to Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska, where they joined the Lutheran Zion congregation, wherein the departed took part in God's word and at the table of the Lord as good as he was able to. About five years ago he was seriously ill and since then he suffered constantly, especially in the past weeks. However, he now is confident in the Lord's mercy. He hoped to be blessed only by the mercy of the Lord, and we also confidently hope that he may be blessed at his Lord's home. The funeral took place on November 2 and Pastor J. B. Reents conducted the sermon about Acts 2:26.

The mourning survivors, Juliane Karstens with children and grandchildren.
Pickrell, Nebraska

NOTE: The article mentioned Gerhard Carstens but the widow was spelled Karstens - pronunciation is identical.
Rev. Hertel is ill and engaged a proxy person until Easter.

Henry T. Jürgens had bought a black mare for $65.

Alb. Holz, son of the widow Holz, is building a new house where his son shall move in because he will soon marry someone.

G.W.
Auburn, Nebraska
December 5

It has been rather cold here the last few weeks. We also had a little snow and you can travel rather well with the sled.

The corn harvest yields here were not big because it was too dry in August and September. On average, corn brought about 20 bushels per acre.

Mrs. Margaretha Harms, nee Jelken died on October 7. She was the oldest member of the St. John's congregation. She was 81 years. She was a native of the parish in Strackholt, Ostfriesland. Our pastor conducted the funeral sermon. Pastor Dirks also held a service.

Jürgen Aden and Miss Remmers from Falls City were married as well as Tamme Nordbroek and Miss Kaspers.

With heartfelt Merry Christmas greetings to all readers.

A. G. Frerichs Jr.
We had a wet but not cold winter. Because of the drought and the poor cereal harvest caused by it last year, forage is in short supply and the farmers are longing for spring. But before that we had a decent snow storm, but the snow vanishes pretty fast.

On February 24, Mr. Gerd Leenerts and wife celebrated her golden wedding. Due to the couple's slightly feeble health, they celebrated only a small party with friends and family. Mr. Pastor Dagefoerde delivered a speech and wished the couple the Lord's continued blessing on their path of life. From each of the guests the couple received an expedient present and also the children gave them a goodly present. Mr. Leeners was born on February 5, 1841 in the parish of Remels, Ostfriesland, and emigrated at the age of 16. After a long journey, landed in New Orleans, and came to Illinois, where he found work on a farm. When the Civil War began, he joined the 10th Kansas Infantry Regiment and took part in several battles in Missouri and Arkansas, and was wounded on December 7, 1861 at Prairie Grove, Arkansas. While he was on vacation, he married Gretje J. Müller but later went to war again for six months. After having served in the army for three years and ten days he received an honorable farewell. He became a farmer again, moved to his farm here in 1893, a good two miles northwest of Bruning. In the year 1907, he went into his well-deserved retirement. The happy marriage was blessed with five children from which three, one daughter and two sons, died in early life. Two sons are now living in ... parents on the farm. May the dear God leave this highly regarded couple in our midst for a long time.

Fred H. Kerl.

The ... part is invisible due to the overlap of the two pieces of paper.
Carthage, Illinois
12 March

Gerjet Fecht died here in his best years. He got the flu and a pneumonia came as complication and brought his life to an unexpected end. The deceased was an esteemed man, always friendly to everyone and a hard word would never have left his lips. The congregation is painfully regretting this loss. The writer of this looses a highly appreciated friend and cousin. Now he has gone and we hope that he will not weep a tear any longer up there with the Lord.
Flanagan, Illinois
March 14, (1910)

Renke Albers passed away on 10th of this month - 90 years, 2 months, and 6 days of age. He was the oldest East Frisian in this area. He was born on January 4, 1820 at Viktorbur, Ostfriesland, and lived in his youth in the old homeland. After emigration into this land, he settled at first in Pekin and around. He was married in a second marriage with the widow Jenken Schlueter. Four children sprouted from this marriage, whereof three survived the father. He came to this region 35 years ago and lived for the first 27 years close to the Windtown Church, where he was a member of and sexton all the years. In the recent eight years he spent his life in Flanagan. The deceased was a man of candor and Christian ethos. The Lord gently took him away. Funeral took place on March 12 from the Lutheran Johannes Church and Pastor Valentiner conducted the service in the church and at the grave of Windtown Cemetery where the deceased was buried.

Mr. J. H. Linnemann and wife of Pekin, Illinois, shortly visited relatives here and friends.

C. A. Wilsky.
Flanagan, Illinois, 30 April

On April 19th and 20th the Eastern Illinois Conference of the southern district of the Lutheran Iowa synod held a meeting at Danforth in the congregation of Pastor Stähling. Twenty-five pastors, two teachers, and some guests were present. In the evening of the first day of the conference a service got held. The fall meeting will happen in the first week of October at Gillespie in the congregation of Pastor Krekelar. The orchestra of the Wartburg College of Clinton, Iowa, which was on concert tour in the past two weeks, staged here at Flanagan two concerts on April 17 which found good attention and brought an amount of $230. On April 15 the orchestra staged in the congregation of Pastor M. Hafermann at Peru, Illinois, which brought $85, and on the 16th a concert of the congregation of Pastor I. Hafermann at Benson, which brought $150. From here they continued to Cullom, Chatsworth, Chenoa, Streator, Peoria and Bartonville; then back to Clinton.

• From Pekin, Illinois, we got the news that Mrs. John H. Lindemann, nee Franzen, a former resident of here, had died on April 22, aged 68 years, having suffered for about 5 years. Funeral was on April 26th. Ben Hüls and wife, John H. Janssen and G. Joosten from here and Franz Heeren and Henry Holz of Milford, Illinois, attended the burial.

• After Pentecost the summer school of the local Lutheran St. John congregation will start.

• This morning, April 30th, Mrs. Lambert Baumann, nee Schoon, died here after a sick bed of 5 weeks. She was born at Strachkolt on 28 February 1843, where she also got christened and confirmed. Aged 22 years, she came to this country, to Golden, Illinois. She got married there to Lambert Baumann, who preceded her into eternity 12 years ago. After being there for 4 years, the couple settled in this area, where they resided at first on a farm near Windtown. About 20 years ago they moved to Flanagan, where her husband and now she as well, deceased. She reached the age of 78 years, 2 months and 3 days, and remains 3 sons and 3 daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren and 3 half sisters. Funeral will be held on May 3rd, from the local Lutheran St. John Church to her last home next to her husband on the family cemetery about one mile west of Windtown.

C. A. Wilsky
Last Sunday Mr. P. Rewerts and the writer took an automobile trip to Benson, 17 miles from here. The congregation there of Pastor Hafermann celebrated the opening of their renovated Gotteshaus. Three services were held. Pastor Ficken from Peoria, former long time pastor of the congregation, conducted the dedication. Pastor Westenberger from Hawkeye, Iowa preached the morning service, Pastor August Decker from Streator, Illinois, the afternoon service, and Pastor Thomas Albert from Shamway the evening service. The church choir under the direction of teacher, Isaak, beautified all three services with glorious songs. We had the pleasure in our midst to greet our old friend from Lakefield, Minnesota, Lehnert Ackermann and wife. They and their five children came by car to visit their relatives and friends here. Also the families of Henry Holz and Thomas Janssen from Milford, Illinois paid their local relatives a short visit. Mrs. Harm Luecht of Iroquois, Illinois stayed quite a while with her parents, Meino Franzen and wife, and then went back home with her husband. Friend John Janssen visited his brother Harm in Wisconsin, who has been farming there for more years. He doesn't seem to be too impressed by the land over there. He thinks there is too much sand, hills, and stones there. Now he has the intention—still this year if possible—to take a trip to Germany. Sorrow in the Heye Koopmann family in that the youngest child passed away after a short illness. The child was buried September 14 at St. Peter's Church in Windtown. A family reunion honoring his brother Lehnert and family took place at Harm Ackermann. Lehnert's family is visiting their relatives and friends. The following families were present: Albert Prost and his two daughters; John A. Prost and family; Herman Hensens and family; Harm Schlueter and family; and this writer and wife. The following readers have paid for the Ostfriesische Nachrichten: Jakob Mannott, Ehme Gronewold, Herman Hemken, and Jakob Obert.

T. A. Wilsty
From Golden, Illinois comes the sad news that Mr. H. H. Emminga was taken off by death on December 9th. Several weeks ago he had a surgery that seemed to be successful, but finally ended his life. He reached the age of 65 years. With Mr. Emminga we lost an Ostfriesen man of idol kind. In every case he was a man of huge loyalty and diligence, frugal and decent with rich success and with an earnest Christian disposition, warm-hearted, and generous where help was needed, with a sharp and clear mind in all circumstances. He was a brilliant example to all that were with him. His tireless efforts concerning the orphanage of the synod at Jerusalem is best known to all readers, and he consecrated himself to this beloved mission up to his end. He also supported the deeds of charity for the homeland in these days of war. Filled with a true love to his old homeland and the people of Ostfriesland, all attempts to support the interests of the Ostfriesen people found an avid and competent co-worker with him. The "Ostfriesische Nachrichten" has lost one of their very loyal and best friends. In our next issue we will report about his life and value in detail.
From Golden, Ill. comes the sad news that Mr. H. H. Emminga has deceased there on December 9th. Several weeks ago he had to undergo a severe surgery that seemed to be successful at first but that now has brought about his end. He reached the age of 65 years. With Mr. Emminga a man has passed on who was an Ostfriese from the most noble kind. Of the utmost faith and diligence in everything he did, simple and humble in the face of greatest success, with a genuinely Christian attitude, open-hearted and generous where help was needed, with a clear and keen mind in all circumstances, he was a shining example to all who were near him. His unfailing activity for the Syrian orphanage in Jerusalem is well-known to all readers and he was devoted to this, his favorite work, until his end. He also cared extremely for the people in his homeland in these times of war. He was filled with a deep love to his old home country and the people of Ostfriesland and all activities in line with the "Ostfriesehood" were supported by him as an eager and able patron. The "Ostfriesische Nachrichten" has lost one of the most faithful and best friends. We will report on his life and his legacy at length in the next issue.

**NOTE:** This scan was inadvertently sent to both Jürgen Adams and Frank Ollermann for translating. My apologies. (Cheryl Meints)
Golden, Illinois
November

It is already cold and stormy, and the first snow fell last night.

Three cases of death have to be reported from here. The widow Rinne Ehmen living near Chatton, Illinois suddenly died of a heart attack. She was suffering for a longer while, but her passing came surprisingly. She will be mourned by ten children. She reached the age of 68 years. Pastor Lindemann directed the sermon, and she was buried under great attendance at the cemetery of the Emanuel congregation.

On October 13 Mrs. Gerhard Bartels died, who also was suffering for a long while. She was buried on October 16th. She leaves behind her very grieving husband and more relatives.

On October 13 also the wife of Pastor A. P. Meyer of Springfield, Illinois, died where she travelled to await a second operation. But the Lord called her for coming home before the second operation could happen, and she wasn’t suffering any longer. She was attended in burial by her confirmation class. She was a daughter of W. F. Buß of Golden and leaves behind her husband, two minor children, her parents, siblings, and more relatives. She was loved and esteemed by so many people, which was attested by the great flower-donation during her burial. She also was buried at the cemetery of the Emanuel congregation. She died in the juvenile age of 27 years. All the deceased may peacefully rest until the blitheful resurrection!
It is still warm and beautiful and one could think we already had the harvest Indian summer. Will hope that it will last a while and the late grain will be ripe.

Our neighbor Jan Bohlsen has died here, who laid down the tired pilgrim's pole, aged 79 years and 7 months. He lately suffered dropsy.

Also death came onto the family of Gerd Bienhoff and took the wife and mother off the family. She was in her best years of life.

There is always an arrival and departure on this earth. Once here the beloved were taken away, thus Jakob Cassens and wife were blessed by the birth of a son, and Johann Lenerts and wife as like as Georg Cassens and wife were blessed by the birth of a girl.

Visiting here were Hermann Rickers and wife and Lammert Wolters and wife of Nebraska, who visited friends here.

With greetings to all readers,
Mena Seehusen
Beginning December, I have to report a case of death this time. Mr. Onne E. Osterbuhr passed away on November 27th. He was a widely esteemed man and true member of our congregation. He was led to our cemetery on November 30th under great attendance and was buried there where Pastor Senkeisen conducted the service. Mr. Osterbuhr was born in Strackholt, Ostfriesland from where he went to America, to Champaign County, Illinois, and in 1882 to Franklin County, Nebraska. He reached the age of 79 years, 5 months, and several days. (*) He leaves behind three sons and four daughters. His ash may rest softly!

The weather was very nice this fall. We only had a few cold days. The harvest of grain has mostly happened. The earnings were rather good, from 10 to 40 bushels/acre. The price for corn is here 32 cents/bushel, for wheat 60 and for oats 22 cents. Pork cost $7.10 per 100 pounds; also cattle has a good prince.

Mr. John Bischoff and wife of Talmage, Nebraska, a brother-in-law of the signee, were here for visiting our old parents, Mr. Elle Weber and wife, and other relatives as well. Our parents-in-law have reached a respectable age meanwhile; the father is 78 and the mother is in her 84th year of life.

Ending with regards to all readers.

John Fuerst, Jr.
Hildreth, Nebraska  March 19

We've had a lot of snow and rain in the last three weeks. A day before Easter there was such a snowstorm that the roads were blocked. And on the Sunday after Easter once again we had a snowstorm the entire day. Yesterday, on the second Sunday after Easter, we had rain the entire day. So we're getting our share of moisture. The wheat looks good; the oats is coming along well. A lot of oats was sown this spring. The prices are still high, but also everything what the farmer buys is expensive. A collection was taken in our congregation for the needy in Germany and a nice sum of $680.00 was obtained.

Several families were struck by the flu. At the Ecke Straatmann family, the whole family was sick, and the faithful wife and mother of the family was taken away by death. The father is still seriously ill. May he remain healthy for the children! The deceased was a daughter of Cassen C. Garrelts and wife.

Mr. Henry Dirks has sold his beautiful place in Hildreth and is thinking about moving to Lincoln. The past few years he was mayor of the town and faithfully fulfilled his duties. Maybe they'll vote him to be mayor of Lincoln right away.

John Fuerst
In the middle of July we have hot weather and it is said: Sweat must rinse from the hot forehead (a rhyme in German - part of the poem "The song of the bell" by Friedrich von Schiller, first verse)! But the nights are mostly cool and bring refreshment. 

Wheat and also oat are already cut and you can hear a threshing machine here and there, that are threshing the new wheat. Small fruits grew fine this year, thanks appertains to the donator of all good gifts. Corn looks also pretty good and promises a good harvest. We have had some late night frost, thus we will not have much fruit in the fall.

● The German Lutheran St. John congregation celebrated a jubilee, the 25th anniversary of the congregation. The congregation was organized in 1895 and the first minister was the then young Pastor H. Wendt who ministered the blossomed and they always took care that the youth also got educated in the German mother language. On this festive day Pastor G. Gundel of Superior, Nebraska preached in the morning, H. Wendt of Earlville, Iowa in the afternoon, and Pastor W. Beckmann of Burr, Nebraska in the evening. The collection brought $123. In the past 25 years the congregation was ministered by pastors as follows: H. Wendt, E. Schröder, H. G. Wunderlich and since last spring again Pastor E. Schröder. The chronicle of the congregation reports 370 baptisms, 282 confirmations, 109 marriages, and 107 funerals.

About $13,500 were booked in the district's cash office.

Four young men of the congregation became ministers: August Höger, Albert Keiser, Johann Keiser, and Paulus Schröder. It shall be remarked, that both the Keisers, Professor A. Keiser of Beloit, Wisconsin and Pastor J. Keiser of Albion, Nebraska are invited to conduct the sermons on this year's mission festivities that shall take place as every year on the last Sunday in August, the 29th of August.

● Friedrich Wehmer, who finished farming and moved to town, had a surgery at Lincoln but is already on the way of amelioration.

● Also Fritz Harm is currently in a hospital at Omaha.

● Gerriet Wehmer has died on a farm west of Sterling and leaves behind his wife and five adult children. He was in his 60s.

● Rundschau (review)

(Most likely the name of the paper)
God willing, we will celebrate the mission feast of the Lutheran congregation of our settlement the first Sunday in September. Pastor Hartmann of Champaign, Illinois, will be the first speaker. He is a true Ostfriesen, born at Aurich-Oldendorf and came to America as a young boy, directly to our settlement, where he served as a farm hand for many years before he decided to serve a greater master. He joined the seminary at Springfield and later served as a preacher at Farmersville and Sigel until he got a call of the congregation he is still serving now. As being a true son of our settlement, it is quite common that he modestly and unassumingly is following the route of his Lord and Master and that he also as a preacher is greeting his old fellows in our great but unpretending settlement.
Macon, Nebraska
July 9

Thanks to the Lord, all of our family is still well. There were only a few diseases in our vicinity, except of the banker Ayers, who had to undergo surgery of the appendix. It seems the operation was successful. This illness that frequently is diagnosed here is nearly unknown over there. It must have to do with the kind of nutrition here. The wife of Hippe Jelken, Menna, nee Blank suffered a couple of years from stomach, heart and kidney illness and was nearly unable for doing her work. Some weeks ago an Indian medicine man sold his medicines in Franklin and their living son, J. Jelken, brought his mother this medicine. It was so effective that she remarked a change after only three days and meanwhile all pain has gone.

Our ladies' association prepared a festival for the youth under the leading of Pastor Kostbahn. An auction took place at this event and an amount of $259.57 was reached. The profit was $143.67, and the sum will be donated to God's realm for orphans, etc. Our dear God may fully bless such deeds!

H.H. Saathoff.
This sad news to all relatives and friends, that our beloved son and brother,

Behrend Albert Cramer

was snatched away from us in his juvenile age of 15 years, 7 months, and 24 days. He was born on December 5, 1897 in Gage County, Nebraska, and always was an ambitious pupil and reached by his abilities a high knowledge in the Christian doctrine of salvation. He fell ill with appendicitis on July 26th and received surgery at the hospital at once, but died on the aftermath the next day. His body was laid into tomb at Hanover Cemetery on July 30th. Pastor J. Pirner sermonized in his home about Psalm 39:8, and Pastor Reents in the church about Hebrews 1:21. It hits us hard but we will remain silent to the Lord's decision.

This is denoted by the deeply aggrieved parents.

E. D. Cramer and wife Hanna, nee Albers with children.

Cortland, Nebraska
August 2, 1913
The sad news to all friends and acquaintances that it has pleased the Lord to take among our dear son and brother Hinrich, de Buhr (I wrote the common Ostfriesen spelling, not the American way De Buhr - listed alphabetically he should be found registered under letter B, not D...just for information.) He was born on January 31, 1896 at Hanover, Nebraska and baptized on February 22. He was confirmed on April, 9, 1911. He got a call for military service to Camp Funston on June 24, 1918. There he fell ill to influenza, and pneumonia complicated the situation. Getting the news his parents hurried to him and were able to be with him during his last hour. He died on October 25, aged 22 years, 8 months, and 25 days. He was buried in the cemetery of our Lutheran congregation at Hanover on October, 29, where Pastor Reents conducted the sermon about his confirmation's Bible verse, 2 Timothy 2:5. He leaves behind his deeply saddened parents, six brothers, two sisters, his bride, Tete Gronewold, and other relatives.

This is announced by the grieving parents, Harm de Buhr and wife Mina, nee Ehmen.

Pickrell, Nebraska
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

DECKER, Harm Janssen

On April 15 the Almighty God over life and death called into eternity the soul of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather,

Harm Janssen Decker.

He was born on April 16, 1848 in Westerende, where he was also baptized and confirmed. He faithfully served his country in both the wars of 1866 and 1870-71. He entered into wedlock with Harmke Frerichs in 1872. This union was blessed with five sons and six daughters, of which two sons died in infancy. In 1894 he came with his family to America and settled first in Brown County, Illinois, but moved to Gage County, Nebraska, and then came to Franklin County, where he lived on his farm two miles from Hildreth until his death. He died on April 15 of senility. He leaves to mourn his wife, nine children, seven of whom are married, 29 grandchildren, one brother and many other relatives. "My struggles and battles are over, Lord, now entering and standing before you and ready. You have freed me from all pain and sorrow. Give me now the crown of eternal happiness."

The bereaved
Hildreth, Nebraska
April 10, 1920*

On March 4, our beloved husband, father, and son-in-law, Gottfried Dieken was called home into eternity. He was born on January 31, 1888 at Neufirrel, Ostfriesland, baptized and confirmed there, and in 1912 came to America. In 1916 he married Lena Ewers who along with a son and a daughter deeply mourn him. The whole family was sick with the flu and had gotten over it when appendicitis set in with the father. His body had been weakened by the flu and the operation was not successful, and three days later he died. He was 32 years, one month, and four days. Many people were present when he was laid to his final rest on the Pickrell Cemetery. Mourning him are the widow, two underage children, the parents-in-law, two brothers here in America, and the parents, Jan Janssen Dieken and wife, Neufirrel, Ostfriesland.

This notice brought by the grieving widow, Lena Dieken, nee Ewers, with the children and the parents-in-law, Henry Ewers and wife, Firth, Nebraska.
It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take into eternity our beloved mother and grandmother,

Eka Dorn, geb Zimmerman

She was born on October 23, 1845 at Vossbarg near Strackholt, Ostfriesland and also baptized there. At the age of 11 she came with her parents to America, first to Golden, Illinois, where the departed was confirmed. In 1862 she married Jan Dorn; this marriage was blessed with four sons and two daughters. One son and one daughter preceded her in death. On May 1, 1912 her husband died and since that time she was with her sons. In 1890 she came to Nebraska, first to Hanover, Gage County, where she lived three years, and then she came here where she has lived for 25 years. She lived 76 years, 3 months, and 3 days. She died on January 26 and was buried on the 29th. Pastor Timken from Beatrice conducted the service. May she rest in peace. Grieving her are Johann and Theodor Dorn, Ellis, Nebraska; Harm Dorn, Golden, Illinois; and Mrs. Heinrich Wolken, Adams, Nebraska.

The grieving relatives
Ellis, Nebraska
This sad news to all relatives and friends that is has pleased our Lord, the master of death and life, to take away our dear husband, father and grandfather

Jann Dorn

from our side in his 80th year of life. He was born in 1832 at Fiebing, Ostfriesland, and left his old homeland in 1856 and came to Golden, Illinois, were he was married to Eka, nee Zimmermann in 1862. This marriage was blessed with six children, whereof Tina died in 1890, aged nine years, and Tamme in 1891, aged 13 years. In 1890 they moved to Gage County, Nebraska. He passed away after being just ten days afflicted on May 1, 1912. He was buried on the Evergreen Home Cemetery at Beatrice, Nebraska, where Pastor Rogglitz spoke the funeral sermon about Psalm 126:5-6. He is survived by his deeply saddened widow and three sons, one daughter, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law. May he rest in peace and the eternal light shine on him!

This is notified by Eka Dorn, nee Zimmermann, Ellis, Nebraska; Harm Dorn and wife, Golden, Illinois; Henry Wolken and wife, nee Dorn with children, Adams, Nebraska; Johann Dorn and Theodore Dorn, Ellis, Nebraska

Ellis, Nebraska.
To all friends and acquaintances the sad news that it has pleased God to take into eternity our beloved mother, grand and great-grandmother

Christina Dorn Duis, nee Gage

in the age of 65 years, 5 months, and 21 days. She was born on October 3, 1853 at Walle near Aurich, Ostfriesland and died on March 24, 1919. The departed came as a child with her parents to America, lived several years in Champaign County, Illinois, married Cassen Duis there, and in 1891 moved on a farm east of Pomeroy, Iowa, where her husband died in the same year. Their marriage produced seven children, all surviving the deceased. They are Renke, Jan, Albert, Harm, Mrs. Klocko, Mrs. Holtorf, and Mrs. Reitmeier. Additional mourners are a sister, two brothers and four half-brothers. She was buried on March 27 with general participation under the direction of Pastor H. Meyer. May the Lord console the bereaved with his eternal solace and bestow to them a joyous reunion at the throne of the Lamb.

In the name of the bereaved,
Geo Dayen
Pomeroy, Iowa
It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take away our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother Maria Eilers, nee Franzen, from us into heaven. She was born on January 18, 1840 at Holtrop, Ostfriesland, where she also was baptized and confirmed. In 1865 she left her old home and came to Golden, Illinois, where she got married to Eduard Höfeling one year later. This marriage was blessed with five sons, where three of them died, however, two some days after birth and one aged twelve years. On May 1, 1882, also her husband died. In 1883 she was married a second time to Friedrich Eilers in Champaign County, Illinois. They came to Gage County, Nebraska, in 1884 and belonged to the Lutheran Zion congregation at Hanover. She died on February 4, 1918 on infection of alvus (abdomen), aged 78 years, 17 days. The funeral took place on 6th, where Pastor Reents conducted the sermon, speaking over Luke 2:29-32. She leaves behind her deeply saddened husband, two sons, a stepdaughter, a brother, a sister and other relatives.

This brings to announcement the son, John D. Höfeling in the name of the family.

Adams, Nebraska.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
EILERS, Margarete (Ackerman)

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to call on the morning of April 4 from this world into eternity my dear wife and our loving mother

Margarete Eilers nee Ackermann

She was born February 27, 1850 at Firrel, Ostfriesland. In 1856 she emigrated with her parents Harm F. Ackermann and wife, Frauke, nee Keiser to St. Louis, Missouri. After a three-year stay there, they moved further to Adams Co., Illinois. Here she married Gehde H. Agena. Their marriage was gifted with 10 children of whom two sons and three daughters survive the mother. Her husband died on December 25, 1894 here at Sterling to where the family had moved in the 70's. On September 15 she married a second time with Willm F. Eilers, who now survives her. Five years ago, she started turning ill. Sometimes it seemed she was getting better; however, her condition worsened until the Lord delivered her from all suffering and as we confidently hope took her to his heavenly kingdom. The cause of her death was heart trouble. She was buried April 16. Many attended the funeral. She was 72 years, 1 month, and 7 days. In mourning are her husband and her children.

The grieving husband, Willm F. Eilers
Sterling, Nebraska
John G. Eilers and John F. Henkel have paid for the O. N.

Golden, Illinois

It happened 75 years ago that two tired wanderers came to this area, at that time a completely empty world, looking for two friends, Jann Buß and Gerd Franken who should live in this region. No further souls were then living there. Both the wanderers, Hinrich H. Franzen and his father-in-law, Hinrich G. Flesner, came by ship to New Orleans and then on the Mississippi up to St. Louis by river boat. However, it was February they decided to travel further northwards by boat. They didn't get far ahead because the boat got frozen on the river. Not knowing much about this land, they decided to walk to hoof, hoping to find the first emigrants, Buß and Franken. It had been an exhausting walk, but they found those they were looking for. Since then all members of the whole large Flesner family came here, spreading all over America in the past 75 years. Their total headcount is immense. Some of the here remaining members of the Flesner family are planning to create a family tree with all the names and addresses of the descendants included. A committee got appointed in order to push the claim. All those that feel belonging to the Flesner family in any kind should send their name, address and age and the name of the parents as well to H. H. Franzen at Golden, Illinois. First of all a meeting here at Golden is planned, a family reunion on September 10 and 11 this year to remember the 75th anniversary of that day as the first man of our family came here after an exhausting travel into a wilderness that never has been touched by a plow before and that now has become a paradise where the family was involved in its developing in many kinds. A whole day will be used to remember our ancestors! All should come, even if it might be uncomfortable or expensive. Everyone bearing the name Flesner should be present. This will be a great homecoming and reunion!

Send registration to H. H. Franzen, Golden, Illinois
This sad news to all our relatives and friends, that it has pleased the Lord to take our dear sister and aunt Gesche Faß, nee Schön, to His side by a gentle and blessed end on January, 31st. She died in the confirmed belief in her Savior and Redeemer. She was born on 16 November 1839 at Bagband, Ostfriesland, came to America in 1880, was married to Hermann Faß in 1885. One week after New Year she fell ill and finally died on 31 January in the age of 73 years, 2 months, and 14 days. She leaves behind her grieving husband, a brother, a sister, two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law in Strackholt, next to many more relatives and friends.

This is announced in the name of the family members by Motje Gerdes, nee Schön, Benjamin Schön.

Crab Orchard, Nebraska
The Lord liked to call my dear husband and trust-caring father of my children, Enne Folkers, from time to eternity. The deceased was born on 22 March 1865 at Wetersander, Ostfriesland. In the year 1883, he immigrated to America to Gage County, Nebraska. In 1887 he came to Gothenburg and married Mareke Meints. From this marriage sprouted 9 children, two of them preceded him into eternity. The deceased died on 17 June and got buried on 19 June at the Lutheran cemetery at Gothenburg, where Pastor Lentz held the sermon. This brings to attention the mourning survivors of the family Mareke Folkers and children.

Gothenburg, Nebraska
We received sad news from Germany that we would like to give to all relatives and friends that our beloved father and grandfather

Jakobus Volrat Folkerts

passed away peacefully on the morning of November 7 at Walle, Ostfriesland. He was 87 years, 9 months, and 19 days. He was born January 19, 1828 in Sandhorst. Later he lived in Walle, where he held the office of mayor for many years. Through his honest character and faithful performance of his duties, he stood in high regard and won many friends far and wide. More than four years ago, the Lord took from his side his beloved wife, Geske Gesine, nee Gerdes. She was 63 years. When the war broke out, two of the sons were called to duty. The one fighting in Russia was reported missing on the day of his father's death. Considering his many years, he remained very healthy. He was bedridden only eight days. Surviving him besides the sons in the war, are Heinrich and Harm, a son, Jurgen in Germany, and a daughter, Himke, two sons in America, Folkert, living in Palmer, Iowa and Gerd in Filley, Nebraska. May God bless him and show him the eternal light.

This notice brought by Gerd Folkerts and family.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN  
FORDEN, Etta Engellina  

(Verstorben)  
Ehre Verwandten und Bekannten  
hierdurch die traurige Mitteilung, dass  
es Gott dem allmächtigen Herrn über  
Leben und Tod gefallen hat, unsere  
eine Zwillingstochter und Schwester  

Etta Engellina Forden  
plötzlich und unerwartet durch den Tod  
on unserer Seite zu nehmen. Die  

selbe wurde geboren am 25. November  
1905 und starb am 15. Juli 1907  

nach nur einige Stunden dauernder  
Erkrankung an Krämpfen; nur 1 Jahr,  
7 Monate und 20 Tage war sie unsere  

Freude. Die Beerdigung fand statt  
am 17. Juli, Pastor Reents hielt die  
Leichenrede über Hio. 1:21: „Der Herr  
hat’s gegeben, der Herr hat’s genome- 
men, der Name des Herrn sei gese- 
het!“ Jünger bracht ich euch Freude.  
Nicht, nun ich von euch scheide, Betrachte  
mit einer Herz. Doch wenn ihr recht  
beachtet, Und was Gott tut, hoch- 
achtet, Wird sich bald finden aller  
Sümer.  

Dies bringen zur Anzeige  
Renke Forden und Frau Alm- 
minga gebl. Dirks nebst Kindern.  

Hanover, Gage Co., Nebraska.  

(Late edition) 1907  
To all relatives and acquaintances herewith  
the sad announcement that it has pleased the  
Almighty God, Lord over life and death, to  
suddenly and unexpectedly take from our  
side, our little twin daughter and sister,  

ETTA ENGELLINA FORDEN  

She was born on November 25, 1905 and  
passed away on July 15, 1907 after only  
several hours of constant pain and cramps.  
Only one year, seven months, and twenty  
days, she was our happiness. The funeral  
was held on July 17. Pastor Reents  
conducted the service, the text Job 1:21.  
"The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord." First I  
brought you happiness. Now I depart from  
you and sadden your hearts. But when you  
respectfully look at what God does, soon all  
pain will lessen.  

This announcement from Renke Forden and  
wife, Alming, nee Dirks and children.  

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska.
FORDEN, Renke

This sad news to all relatives, friends and acquaintances that it has pleased the Lord to take away our beloved son and brother, Renke Forden, aged one year and ten months, by death and into His eternal realm. He was born on April 27, 1908 and died on February 27, 1910 of lung fever and cramps. He was buried here on the Lutheran cemetery on March 1. Pastor Reents conducted the sermon about Jeremiah 3:3. "Short is my life on earth, the Lord will give me a better one in eternity; there I will never die, never be debased in misery, my life will be a long pleasure."

This is notified by the saddened parents, Renke Forden and wife Almina, nee Dirks with children.

Filley, Gage County, Nebraska

NOTE: Lung fever was an old term for consumption ...aka tuberculosis. (Text in quotes rhymes in the German language.)
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
FRERICHS, Maria Helena

On March 21 of this year the widow, Maria Helena Frerichs was called from the present into eternity. As the youngest child of the married couple Poppe Janssen Renken and Maria Helena, nee Beckers, she was born November 8, 1847 at Stallingsluft, was baptized in Aurich, received her school instruction in Lufwigsdorf, and was confirmed in Weene. In 1867 she came with her parents and her brother to Hancock County, Illinois. In 1869 she married Lammert M. Frerichs. In 1882 the married couple came to Gage County, Nebraska. The Lord blessed their handiwork and moreover presented them with 10 children from which, however, he took back again two sons and one daughter. In 1924 her husband also died, and the widow who had already encountered several strokes, was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Dirk Oltmanns. She had a total of six strokes in the last seven years. The last one led to her death. She died in the age of 80 years, 5 months, and 13 days, and is mourned by four sons and three daughters and their families, among which are 47 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. On March 25 her body was interred in peace at our Lutheran cemetery at which the funeral sermon was over Psalm 17:15. In the name of the bereaved.

J. B. Reents, Pastor
Pickrell, Nebraska
We bring the painful news to all relatives and friends that it pleased our dear Lord to call our beloved son, brother and uncle, Hinrich Rolf Fruehling from here to eternity on October 8, 1918. He was born on January 5, 1887 at Oketo, Kansas. He was drafted to military service to Camp Funston on July 22, this year. There he fell ill with influenza that got complicated by pneumonia and carried off his young life. He was buried on 13th (Aug.? - illegible) on our Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Cemetery under great participation, waiting for a blessed resurrection on Judgment. His pastor conducted the sermon in the German language about the Lord's consoling word at Luke 11:11. Pastor Studier held the speech in English about 1 Samuel 3:18.

This brings to attention his mourning parents, Rolf Fruehling and wife Almt, nee Fahseler, and the siblings, Mrs. Anna Poppen, Mimke Fruehling, Gerd Frueling, Willm Fruehling.

We say thank you for cordial condolences on the passing of our beloved son and brother Hinrich, especially to the congregation, the ladies' committee of the Red Cross and the singing choir, and all participants of the funeral as well.

The Fruehling family
Marysville, Kansas
The Lord of life and death liked to suddenly and unexpectedly call home our dear mother and grandmother Gretje Gerdes, nee Franssen, from our midst. The deceased one was born on 27 December 1839 at Akelsbarg, near Holtrop, Ostfriesland, and was baptized and confirmed on Holy Thursday (Thursday before Easter) in 1857. In the year 1868 she emigrated to America and got married on 6 July 1870 in Atchison County, Missouri. She first lived in Nemaha County, Nebraska, and moved to Marshall County, Kansas, near Oketo. After a heart attack she came to death on 22 August 1912. She leaves behind 7 children and a sister. Two children preceded her in death. She reached the age of 72 years, 7 months and 25 days. The funeral was held under a large participation on 24 August at the Lutheran Immanuel Cemetery at Wymore, Nebraska. Pastor A. Doering held the sermon at home about Hiob 17:1 and in the church about Mark 13:37. Only the hopes for a reunion ultimately are able to heal our pain. The children Anna Hermanns, nee Gerdes, Heinrich Gerdes, Etha Remmers, nee Gerdes, Tina Weber, nee Gerdes, Frank Gerdes, Jan Gerdes, Emma Remmers, nee Gerdes ask for quiet condolences. Wymore, Gage Co., Nebraska, the 28 August 1912.
It has pleased the Lord over life and death to recall Siebelt Luken Goldenstein from this time to eternity. He was born on May 9, 1829 in Ochtersuim, Ostfriesland. He married Trientje, nee Strometer, in 1854, who preceded him to eternity six years ago. In 1867 they emigrated to America and lived near Minonk, Illinois at first, and then came to Adams County, Nebraska in 1876. The Lord blessed their marriage with twelve children, whereof He recalled five of them to eternity before their parents. As the sufferings of old age more and more came about recently, the Lord released the tired pilgrim from all troubles on November 20, aged 86 years, 6 months, and 21 days. His going home is bemoaned by his sons Luke and John, his daughters Käthe Simmering, Tomke Itzen, Talke Hinrichs, Folke de Freese, and Maria de Freese, and 25 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren besides. His mortal shell was buried on God's Acre of the St. Paul's congregation, where he was a founding member of.

Pastor C. Goede held the sermon about Sach. 14:7, “It will be bright in the evening.”

On behalf of the family,
C. Goede, pastor
Our city and region has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Elisabeth Grabe, who is difficult to replace. When the news of her death spread, many questions came up from all over the county if the news was actually true. The last words were almost always, "What shall we do now for another doctor?"

Dr. Grabe was not only a competent and capable doctor, but also a true and helpful friend. She was dedicated to the performance of her profession. There was no storm too big or road too bad to heed the call of the suffering people where sometimes she set her life on the line. Many citizens can remember when we had the big flood several years ago and the traffic over the Court Street Bridge was closed because of danger to the public. She was called to a sick person and in order to reach him and give him comfort, she drove over this bridge which could have been torn away by the high water at any moment. She never thought of herself, despite being warned by many.

Her life was dedicated to the suffering people and her only joy was winning the day after a hard battle and brought relief to the sick person. And when the fight was lost, despite her medical knowledge, her sympathy and concern were genuine.

When she was reminded of her friends' advice, she would say, "I don't have time. I can't leave my patients." She maintained this until her death.

Despite the fact that she had knowledge of her critical condition, and the signs were clearly to be seen, she did not change her daily routine and did little for her own comfort.

During the night of July 6, she made her last house call. When she came home the next morning, she suddenly became deathly sick. On July 10 at 9:30 a.m. she went to her eternal rest.

NOTE: There is a sentence fragment remaining, but I didn't consider it that important to the overall meaning of the article. - Lewis Miller (transcriber)
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHT
HARMS, Ehme and Dirk


During his life he experienced trials and tribulations as well as God's rich blessings. A report from Gothenburg is as follows: The departed Ehme Harms was born January 31, 1832 in Strackholt, County of Aurich, Ostfriesland. On July 5, 1858 he married Johanna Hardy. On March 16, 1865 they immigrated to America, settling first in Keokuk Junction, Adams County, Illinois where they lived three years. From there they moved to Phelps City, Atchison County, Missouri when the faithful wife passed away on December 4, 1874. This first marriage begat seven children, all still living. In 1875 he returned to Ostfriesland and on August 25, 1875 he married Antke Fockenga and returned back to America. They were only allowed to live together three years because on September 26, 1878, she, too, was taken from him through death. On October 25, 1879 he married for the third time with Antke Hinrich Franzen from Wiesens, Ostfriesland, widow of Franz Flesner, Gage County, Nebraska. In April, 1886 they settled at Gothenburg, Nebraska where he lived until his death, leaving behind a nice farm to his family. This third marriage produced seven children, five still living. With a huge following, the funeral took place on January 27 at the evangelical Lutheran Zion Church at Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Dirk Harms was born on July 29, 1886 in Gothenburg, Dawson County, Nebraska and was confirmed on April 5, 1903. The departed was a Christian young man, a faithful son to his parents and deeply loved by his siblings. The funeral took place during the most beautiful weather on February 7. This time the Zion Church was not big enough for the large gathering of friends and relatives who came to pay last respects to the departed. Before the sermon three young ladies sang a song and afterwards the choir sang a beautiful song, “Sweet Peace in Heaven.” At the grave the brass band, to which the departed belonged, played two funeral hymns. The choir sang beautifully, but how much more wonderful will be the trumpet sound of Judgment Day for those who died in the Lord.
It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take away our beloved husband, father, and grandfather Harm Hartog into His realm. He was born on 24 November 1872 at Bunde, Ostfriesland, as the only son of Jan Hartog and wife, nee Rueter. As a youngster he came with his parents into this land, to Gothenburg, Nebraska, and was confirmed on 10 April 1892. He married Adelheid(*) Siemen on 28 February 1899, with whom he could share blitheness and affliction all those years until death let him now pass away. He lived all the time as a farmer in southeast Nebraska, at Sterling, Adams and at last at Pickrell. Their marriage was blessed with three sons and three daughters, where the Lord took back to him one of them in her youth. He reached the age of 58 years, 1 month, and 4 days. He was buried on the cemetery of the Christ congregation at Pickrell on December 31, where Pastor F. H. Reents conducted. He is survived by his widow, five children, six sisters, and a grandchild. "Too quickly tolled the bitter bell, which took you away from our community, but the consoling words sound out of our mouths: That was is done by the Lord has been done perfectly! This word comforts our anxious pleas. O, rest in peace, good bye!" (It rhymes in German).

This note from the deeply grieving widow Adelheid Hartog, and children Pickrell, Nebraska

NOTE: The original text had a typo, spelled the name of the wife "Adelheit" - that's wrong spelling. Later the name is mentioned correctly, Adelheid Jürgen
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
HOGELÜCHT, Amling Carl

January 21, 1912

My beloved husband and loyal caring father of our dear children, Amling Carl Hogelücht, softly and calmly passed away after a long and hard suffering to a hopeful better awakening. He was born on August 8, 1850 at Victorbur, Ostfriesland. As a young boy, four years of age, he left his homeland together with his parents to emigrate to America. They settled in Illinois. However, the new homeland should soon make him being a stranger, because his father died when he was 12 years old and his mother, when he was 17 years old. In 1871 he moved westwards, but returned very soon. He married Meta Tjaden on February 22, 1883 and he lived in Humboldt, Nebraska. In 1884 he moved to Marshall County, Kansas and stayed here finally. Gallstones ended his life. He leaves behind his mourning widow, two daughters, three sons and two grandchildren. He reached the age of 61 years, 3 months, and 13 days. The funeral took place on the Lutheran Immanuel Cemetery at Wymore; Pastor Doering preached the sermon at home about John 11:25-26 and in the church about John 14:2-3. "Sleep well in your cool grave until the Redeemer will unite us on the day of resurrection. Then, dear husband, we will see each other again in this upper room!"

The widow is begging for still condolences. Meta Hogelücht and children.
Marysville, Kansas
January 21, 1912
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

HUELS, Albert

(1918)

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to call our dear husband and father, Albert Huels, after a period of long illness and suffering from time to eternity on 29 July. He was born on 7 September 1861 at Wiesens, Ostfriesland. He emigrated with his mother and siblings to America in the age of 14 years and settled down at first in Champaign County, Illinois, but moved from there to Nebraska and in 1885 to Marshall County, Kansas. In the following year he married Mareke Schoone, this marriage was blessed by the Lord with eight children; however, one child preceded the father into eternity. The funeral took place on 31 July where the subscriber conducted. He reached the age of 57 years, 10 months, and 21 days and leaves behind a mourning wife, three sons, four daughters, and three sisters.

In the name of the survivors:
H. F. Stutheit, pastor
Wymore, Nebraska
To all friends and acquaintance the sad news that it pleased the Lord over life and death to suddenly and unexpectedly take our dear mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Talke Maria Janssen, nee Aden, off the middle of us. She was born on September 7, 1847 as the oldest daughter of Heye Mennen Aden and wife Elsabe, nee Jürgens, at Felde near Holtrop, Ostfriesland. She was baptized in her homeland and also confirmed in 1865. On May 4, 1869 she came to America and settled at Golden, Illinois. In the same year, on September 4, she got married to Willm Janssen, where this marriage was blessed with five sons and three daughters, whereof two daughters still in childhood preceded her in death. In 1872 they came to Nebraska, where they lived the entire time. On July 24, 1894 the Lord took her husband from her side and on May 26, 1921 Elsabe, her oldest daughter, wife of Thee Jürgens died and on January 27, 1922 also her son in-law, Thee Jürgens, and still in the same year her daughter-in-law, wife of Heye Janssen. She was a widow over 35 years. She leaves behind three sons: Jan, Heye, and Willm, and two daughters: Trientje and Mrs. Harm Agena, and Maria, Mrs. Heye H. Meints, two daughters-in-law, 41 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. She died on December 22 in the firm belief in her Savior, aged 81 years, 3 months, and 14 days. Text: Luke 2: 29-32.

"Weeping we lay you down into your silent bedchamber. You will never return to us. Therefore, we are weeping after you. However, also for us the bell will toll where we will see you again when we are standing united in the most beautiful congregation before the Lord's throne."

This brings to attention in the name of all family members: Heye H. Meints and wife Maria, nee Janssen.

Pickrell, Nebraska.
Pauline, Nebraska We’ve got the photo of the old woman Jantje’moy and her house and were very pleased with it (*). Last year Brother L. Lay of Neermoor had also sent a Jantje’moy card. On the photo she looks like to be in her seventies.

The rhyme on the card sounds like:

I count more than hundred years, and am the oldest of the Frisian gaggle. I live totally alone in my house. I bravely bear storm and weather. I’m widely respected. People come here from far and close to find me merry, with a naïve happy mind.

El. Lay

(*) I assume this is the photo with Jantje and her house, which I’m also attaching.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN 1918
JELKIN, Hippe J. and Mena Th. (Blank)


Macon, Nebraska 5th of March. The married couple Hippe J. Jelken and wife Mena Th. Jelken, nee Blank celebrated on February 27th the rare feast of Golden Marriage (50 years) in the middle of their relatives and friends. This couple came into the holy matrimony on February 27th, 1868 at Petersburg, Menard County, Illinois, where they were married by Pastor Schurichs. This marriage was blessed with three sons and three daughters, whereof one son died in early childhood. In 1872 they came to this area, where they settled with their kin and found rich earnings due to the diligence of their hands under the blessings of our Lord. They belonged to the founders of this Ostfriesen settlement. The celebrating couple was born in the parish of Strackholt, Ostfriesland. The feast got celebrated in an imposing way. The brother of the celebrating wife, preacher of the local Methodist congregation, Mr. Thomas Blank, held a heartwarming address where his words were based on 2 Corinthians 1:10. About 80 guests were excellently entertained. A stronger drink for dessert wasn’t credenced, due to the efforts of the do-gooders that try to direct all the people around by prohibition in all the states. Good and useful gifts were credenced, useless to say. Also music and song was plentiful performed, especially because the whole youth of that family is musically talented. Also the music choir under leading of the banker, Mr. Ayer, came around to complete the celebration. Only the sister of the jubilee, Mrs. John Wietjes, Wübke Wietjes of Petersburg, Illinois, was missed under the relatives. Sincere thanks to all members of the celebration for their coming!

F.A.: H. H. Saathoff

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In the night of January 17 Antje W. Jürgens, nee Duitsmann, gently passed away in the belief in her Savior at the age of 84 years, 4 months, and 18 days. She was born on 30 August 1826 at Riepe, Ostfriesland. In the year 1857, she reached her hand to Thee H. Jürgens for marital union, and she has been a faithful helper to him in delight and misery for over 54 years. The Lord blessed this marriage with seven children, whereof two daughters preceded her in death in juvenile age. In the year 1882, the Jürgens family came from Westersander to America and settled in Hanover, Nebraska. Even though she was of a week body, she never missed the services without a forceful reason. Since eight months her strength weakened so that she couldn't leave the house any longer. On 20 January we carried her corpse to burial, the subscriber sermonized about John 16:22, "But I will see you again and your heart will be filled with pleasure and no one shall take the delight of you." The deceased is mourned by her husband, four sons; Hinrich, Wilke, Thee and Johann, and a daughter, Gretje Wallmann.

In the name of the bereaved
Pastor J. Reents
Hanover, Nebraska.
All relatives and friends shall get the news that our Lord decided to withdraw my dear husband, our good father, and grandfather, Rindert Jürgens, after a long suffering, but yet surprisingly and unexpectedly into eternity.

He was born at Strackholt, Ostfriesland, on September, 13, 1863 and got also baptism there and later confirmation and emigrated to America some years later. Over here he settled in Missouri at first and moved later westwards, where he married Wilhelmine Lambertus. This marriage was blessed with three sons. From there he again moved to Pickrell, Nebraska., where he married a second time with Trientje, nee Focken. This marriage was blessed with five sons.

From Pickrell he moved to Marysville, Kansas, where he had bought a farm. In the morning of May 26, he gently and calmly slipped away in the strong belief in his Redeemer. He got buried on the Immanuel Cemetery at the Kansas border with great participation, where Pastor Hoefer held the sermon about Philippians 1:21, and Pastor Ottersberg of Milford held an additional speech.

Survivors are his wife, eight sons, a stepdaughter, twelve grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters, and his father-in-law Gerd Focken. He may rest in peace and the eternal light may shine for him!

This is brought to attention by the deeply saddened, Trientje Jürgens, nee Focken, with children and grandchildren.

Marysville, Kansas.
In the evening of 24 March 1919, Thee H. Jürgens gently passed away in the belief in his Savior in the age of 85 years, 4 months, and 2 days. He was born on 22 November 1833 at Schirum, Ostfriesland. In the year 1857, he reached his hands for marital union to Antje W. Duitsmann. He lived in a happy marriage with her for about 54 years before death plucked her away from him. In the year 1882, he came over with his family from Westersander to America and settled down in Gage County, Nebraska, where he attended the Lutheran Zion congregation. In his healthy days he never missed a service, but he was debarred to do so by the weakness of older age; however, the gospel continued to be his solely orientation in a darksome valley. On 27 March we buried his body, where the subscriber sermonized about John 8:51. Two juvenile daughters of his seven children and a son, Wilke, aged 50, preceded him on his way into eternity. He was survived by three sons, Hinrich, Thee, and Johann, and a daughter, Gretje Wallmann.

In the name of the survivors
Pastor J. B. Reents
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
On the evening of March 24, 1919, Thee H. Jurgens quietly went to sleep in the belief in his Redeemer. He was 85 years, four months, and two days. He was born on November 22, 1833 at Schirum, Ostfriesland. In 1857 he reached out his hand to Antje M. Duitsman in the bond of matrimony with whom he lived in a happy marriage for 54 years until death took her from him about eight years ago. In 1882 he came with his family from Westersander to America and settled in Gage County, Nebraska, where he joined the Zion Lutheran congregation. In his better days he never missed the church service, but in his last years, increasing afflictions of old age kept him from attending. But the gospel of the rod and staff in the Valley of Death remained with him. On March 27 we carried his body to the grave where the undersigned preached about John 8:51. Of his seven children, two young little daughters and one son, Wilke, 50 years of age, preceded him in eternity. He leaves behind three sons, Hinrich, Thee, and Johann, and one daughter, Gretje Wallmann.

In the name of the bereaved:
Pastor J. B. Reents
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
It pleased the Lord of life and death to suddenly and unexpectedly call our dear son and brother, Thomas R. Jürgens from here into eternity. He was born on June, 11, 1911 at Pickrell, Nebraska, where he also was baptized. From there he came with his parents to Maryville, Kansas, where he was confirmed by Pastor Hoefer. On May 11, he passed away due to a heart attack. He reached the age of 18 years, 11 months, and 27 days. Nearly a year ago his father had died; therefore, this stroke of fate hits us just harder. On May 13, he was buried on Emmanuel Cemetery at the border to Kansas with large participation, where Pastor Hoefer spoke about Romans 14:8-9. He is survived by his mother, seven brothers, one sister, and his grandfather.

With a saddened heart brings this to attention.

Widow Trientke Jürgens, nee Focken, with children.
Marysville, Kansas
I have to report about a very sad case of death. On November 18, Wilke Theen Jürgens died after suffering 6 days on pneumonia. He was born 1 July 1861 at Schirum, Ostfriesland as a son of Thee H. Jürgens and Antje, nee Duitsmann. He got married to Trientje, nee Ehmen on 16 March 1889 and lived with her for 22 years in an auspicious marriage. His wife deceased on 24 July 1911 and the entire congregation is feeling sympathy to the now orphaned children who are crying and grieving for the loss of both the mother and the father. There are a son and seven daughters; the youngest of them is about 6 years old. He further leaves behind his father, his mother-in-law, one son in law, three brothers and one sister. He reached the age of 50 years, 4 months and 17 days. He got buried on November 20. The church was filled to its capacity and so many people had to stay outdoors; Pastor Reents held the sermon about 2 Corinthians 12:3-4. The burial attending were Claas Saathoff, Mimke Aden, Habbe Antons and Pastor Janssen of Wymore, Nebraska, and Wilke Duitsman of Greenleaf, Kansas, as well. Renke Leners
To all dear friends and acquaintances the news, that it pleased the Lord after his wondrous resolution to take away our beloved wife and mother, Brechtje Koster, nee Post, after she gave birth to our healthy little daughter. Next to her husband she leaves behind seven children, Otto F., Antje D., Maria A., Albert P., Pauline H., Frieda E., and the last born little daughter that got baptized on the casket of her mother and received the mother's name Brechtje Helene Bertha. Also her daughter-in-law and both her grandchildren, Margaret and Gertrude Koster, are grieving for her. Also, her aged father, Albert F. Post, her two sisters in the parent's house, a brother in Flanagan, Illinois, and three here living sisters are grieving for her. The burial took place on August 23 under great solicitousness of many mourners, where Pastor H. Meyer held a comforting sermon.

This brings to attention in the name of all left behind, the mourning husband Johann P. Koster, Lakefield, Minnesota.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
LEENDERTS, Oltmann R.

Golden, Illinois
May 1916

After a pilgrimage over 80 years, an old Ostfriesen has been withdrawn from this earth, Oltmann R. Leenderts, who was born on 1 August 1835 at Oltmannsfel, Ostfriesland, as son of Renke Leenerts and wife Ettje, nee Schweers. He was married there to Talkea Junkers in 1858, and the young couple migrated to America, together with the father and the siblings—the mother had died meanwhile—and settled in the vicinity of Golden, where the deceased one had lived so many years. The Lord took his first wife from his side on 26 September 1859 and in May 1861, he again chose wedlock with Hilka Gronewold. This bond again got broken by death on 20 December 1880, and the deceased one entered in matrimony for a third time to Helene Daniels on 26 November 1882. His three marriages got blessed with 14 children. The deceased one was a well esteemed man of a basically German ethos. He stood faithfully to the church and was a member of the consistory for many years. He pulled his duties faithfully and religiously as a man straight minded, and as a genuine man he always advocated for droit and truth. The Lord led him through dolor and misery, especially in his last years. He found the best care on his suffering by his family and endured all misery without lamenting. Gently and peacefully, he found his ending on 8 May, aged 80 years, 9 months and 7 days. We hope the Lord has accepted this tired pilgrim in clemency. He leaves behind a grieving wife, his children: Marie Block, Ettje Block, Anna Brown, Hilka Gronewold, Bertha Cassens, Renke, Claas, Johann, Oltmann, and Hinrich; his brothers, Leenert Leenerts, Renke Leenerts, and Johann Leenerts; his sister, Anja Schlüter; 36 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Three children preceded him into eternity. May he rest in peace and the eternal light may shine for him.
 OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
LEENERS, Helene (Daniels)

March 18, 1918

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to call from this life into eternity after a long and difficult illness

Helene Leeners, nee Daniels.

She was born on June 15, 1852 at Bokel in Oldenburg, where she was also baptized. After prior instruction, she was confirmed at Apen. She emigrated to America in 1881 and married Oltmann Lenners in 1882 in Adams County, Illinois. He passed away about two years ago. She died on March 13, 1918. She was 65 years, 8 months and 25 days. The funeral took place on the 14th with Pastor Dorow conducting. She leaves behind three sons, two daughters, two step-sons and four step-daughters, 38 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

This notice from the grieving children. Golden, Illinois. March 18
Obituaries
(1916)

It has pleased the Lord of life and death to take away my dear husband, our good father and grandfather, Oltmann R. Leenerts from our side. He was born on August 1, 1835 at Oltmannsfeln, Ostfriesland, where he also was baptized and confirmed. He married Talkea Junkers in 1858, and they emigrated to America in the same year and settled near Golden, Illinois. His wife died on September 26, 1859, and he married for a second time with Hilke Gronewold in May 1861. His second wife passed away on December 10, 1880, and he married for a third time with Helene Daniels. His three marriages were blessed with 14 children whereof three preceded him in death. He suffered for a long time and was recently rather helpless. He passed away on May 8, 1916, 80 years, 9 months, and 7 days of age. Funeral took place under great attendance on May, 10, where Pastor Dorow conducted the sermon. He leaves behind his wife, 11 children, three brothers, one sister, 26 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. This notice is brought to you with a deeply grieving heart. By the saddened wife, Helene Leenerts, nee Daniels with children.

Golden, Illinois
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

LENERS, Menna Frieda Mennen (Schuster)

This sad news to all relatives, friends and acquaintances that it has pleased the Lord over life and death to take away from our side my deeply beloved wife, our good mother and grandmother, Menna Frieda Mennen Leners, nee Schuster after ten days of illness. She was born on January 21, 1849 at Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland and was baptized on the 27th. On August 6, 1865 she was confirmed there and came to America with her parents in the fall of the same year, where they settled at Golden, Illinois, and where she got married to Renke Leners on September 19, 1868. This matrimonial was blessed with nine children whereof four died at a young age. We came to Gage County, Nebraska in March 1878. She died on January 26, 1915, aged 66 years and five days. She was buried on the 29th under great attendance. Pastor Reents conducted the sermon over 2 Timothy 4:7-8: “I have struggled a good fight, I finished the run, I kept my belief; thus I will receive the crown of justice given to me by the Lord and righteous judge at that certain day. But not only to me but to all who love his epiphany.” We were married in a jubilant wedlock about 46 years and only the certainty that our wife and mother now is in heaven may abate our pain. Next to me three sons and two daughters, one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, ten grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

"Weeping we are laying you down into your silent bed-chamber. You will never return, thus we are weeping about you. But also for us the bell will toll where we once will see you again - when we beautifully united will stay before the Lord's throne."

(A rhyme in German)

This announcement by the deeply afflicted husband,

Renke Leners
Filley, Nebraska
We received the sad news from Akelsbarg, Ostfriesland, that our beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, the widow Altje Lüppen, nee Jauken, has died in the blessed age of 95 years, 5 months, and 4 days. She was born at Akelsbarg on June 20, 1820 and died on November 24, 1915. She is survived by three sons and a daughter in Germany and two sons and two daughters in America.

This is announced with deeply saddened heart by the widow Antje Faseler, nee Lüppen, with children.

Filley, Nebraska
Notice to all friends and acquaintances that it has pleased Almighty God to call into eternity

Hinerich Jürgens Lueppen

He was born September 27, 1865 at Felde at Holtrop, Ostfriesland. In 1892 he emigrated to America and stayed for two years in the area of Beatrice, Nebraska. Two years later he came here and bought a small farm that he worked alone until last fall. He was not married. A pain forced him to give up the work. On January 22, the Lord freed him from his pain. He was 58 years, 3 months, and 25 days. The funeral took place on the 24th at Immanuel Cemetery. His death is being mourned by three brothers and two sisters.

H. F. Stutheit, Lutheran Pastor
Wymore, Nebraska
A wretched and sadly case that happened here bothered our congregation and made us mourning. Antje, the daughter of the married couple Reint Martens and wife Antje, nee Hüls, just about 24 years old and born at Elk Creek, Nebraska, was married since some years with a certain May, a man of bad reputation of Beatrice. However, when his wife was seriously ill he took no care and sent the doctor packing who came without his call. In his anger about the doctor's arrival, he mistreated his wife so hard that she later died of the implications. Of course, the man was arrested immediately and waits on his conviction for homicide. The deceased one leaves behind two small children, her parents, two brothers, and eight sisters. She was buried on our cemetery here, and Pastor Reents held an emotional sermon about Isaiah. 38:1-15.

Henry Flesner of Golden was visiting here. The house of Jürgen Zimmermann where Arnold Baer lived in has burned down. A son of L. Stevens has had a surgery in Lincoln.

With greetings to all readers,
Renke Leners
Mrs. W. May, daughter of the near Pickrell living farmer, Frank Reins, has died on Friday evening in a hospital at Lincoln. She died of bodily injuries that her husband was alleged to have treated brutally. Her father and her sister, Mrs. Sophia Wichmann, attended her passing. May got arrested in Lincoln and will be accused of murder. The body of the unhappy deceased arrived here on Saturday night and was brought to W. Scott’s funeral home. She leaves behind two children, aged four and two years. The funeral took place on Monday morning at 11 a.m. beginning at the German-Lutheran church in Hanover Township, where Pastor Reents conducted an emotional sermon. She got buried under great solicitousness at the cemetery there.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
McEVOY, Lena (Schoon)

Our beloved daughter, wife, and sister Lena McEvooy, nee Schoon died on 21 October 1910, believing in her Redeemer Jesus Christ. She was born on 19 April 1886 at Clyde, Macoupin County, Illinois, and thus reached the age 24 years, 6 months, and 2 days. She married Dirk Rademacher of Aurich-Olendorf on 1 March 1908, but this marriage lasted very shortly. The Lord took her husband from her side already on 4 June in the same year. Thereafter, the deceased married a second time to her surviving husband, Wilhelm McEvoy on 16 November 1909. Shortly after her second marriage, she fell ill on consumption, and because she knew very well that she couldn't stay much longer on this earth, she had a good chance to prepare herself for a blessed end, which she also did. Her earthly remains were buried in a Christian kind on the Lutheran cemetery, four miles NW of Nokomis. Pastor Herrmann held the sermon. She is bemoaned by her parents, Jann Borchers Schoon and Lena, nee Weber; her husband; six brothers, Frerich, Bernhard, Cornelius, Lüke, Hermann, and Jan; and two sisters, Anna and Mary.

This note in the name of all survivors.
John R??ser, Nokomis, Illinois.
This sad news to all relatives and friends that it has pleased our God, the Lord over life and death to take away from this life my dear wife, our good and devoted mother and grandmother, Antje Kathrina Gesche Maria Mennen Meins, nee Schuster after shortly suffering on pneumonia. The deceased was born at Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland on July 17, 1843. She left her old homeland in 1864 and came to Golden, Illinois. She married Heye Janssen Meins on March 3, 1865. This matrimony was blessed with ten children whereof three preceded her into eternity. In 1868 we came to Gage County where we lived together until her death. After reaching the age of 63 years, 5 months, and 21 days she died on January 8, 1907. The dear deceased is survived and bemoaned by her husband, five sons, two daughters, two daughters-in-law and several grandchildren. The burial that took place on January 11, Pastor Reents conducted the sermon about 2 Corinthians 6:1. She may rest in peace after her painful life on earth. This is noticed by the mourning husband Heye Meints with children and grandchildren.

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
Hannover, Gage County, Nebraska
April 24, 1907

Mr. Heye Meins and the writer of these lines have recently been at Golden, Illinois for visiting relatives living there, and we found all doing well except for my brother Oltmann Leners, who is rather suffering. We hope he will stay with his relatives for a long time. As it was nearly raining the entire time during our sojourn and the roads were partially bad, I wasn’t able to visit everyone and I also couldn’t reach the church. Some of the weather there would be appreciated here, because it’s very dry here and every farmer is hoping for rain. As Mr. Heye Meins who stayed a week longer than I in Illinois and returned last Sunday, the news was already here that his son Menne, who traveled to his brother at Goodland, Kansas two months ago for farming together, had fallen severely ill and on Sunday morning a telegram was received that he had already died. Menne H. Meins was born here in our congregation on March 25, 1885 and also baptized and confirmed. He died in the prime age of his life, aged 22 years and 25 days. Short was his earthly life and short was also his ailment. On Wednesday, April 17 he fell ill of meningitis and yet on Saturday, April 20 the Lord released him from his high ailment. The survivors have been hit the most because the wife and mother had been taken from them by death on January 8. On Monday the brothers of the deceased, Friedrich and Johann brought the corpse of the deceased to Beatrice, and also came Enne Folkerts and family from Gothenburg, Nebraska. The burial took place from the parent’s house on Tuesday. Pastor Reents conducting the sermon about Psalm 119:9. The most-wise God may console the so hard hit survivors with the hope of a blitheful reunion. I subsequently say Thank You to all relatives and friends at Golden, Illinois for their kind accommodation that I received everywhere so richly and hope for visitors from there.

With Regards,
Renke Leners
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
MEINTS, Heye Janssen

To friends and acquaintances and people for information: Our dear husband and father, Heye Janssen Meints, passed away in the evening of February 1. He was born on July 17, 1841 at Strackholt, Ostfriesland. He was confirmed there by Pastor Köppen. Shortly after his confirmation, he moved to America where he resided at Golden, Illinois. Aged 23 he married Antje Schuster. He moved together with his wife to the area of Bear Creek in Gage County. The couple gave birth to ten children, four of them preceded the father in death. On January 8, 1907 his beloved wife passed away. In the year 1910, he married Hilke Holtz. In 1912 the couple moved to Sterling to retire.

He suffered on asthma for about a year while this illness caused his death. Next to his wife are mourning his children: Mrs. Mareke Folkers of Gothenburg, Nebraska, Friedrich of Goodland, Kansas, Mrs. Gretje Sandersfeld of Beatrice, Nebraska, Heye and Brunke of the Bear Creek. The funeral took place on February 5 from the St. John's Church. Pastor Moehl held the service in the church. He found his last home at the cemetery of the congregation at the Bear Creek, where Pastor Reents held the service. He reached the age of 88 years, 6 months, and 14 days.

In the name of the surviving dependants,
J. Moehl, pastor
Sterling, Nebraska
Once again I have to report a case of death. Johann C. Meints died surprisingly, aged about 50 years. He was born at Strackholt in September 1862 as a son of the married couple Christian J. Meints and wife Gretje, nee Dorn. In the year 1864 he came to America with his parents to Golden, Illinois. In 1881 he came here to Gage County. He got married to Elizabeth Zimmerman in November 1884. This marriage was blessed by the Lord with nine children; two of them preceded him in death.

On 9 October the deceased one visited Lincoln and would return the same evening with the motor car. One found him there lying unconsciously on the road in front of a hotel. He was severely wounded at his head. He was apparently floored by someone and robbed - just seven cents were still in his pocket. He was immediately brought to the hospital and had a surgery, but he never became conscious again.

Mr. Meints was eminently respected as the Deputy Clerk of the court house of Beatrice during the last two years. His good prestige was also notable at his burial which happened on the 14th. Our big church couldn't contain all the attendees. Pastor Birner of Pickrell held the sermon in the German language over Job 14:1-2 and our Pastor Reents held a speech in English.

He left behind his widow and seven children, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law, his old father, three brothers and three sisters. The Lord may console the bereaved.

Carson Garrelts and wife were here from Franklin County visiting relatives.

Renke Leners
Alas, I have to report sad news. As the 19 years old John Meints of Pickrell drove home on Sunday morning, the car crashed two miles east of Pickrell, whereas Meints came to death. Casualty was born in this congregation on 17 February 1897 as the youngest son of the married couple John C. Meints and wife Elisabeth, nee Zimmermann and received confirmation in the congregation of Pickrell in the year 1913. Burial was from the local Lutheran church on April, 4, where Pastor Pirner held the sermon about Act of the Apostles 4:12. This case of death is the sadder, as his father John C. Meints lost his life also in sad kind just three and a half years ago. He left behind his mother, 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Renke Leners.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
MEYER, Ahlkea Johanna Janssen
(Westerbuhr)

This is to inform our friends and acquaintances that it pleased the Lord to call up our dear mother and grandmother, Ahlkea Johanna Janssen Meyer, nee Westerbuhr, to eternity. She was born on 22 December 1844 at Strackholt, Ostfriesland. She married Jann Lammers Meyer on the 1 May of 1868. Seven children sprouted from this matrimony, where two children in childhood preceded their mother in death. In the year 1868 she and her husband left their home and came to America, where they first settled in the area of Phelps City, Missouri. In 1874 they moved to Nebraska where she stayed until she passed away. Her husband already preceded her into eternity nine years ago. She died on 4 September 1917 and reached the age of 72 years, 8 months, and 2 days. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and eager to follow His call. Four sons and one daughter, four daughters-in-law, a son-in-law and 10 grandchildren as well are mourning about her. Funeral got held on 7 September, the sermon was about 1 Chronicles 30:15.

This brings to attention in the name of all the survivors Geo. J. Meyer, Elk Creek, Nebraska
To all relatives and friends we bring the sad news that it has pleased the Lord over life and death to call from the present to eternity, after a long suffering from rheumatism, our dear husband, father and grandfather

EILERT R. MILLER

He was born on February 20, 1839 in Vossbarg, Ostfriesland, and came to Lebanon, Illinois in 1861. In 1871 he came to Gage County, Nebraska where he lived until seven years ago when he moved to the city of Beatrice. He leaves behind his widow in addition to a son and three daughters. Two children preceded him in death. On April 18 he was buried at the Hanover Cemetery. Funeral text: I Tim. 1:15. He lived 72 years, 1 month, and 26 days. Do not cry that I died, I only faded away. What my Jesus promised me, that I have achieved in death. I have been brought to a place where my soul laughs.

This announcement from the bereaved widow Mary Miller and children.

Beatrice, Nebraska
To all relatives and friends the sad news that it has pleased the Lord over life and death to recall our dear son and brother, Siebelt Henry Miller, in his young age of 25 years, 9 months, and 11 days into eternity. He was only for a few days ill with this terrible influenza which merged with pneumonia. He was born on June 23, 1893 at Gothenburg, Nebraska, and confirmed on April 13, 1908 in the Lutheran Zion Church. His body was laid into God's Acre for final rest until the great day of resurrection. Pastor Chr. Rautenstraß conducted the sermon about Hebrews 13:14. This so early recalled is bemoaned by his parents Heinrich Miller and wife Cornelia, nee Haschemeyer, a brother, and five sisters as well. "Why do you cry? Do you cry about the affliction on earth and because the cloud of misery darkens over you? See, how the dawn of Easter brightly sparkles after Good Friday! Thus also you bear, pray, and hope. Why do you cry?" (It's a rhyme in German).

Commissioned by the moaning family,
Chr. Rautenstraß, pastor
Gothenburg, Nebraska
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
NORDBROCK, Tamme J.

To all relatives and acquaintances herewith the sad announcement that it has pleased the Lord over life and death, to take back our beloved and unforgettable husband, Tamme J. Nordbrock, father and grandfather into his kingdom of heaven by a gentle death.

He was born at Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland, on 14 May 1842 and died at Auburn, Nebraska on 8 August 1911, reaching the age of 69 years, two months and 24 days. The deceased leaves behind his deeply bent widow, 6 sons and 6 daughters, 5 sons-in-law, 4 daughters-in-law and 16 grandchildren. This hits us hard but we will remain silent to the Lord. His will be done!

He may rest in peace and the eternal light may shine on him! For quiet condolences asks the mourning widow, Hilke Nordbrock, nee Bünjer, with children and grandchildren.

Auburn, Nebraska.
The Lord over life and death liked to take away my beloved wife, our dear mother and grandmother, Gebkea Margaretha Parde, nee Löschen, from our side. She was born on January 11, 1870 at Bentley, Illinois as a daughter of John R. Löschen and wife Soeke, nee Franzen. Later she moved with her parents to here and was confirmed here on April 4, 1886. On July 8, 1888 she got married to Peter H. Parde. This marriage was blessed with ten children, whereof two died in juvenile age.

On the 29 of August, still having worked the entire day, she suddenly suffered heavy pain; the doctors stated gallstones and one decided for an operation with a heavy heart, which was done on August 31. The hoped success didn't appear, and she died on September 18, aged 48 years, 8 months, and 7 days.

She is survived by her deeply saddened husband, four sons, four daughters, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, her old mother, her mother-in-law, a brother, and a sister.

Funeral was on September 20, where Pastor Reents conducted the service about Matthew 17:8. Weeping we lay you down into your silent bed-chamber. You will never return to us. Therefore, we are weeping after you.

However, also for us the bell will toll where we will see you again when we are standing united in the most beautiful congregation before the Lord's throne. (In German it rhymes).

This brings to attention the deeply saddened husband, Peter H. Parde with family. Adams, Nebraska, the 25th of September 1918.
Jann H. Parde was born on December 9, 1871 at Golden Illinois. In 1893 he married Gretje Schuster. The marriage was blessed with three children whereof one preceded him in death. His wife died on April 30, 1898 and he married a second time, namely the widow Maria Behrends, nee Caspers. This wedlock was blessed with four children, whereof also one preceded him in death. In 1907 he had surgery because of an illness of his bones, and although he needed more than eight months to recover, he later felt relatively well. However, last spring he relapsed. But he wouldn’t allow a second surgery advised by the doctors because a brother of his did not survive a similar one. He died on June 19, 1910, aged 38 years, 6 months and 10 days. He leaves behind his afflicted widow with two children of first marriage and three children of second marriage. Pastor Reents conducted the service about Matthew 28:20, last part. God is my confidence; I want to see his countenance through Jesus Christ. Receiving the Father's grace, He was my mediator.

This is announced in the name of all survivors by the deeply saddened parents Heye Parde and wife Tütter, nee Baumann.

Pickrell, Nebraska

Many thanks to all who befriended us during the illness and passing away of our dear husband, son, and brother Jann Parde.

The survivors.
It has pleased the almighty Lord to call home into His kingdom in heaven my loyal wife and a caring mother to my children, Trientje, nee Duis, after a hard and patiently suffered sickness by a gentle death. The deceased one was born on 16 December 1844 at Fiebing near Strackholt in Ostfriesland; and thus brought the time of her pilgrimage on earth up to 68 years, 5 months, and 23 days. After coming to America with her parents, aged twelve years and having settled near to Golden, Illinois, she joined the holy state of marriage to the under signer in 1863. This band was blessed by the Lord with seven sons and three daughters, whereof two married daughters and a juvenile son preceded her into eternity. In 1865 we moved to Livingston County, Illinois, and about ten years ago we moved to the small town of Flanagan. The going home of the deceased one is mourned by the deeply afflicted husband, seven children, 25 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one brother, one sister, three sons-in-law, and five daughters-in-law.

This makes aware, asking for deep sympathy, the mourning husband of the deceased one, Johann Park.

Flanagan, Illinois, in June 1913
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
POST, Frerich H.

The Almighty God liked to take my innermost beloved, well-loved husband, our devoted father, father-in-law and grandfather, Frerich H. Post to Him to His kingdom of heaven on October 3. This year after a long enduring kidney disease by an unexpected, but gentle and blessed death. The deceased was born on 30 March 1834 in Nessmersiel Altendeich, Ostfriesland, reached the blessed age of 75 years, 6 months and 3 days.

In the year 1887 he emigrated to America with his family and lived since then in this area. The lifeless body of the deceased got buried to his last rest on our St. Petri cemetery with great attendance. Sermon: Romans 6:23.

This brings to attention, also in the name of all family members, the deeply bent widow Antke Post, nee Hoffarth, Flanagan (Windtown), asking for reticent condolences, October 19 (illegible)
On January 12, our mother and grandmother Jantje Reents, nee Straate, passed away, aged 77 years and 2 months. She was born at Hinte, Ostfriesland, on November 22, 1833 where she also got baptized, educated, and confirmed. In 1858 she was married to Johann J. Reents. The Lord blessed this matrimony with four sons and three daughters; however, two daughters aged four and thirteen years were taken away by death. The family left Bangstede, Ostfriesland, where they lived for many years, in 1882 to emigrate to America. They lived for six years close to Parkersburg, Iowa, and the past 12 years near Allison, Iowa. Her body was laid into tomb on January 24th. Pastor C. Weltner chose the last words he heard from the lips of the deceased for the funeral sermon: “The Lord will redeem me out of misery and lead me to His heavenly realm.” 2 Timothy 4:18. May she rest in peace and the eternal light shine on her!

The mourning survivors: husband, Johann Reents, and the children; Joost Reents of Twin Brooks, South Dakota; Ben Reents of Clara City, Minnesota; Aeilt Reents of Allison, Iowa; John Reents of Pickrell, Nebraska; and Theda Kramer of Bristow, Iowa.

Allison, Iowa.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

REMMERS, Jann Claassen

It has suited God in his inscrutable resolution to take our dear father Jann Claassen Remmers suddenly and unexpectedly from our side. He was born on March 22, 1840 in Aurich-Oldendorf, Ostfriesland. In September 1984 he settled in Petersburg, Illinois. Here he stood at the wedding altar on November 18 of the same year with his wife Gretje Janssen, nee Trauernicht who died on July 21, 1911.

After three months already, he left Illinois and settled in Richardson and then in Nemaha, County, Nebraska. Later he relocated to Missouri and now he has been living at Wymore, Gage County, Nebraska for 27 years. He died on April 29 at the age of 72 years, 1 month, and 7 days. A hit from his horse to his cardiac region caused his death within ten minutes. His marriage was blessed with four sons and three daughters.

He leaves behind two sons and two daughters, also one brother and one sister in this country, and two elder brothers in East Frisia. Under great attendance the funeral took place on May 2nd on the Evangelical Lutheran cemetery of the Immanuel parish at Wymore, of which he was a faithful member. Pastor Doering preached in the church about

1 Samuel 15:32.

In deep mourning,
Claas Remmers, Jann J. Remmers, Almuth Tjaden nee Remmers, Hilke Tjaden nee Remmers. Wymore, Gage County, Nebraska.
It has been a little rainy here lately. The farmers are still hard at it plowing; others are also beginning to plant wheat. On Sunday, September 19, celebrated our annual Mission Festival. Pastor H. Muller from Syracuse, Nebraska preached the morning service. Pastors L. Lenz from Gothenburg, Nebraska and A. Heckel preached in the afternoon. The church could not hold all the participants and many had to stand outside. The collection brought in a generous $390. The deaconess Antje Wallmann from Strackholt, who spent some time here, visiting her siblings, left again to Strackholt, Ostfriesland. Also visiting lately were Gerhard Ortgiesen and wife from Franklin County, Nebraska, Mrs. Menne Aden and Mrs. B. Gronewald from Gothenburg, Nebraska, John Schuster and wife from Bentley, Illinois, Mrs. F. Buhr and Mrs. T. Caspers from Beging, Nebraska, Meinert Franzen and wife from Gothenburg, Nebraska, F. Frerichs and wife from Peoria, Illinois, and Mrs. Jurgen Folkerts from Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

On September 11, the wife of Jurgen Freese, Almt nee. Meints, passed away at the ripe old age of 83 years because of senility. She was born in Strackholt, Ostfriesland. Mrs. Dirk Milken, Carsen Barrels and wife from Franklin County, and Hans Johannig and daughter as well as Claas Cross and daughter from Gothenburg, Nebraska came here to attend the funeral.

Greetings to all readers.
Hanover, Nebraska, 27 January. We have had very acceptable winter weather, and the roads are in a good condition again.

The widow Maria Hinrichs of Murray, Iowa, was visiting here and also Dirk Fenders of Diller, Nebraska.

A year ago Mr. Dike Meyer of Strackholt came here to stay a year in America. He is planning to return back home next week. He will previously visit Sterling and Talmage, in Iowa and Illinois, and will be back at Strackholt before Easter. Will he once return to here?

On January 15th, our congregation surprised their minister, Pastor Reents, because of his 39th birthday, where he and his wife received gifts worth about $105. That's surely an indication how popular they are.

Gerhard Frerichs accidentally hit his foot with an axe. It will last a while until he will recover.

Trientjemö, the widow of B. Albers, is diseased since a long while.

With greetings to all the readers,
Renke Leners
Weather is still rather good and warm, and the farmers start to sow the wheat seed.

On 17 September we celebrated our mission festival. Pastor Heineke of Sterling held the sermon at forenoon. Pastor Schaff of Clatonia held the sermon in the afternoon, and the evening, Pastor Heineke held the sermon again.

The collection brought an amount of $507. Many people from near and far had come, and the church was overcrowded, so many had to stay outside.

Renke Leners
Hanover, Gage Co., Nebraska. January 2. Once again death notices must be reported. On December 21, Tida Meints, nee Jurgens, wife of Christian J. Meints passed away. She was born on March 5, 1891 here in Hanover, the daughter of Hinrich T. Jurgens and wife Maria, nee Kruse. She was baptized April 16, 1905. On March 19, 1911 she married Christian Meints, son of John G. Meints and wife Elizabeth, nee Zimmermann. This marriage was blessed with 2 daughters and a son. About two weeks before her death, she was taken ill with influenza and pneumonia. Despite her strong constitution, she died on December 21. She was 27 years, 7 months and 16 days. Her early death is mourned by her husband with three children, her parents and mother-in-law, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. She was buried on the 26th, Pastor Reents conducting the service. The text was Psalms 31:15.

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She and her parents came here in 1879. In 1880 she married John Jobmann. In the last years she lived in Beatrice. She was buried December 26, Pastor Podeslein officiating. She leaves behind her husband, 3 sons, 2 daughters, and their families, 2 brothers and a sister.

Then on the 28th, Jacob Klein died in Beatrice. He was known by many readers and was one of the most popular and best men in Beatrice. He was born March 31, 1846 in Bavaria. In 1855 he first came to Illinois and in 1873 to this area. He opened a grocery store in Beatrice and later built a bigger store on Court Street. This building was destroyed by fire in 1902. He opened yet another bigger, totally modern store, the largest in town. He was treasurer of Gage County 1896-98, Senator from Gage County in 1909 and Gage and Pawnee Counties in 1913. Survivors include wife Katherine, nee Moschell, 3 sons and a daughter. He suffered with asthma which resulted in influenza. He was 72 years and almost 9 months. He was buried December 30. With him passed away one of the best men in our area who enjoyed a huge trust with our Ostfriesen.

In the last 50 years in our congregation, 50 children were baptized, 29 confirmed, 8 couples married; 13 were buried, 9 adults and 4 children. The collection brought in $1,391. The Christmas festivals didn't have the old glitz and glitter because the influenza kept many at home. The first service was Christmas Day and this was poorly attended. It looks like the influenza isn't quite as bad. There are still a lot of sick people.
Hildreth, Nebraska, February 11, 1907

A few lines from here might be welcome to the readers. In general, the people are in good health, even though many are suffering from colds. Even though it was real cold a few days, in general we’re having a pleasant winter. We had 3-4 inches of snow the beginning of February, but it’s gone already.

Many weddings were celebrated in the New Year, and I want to briefly mention a few from our congregation who made the commitment for life. Here are the following: Gerd Bunjer, son of Mr. Olt D. Bunjer and wife with Stina, daughter of Mr. Peter Forden and wife; Harm Harms with Tetje, daughter of Mr. Olt D. Bunjer and wife; Ripke Flesner, son of Mr. John Flesner with Siemje, daughter of Mr. Gerd Eilers and wife; Wilie Bunjer, son of Mr. Okke Bunjer and wife with Tetje Keifer, daughter of Mrs. Brunke Wolzen and her deceased first husband Focke Feifer; and then Otto Jansen, son of Mr. Frerich Jansen and wife with Kea Osterbuhl, daughter of John Osterbuhl and wife. I wish all couples a blessed married life.

Mr. Heere Bunjer and Mr. Fritz Hemje became readers of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten. And so, may our East Frisian family paper get into the homes of many East Frisians.

Mr. Okke Bunjer is on the way to St. Joe, Missouri with a truckload of cattle. On his way back, he will visit friends and relatives in eastern Nebraska. Next edition more. Closing with East Frisian greetings.

John Fuerst, Jr.
Flu is currently reigning in this area. Fred Eggert and wife both suffered lung fever (pneumonia). John Faßler is still suffering and is currently in the hospital at Beatrice. Miss Sophie Harms must have a surgery because of appendicitis. Arthur Fritzen suffers joint rheumatism and is also in the hospital at Beatrice.

On December 29 the widow Gretje Müller, nee Gerdes, deceased. She was born on January 18, 1846 at Strackholt, Ostfriesland, where she also got christened. Later she got confirmed at Aurich-Oldendorf. She got married at Strackholt to Aljet Reewerts Müller, with whom she came to America in 1885. They first lived at Talmage and came later to this region. Then they lived for a while at Burr and came finally back here. Her husband deceased about ten years ago. In October she visited her daughters at Burr and fell ill there. She died here on December 29 and got buried to her last rest on January 2, where pastor Reents led the ceremony. She reached the age of 78 years, 11 months, and 11 days. She will be mourned by 4 sons and 8 daughters, 72 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, in total 103 direct descendants. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

Johann Wiese had an accident where his head got severely injured. While lumbering he got hit by a falling tree.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska July 22

● Unfortunately, two deaths have to be reported. Widow Gretje Aden, nee Schoon, passed away on July 7 because of a heart condition. She was about 59 years old. She was born on January 4, 1865 at Golden, Illinois, daughter of Willm Borchers Schoon and wife Margaretha nee Meints. On May 25, 1896 she married Bartlet Aden. This marriage was blessed with two daughters. Her husband passed away on January 16, 1910. She leaves behind two daughters, two sons-in-law, a stepson and two sisters. The service took place on July 9 with Pastor Reents officiating. Also at the funeral were Gerd Fossenbarger and wife of Oketo, Kansas.

● Then Lambert W. Frerichs passed away on July 17. He was born on September 19, 1845 at Rahe near Aurich, Ostfriesland where he was also baptized and confirmed. In 1865 he came to America, to Golden, Illinois and later to Bentley, Illinois. On March 20, 1869 he married Maria Renken. This marriage was blessed with 10 children of which three preceded him in death. They came to Gage County in 1882. Eight years ago they moved to Beatrice. He leaves behind his widow who is seriously suffering the results of a stroke in January. The departed suffered from rheumatism for some time that had worsened about a week before his death, but no one suspected that his end would come so soon. He died on July 17 in the age of 78 years, 9 months and 28 days. He leaves behind four sons, three daughters, 51 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on July 20 with a large following at which Pastor Vetter from Beatrice first held a sermon in the house and then in the Lutheran Church in Beatrice as well as in our church here. There were so many partakers that our big church could not accommodate them all. Also at the funeral were Willie Frerichs and wife from Macon, Nebraska, John Frerichs from Champaign County, Illinois, Jack Gytt and wife from Goodland, Kansas.

● Several weeks ago John Meers from Dakota was here visiting.

Renke Leners

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Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
April 23

We had a lot of rain this spring. The day before Easter we had a snowstorm that blocked all the roads. Oats had already been sown and is now nice and green. Wheat looks good as well.

Presently, the wife of Martin Fritzen, Rita nee Buss, is ailing with heart problems.

Reiner Zimmermann is also sick with stomach problems.

Hermann, son of Gerhard Dorn and wife needed to undergo an appendectomy.

Also Tina, daughter of Johann Janssen Osterbuhr, had a similar operation. Both are in the hospital but improving.

This writer himself was seriously sick for two months. First had to be in the hospital nine days, and then home again ten days, and after that eight days again to the hospital. Now, thank God, I'm improving.

Furthermore, Mrs. Renke F. Leners, Lina, nee Wiese, as well as Mrs. Gerd Schmidt, Johanna, nee Leners, were very ill. The last one was in the hospital in Lincoln for four weeks. Both are now recovering.

Mrs. Schmidt is still very weak.

Greetings to all readers!

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Renke Leners
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
June 2

● Corn planting is late because of the heavy rains. Much still had to be planted and lately we've seen farmers planting corn. Wheat does not look good in places because of heavy damage caused by the Hessian fly infestation.

● On April 9, Karl Edwards, one and a half year-old son of Herman Rickers and wife Elsobe, nee Aden, died of scarlet fever and measles. The funeral took place on the 10th, Pastor Hans Reents from the Pickrell congregation officiating.

● On May 5, Mrs. Gretje Harms, nee Hinrichs, wife of Harm M. Harms, passed away after a long illness. She was 59 years old and originally from Strackholt, Ostfriesland. She leaves behind her husband and a number of children. The funeral took place May 7, Pastor Kitzelman officiating.

● Also in April, an eight-month old little daughter of Johann Gerdes and wife died near Adams. She was buried on the Hanover Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Reents.

● On May 14, Albert Ackerman, about 70 years, passed away. He was from the Crab Orchard vicinity. Attending the funeral were Harm Ackerman and widow, Nancy Schluter from Flanagan, Illinois, brother and sister of the departed.

● A little son of Frank Andreessen and wife Mary, nee Paben, got a few kernels of corn in the windpipe while playing and as a result had to be brought to far-off Omaha. The child is home now and improving.

● Visiting here from Hildreth, Nebraska were Friedrich Frerichs and wife.

● They are putting in pipelines from Amarillo, Texas in this area for transporting gas—one to Omaha and Minneapolis and another to Chicago. Many workers are employed with it.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
March 21

After some nice days it got cooler again and planting hasn’t started yet. But as soon as the weather is favorable, the oats will be planted.

Mrs. Lini Schoneweis, nee Loschen, wife of Fritz Schoneweis, passed away on March 5. She was about 57 years old. She was born and baptized in Champaign County, Illinois, the daughter of John Rohlfs Loschen and wife Solke, nee Franzen. Later she came with her parents here to Gage County, and was confirmed in our congregation. Later she married Fritz Schoneweis, the marriage being blessed with eight children. Several weeks ago she became ill with kidney and liver problems. She leaves behind her husband and the following children: John, Karl, Fred, and Herman, Mrs. Lula Thompsen, Mrs. Katie DeBuhr, Mrs. Lini Folkerts, all from here, as well as Mrs. Sophie Ekhoff from Gothenburg, Nebraska. The funeral took place on March 8 with Pastor Reents officiating.

Mrs. Lousse Schoneweis, about 86 years old, passed away on March 10. She was born in Osnabruck, Germany, and in 1861 came to America by way of New Orleans. Her first husband was Earl Reckmann and after he passed away, she married Henry Schoeweis who also passed away several years ago. She leaves behind a number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on March 13, Pastor Reents officiating.

A daughter of Gotll Carstens and wife had to have an operation as well as a son of Heye Schmidt and wife. Both are recovering.

In the Pickrell community, the wife of Siebelt Fisser, Martha nee Leerhoff, passed away. She was 41. She leaves behind her husband and six children of whom the youngest passed away several days after the mother. Pastor Hans Reents conducted the funeral service.

Renke Leners.
Nearly the entire winter we have had good weather, just once a little snow. Last Sunday the weather was like summer. At the auction of W. T. Jürgens, one could see people without jackets in February. Today, however, it is a little colder. There are many illnesses of many kinds, also some deaths, but none in our Hanover congregation on the Bear Creek. There are many auctions, nearly every day, and they all bring good prices. Thus, on the Jürgens’ auction mentioned above milk cows brought up to $72; horses and mules are not that high in price as last year. For corn is paid .43, oats .30 to .33, and wheat .78 cents per bushel.

As the first signs of spring, the increase of marriages is to note. Yesterday three couples got married: Heye J. Schmidt and Mary Hippen, Gerhard Janssen and Elisabeth Waltke, John Waltke and Gesche Heitz.

Johann Beyen and Dieke Meyer who were here last year returned to their home village of Strackholt in Ostfriesland.

With Ostfriesen greetings,
Johann O. Höfeling
In our congregations have been baptized forty-two children, and twenty-seven confirmed. Nine couples have been married, and twelve matures and six children have died. Approximately $1358.00 has been collected for beneficent purposes.

Menne R. Leners and wife Sara, nee Krämer, were pleased by the birth of their son, but he seems to be severely ill at present.

Also very ill is the old John Ommen.

Visiting here are Louis Westhaus (Weithaus?) and Eddie Oltmanns of Mt. Olive, Illinois, as well as Harm Brinkmann of Franklin County.

Some weeks ago also Mrs. Hanna Fritzen with children were here, and Anna garrelts of Franklin County, and F. Lücht of Bruning, Nebraska.

For attending the burial of teacher, Baehr, F. Liesermann of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and H. Schütte of Postville, Iowa, were here.

It's very cold here. The thermometer shows 15 degrees below zero (5 degrees. F).
HOW to WALK CAREFULLY

Proverbs 27:1-6

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. A stone is heavy and the sand weighty, but the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of them.

Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, but who can stand before jealousy? Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”

Text after Book of Proverbs and behind the asterisk says:

A true friend of the O. N. (Ostfriesische Nachrichten) in Ostfriesland sends warm greetings to the fellow countrymen over there and adds good words thereto.

Correspondences:

Hanover, Nebraska
23 January

We currently have enjoyable weather this winter. The roads are still rather good. Frank Andreessen and Mary Paben got married here on January 11. Pastor Kaaß of the southern congregation accepted a call from Fredonia, South Dakota.

Renke Leners
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska

February 27, 1917

We have very good weather and the roads were good during the whole winter.

On February 18 Diedrich Oltmanns and wife Lena, nee Frerichs, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary (25 years). A large number of relatives and neighbors came to attend the celebration. Pastor Reents held the allocation.

On the same day also Wilhelm Waltke and wife Antje, nee Hinrichs, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Berend Janssen and also his son Willie with wife arrived to celebrate with the last named couple. Additionally, Johann Janssen of Byron, Nebraska, recently stayed here.

Here the following couples were married recently: Gerhard Wiemers and Christine Miller; John J. Buhr and Hilde Smith; Wilhelm Dismeyer and wife Frauke Baumfalk; Gerd Schmidt and Hanna Leners; Harm Oltmanns and Minna Duetsmann; Thomas H. Meints and Minnie Jobmann; Johann de Buhr and Bina Hüls, and next Sunday Hermann Baumfalk and Dismeyer will be married and Johann de Buhr and Bina Hüls as well.

Hermann Weber and wife Gretje, nee Schuster, and daughter are on their way to Ft. Collins, Colorado, where they bought 20 acres of land. We wish them a lucky start in their new homeland.

Lammert W. Frerichs and wife will leave their farm and move to Beatrice, where they bought a new house.

In February Pastor Reents celebrated his 15th anniversary of being in service here. In that course of time, he baptized 615 children, confirmed 290 children, married 115 couples, and 148 burials took place.

Renke Leners.
Here all looks pretty well. Last Friday we have had a good rain. In the next days they will start cutting wheat.

- The family of Wilhelm Kramer and wife of Allison, Iowa was visiting pastor Reents.

- On 18 June the widow Trientje Albers, nee Gronewold, died after a long sickness of cancer in the blessed age of about 72 years. She was born on 7 September 1840 at Hüllenerfehn, Ostfriesland, and was married to the former ships mate, Behrend Albers in 1860. In 1873 she came to America with her children and settled at first in Golden, Illinois, where also her husband arrived after a while, who harbored in Buenos Aires in South America during the Franco-German war, and then retired from seafaring. In 1871 they then came to Gage County, Nebraska, where her husband then died in 1887, leaving her with partially under-aged children. Her marriage got blessed with ten children, whereof three preceded her in death in a juvenile age and two grown-up daughters died before, one respectively eight years. The past five years she lived with her son-in-law, Eilert Cramer and wife, where she received the best care. She was buried on June 20 under a large attendance, where Pastor conducted the service at home and Pastor Reents sermonized in the church over Romans 8:18. She leaves behind three daughters and two sons, 27 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

- On 19 June the single child of Dick Crämer and wife Almuth, three-years old boy came under the mowing-machine where his right foot got cut off. The small boy inwardly followed his father who was mowing weeds and thus came under the machine.

- Visitors here were Mrs. E. Paben and Mrs. Zetje Ostendorf, of Golden, Illinois.

With regards to the readers, (name missing)
Throughout the whole month of March, we had unpleasant weather, a lot of snow, and bad roads. This winter almost all the bees died.

On December 12 our faithful teacher of many years, H. Baehr, passed away and at the New Year assembly, F. Ekstein from Loganville, Wisconsin, was chosen to his position, who also accepted the call and was installed to his position on Sunday. It was on the same Sunday, exactly ten years ago, since our Pastor Reents was installed.

During these years, Pastor Reents has baptized 432 children, confirmed 170, married 80 couples, presided over 113 funerals, and preached 833 sermons.

Visiting here from Waverly, Iowa was Mr. Fischer, who is the agent for the support staff of the Iowa Synod.

Visiting here from Ostfriesland are Mr. Dieke Meyer from Strackholt and Heye Wallmann from Fiebing, the latter returned to Talmage. The family of Eilert R. Bruns from Lannersfehn came in February. Mrs. Bruns is a sister of Eilert Cramer.

Weert Janssen and wife from Amsterdam, Missouri, were also here. Johann Busboom and wife made a trip to Champaign County, Illinois.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS
(BOATSMAN, Dirk and WEHMER, Friedrich)

Johnson County, Nebraska

In February two cases of death under our fellow countrymen have to be reported now. The banker Dirk M. Boatsman died in Sterling on January 29 after a short illness of several days and being unable to do his job in the bank. He reached the age of more than 72 years. He was a German through and through. He was married three times. On March 22, 1870 he was married to Margarete Menken. This marriage was blessed with five children. His wife died in November 1899. He married Johanna Ottersberg in December 1900, who was snatched from him already in November 1901. He married ?, Arnold, a sister of the first wife, in December 1902, who is bemoaning his death together with four children. His son Johann, owner of a bank in Morrill, Nebraska, will come here together with his family in order to take the place of the father in the bank.

Friedrich Wehmer, aged 55 years, died on his farm west of Sterling of stomach cancer. He was the son of Garrelt Wehmer and wife Anna, nee Gerriets. He was married to Miss Sophie Bogmann on January 3, 1889, the marriage was blessed with three sons and one daughter, whereof two sons are still alive who bemoan the death of the husband and together with their mother.

R. (Renke Leners)
Once again it was a dry summer. In April, May and early June it rained almost too much. It rained almost too much every day. But then the drought began. The wet weather in the spring promoted the growth of wheat, and it looked like our wheat would yield 40 bushels per acre. In one way, the moisture caused damage to the blossoms and at threshing yielded only 17 bushels per acre on average. Oats averaged about 35 to 40 bushels per acre. Only if we get some rain pretty soon will we get some corn, but it's fearful that we won't get enough for even bedding. The ground is very hard and dry and therefore not very much wheat will be planted this fall. But the price of land is going up and you hear of sales of $200 to $350 per acre.

Our community was shocked on the morning of August 16 with the news that Louis Boatsman accidently lost his life. He, along with his Aunt Mrs. John Boatsman, his sister and Jon Boatsman were at Yellowstone Park. He wanted to go swimming and dove from an 18-20 foot high bridge into the water. The water didn't stop his body fast enough, and he hit his head on a stone on the bottom and was killed. The departed was born September 28, 1898 here in Sterling. He was 20 years, 10 months, and 17 days. He was the oldest child of Ranyel Boatsman and wife Clara, nee Bartling. His father was killed by a train on February 7, 1914. His mother died last year. He spent almost his entire life here. At the beginning of the war, he was in the military school in Lexington, Missouri. He then went as a soldier to Fort Sheridan, Illinois. On his 20th birthday he was promoted to lieutenant and was for a while the youngest officer of the company. At discharge he was a first lieutenant. He was well liked everywhere. He was assistant cashier at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Morrill, Nebraska, where his uncle John Boatsman was president. Mourning his death are two sisters and two brothers, his grandmother Mrs. D. L. Bartling, and many other relatives. The funeral took place August 19 at the home of his grandfather, D. M. Boatsman. Service was at St. John's Lutheran Church, conducted by Pastor Wunderlich. Text: Romans 14.
Our little son and beloved only child, Harm Eimer Caspers, has suddenly and unexpectedly died on July 31, 1903 after only one day lasting illness of cholera infantum. He was born on April 13, 1903 and reached the age of three months and 18 days. The funeral took place the next day on Saturday, 1st of August, under great attendance. Pastor Reents formed the basis of his sermon on the words of 1 Samuel 3:18 "HE is the Lord!" where he held a felicitous and an uplifting speech. The blessed accomplished child now is talking to us out of the upper sainthood: I brought blitheness upon you. Now, as I depart your heart is saddened. But if you gaze carefully and will esteem the Lord's decision, your sorrow will soon change. The Lord counts all hours, HE hits and cures all wounds. HE knows everyone; nothing has happened ever that HE hasn't destined, and what the Lord did is Well done.

This appointment in the name of the mourning parents: Martin Caspers and wife Ettje Maria Caspers, nee Leners.

Filley, P. O., Gage County, Nebraska
I have to report a very sudden death. That is to say that the oldest member of our congregation, Tamme H. Dorn has died. He went healthy to bed on the 22nd that evening and was found dead the next morning. He was born on 23 August 1827 at Fiebing, Ostfriesland and later had confirmation at Strackholt. He later traveled to Pearidge, Brown County, Illinois, where he got married to Ockje Johanna, nee Heeren, on 9 November 1856. She preceded him in death two years earlier. About 31 years ago he moved here to Gage County and was a loyal member of our congregation. He was a man of a true Christian faith. Five sons and a daughter, 33 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren are bemoaning his death, as well as a sister in Germany; two sons and two daughters preceded him in death. He was buried with great solicitousness where Pastor Reents held the sermon about Luke 2:29-32. Willie Frerichs and wife, Herman Dorn and wife, Gerhard Dorn and Heinrich Dorn, all from Franklin County, Nebraska attended the burial.

Eilert Cramer returned from his travel to Germany on 19 February. As he returned, one of his sons was very ill with appendicitis and had to have surgery at Lincoln. As we got to know, he is on the mend.

Today the oldest daughter of W. Gronewold had to get surgery because of the same illness. The youngest child of Renke Forden is diseased on pneumonia. Also Daniel Duitsman in the vicinity of Pickrell is severely diseased. We wish a soon recovery. Mr. Johann Beyen who came to here from Strackholt two years ago has returned to Ostfriesland together with Mr. Dieke Meyer. We wish a happy journey! Gerd Frerichs and wife of Cheyenne County are on a visit here.

Greetings! Renke Lenerts.
Once again we have to report of the demise of an East Frisian woman. It is Mrs. Gretje Franzen, 80 years, 9 months and 2 days, who was called into eternity. She was born on May 3, 1840 in Wiesens, Ostfriesland, where she was also baptized and confirmed. In 1863 she married Meinert Franzen who preceded her in death about 20 years ago. In 1884 she came to America with her family and right away to Gage County. She passed away on February 5 in the house of her son-in-law, Christ Waltke. The funeral took place on February 9, conducted by Pastor Reents. Text: John 6:40. She leaves behind 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Also at the funeral was Meinert Franzen from Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Harm Ackermann took a trip to Flanagan, Illinois and to Lakefield, Minnesota.

With greetings.
Renke Leners
The farmers are working hard on the corn harvest. The yields are good, from 35 to 60 bushels per acre.

Several weeks ago the six-day old little daughter of T. Jurgens and wife Tina, nee Parde, died.

The old Furnohm H. Freese has been suspiciously ill for several weeks. The writer of this was visiting his cousin, Gerd H. Leeners, at Bruning, Nebraska, who was also ill for a long time. During my absence there, he died in the age of 74 years. He leaves behind his grieving widow, Gretje nee Muller, and two married sons. Attending his funeral on October 31 there from here were John Leners and wife, Remmer Busboom and wife, John Busboom and wife, and John R. Busboon and Mrs. John J. Busboon, widow Gretje Leners, widow Ettje Caspers, and Mrs. Gesche Ackermann.

Visiting in Golden, Illinois, Mrs. Heinrich Wolken and John Leners and wife.

Visiting from Lakefield, Minnesota were F. Rients and wife, and John Custger and wife. Hans Johannig from Gothenburg, Nebraska, and Mrs. Mereke Wilken and daughter as well as widow Margarethe Harms from Franklin County visited Furnohm Freese.

Mrs. Catharina Jelken from Franklin County is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Arnold Baehr, nee Zimmermann, had to undergo an operation and is in a Lincoln hospital.

Greetings to all readers,
Renke Leners
On the 19th of December Jürgen Hansen Freese has died an old settler of our congregation. He was born on 5 February 1844 at Spetzerfehn, Ostfriesland. In 1868 he came to America, first to Golden, Illinois, where he married the widow of Folkert Croß, Almt, nee Meints, in 1869. In 1872 he came over the plains in a so called "Mover" wagon, passing Nebraska City and settled here in this area, where he remained to live. Six years ago his wife died, and he stood alone on his farm since then until he began to suffer heart and kidney problems and moved to his daughter, Frauke Baumfalk. On December 22, he was buried in our cemetery. Pastor Mensing conducted the sermon about John 11:25-26. He leaves behind a daughter and 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, five stepchildren and 53 step-grandchildren. For attending the burial, widow Margaretha Harms and Mrs. Mareka Wilken of Franklin County came here and also Claas Croß and wife of Gothenburg, Nebraska.

- On December 27 the wife of Pastor Mensing died, pastor of the southern congregation, aged 62 years, 7 months, and 7 days. She suffered with cancer for a long while, and also an operation last spring was not successful. She had to bear a lot of pain, and two grown-up daughters preceded her in death as the mother was in hospital last spring. She leaves behind her saddened husband and nine children, most of them already married. The burial was on December 30 on the cemetery of the southern congregation, where Pastor Reents conducted the sermon about Psalm 94:19.

- The wife of Gerd Ideus, nee Zimmermann is seriously fallen ill.

- Mrs. Heinrich H. Jürgens, nee Freerks, and Mrs. Hermann Weber, nee Schuster, had to have an operation and are on rehabilitation.

We wish all readers a Happy New Year.

Renke Leners
On December 3rd Foke Fritzen died. The same was born in November 1842 in Rahe, Ostfriesland, and later came to America with his parents, to Pea Ridge, Illinois, and was confirmed in 1866 at Golden, Illinois. He took part in the civil war and served in the 1st Company of the 84th. Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry from August 11, 1862 through June 8, 1865. He had been living in Nebraska for about 31 years, the last 20 years he had stayed with his nephew, John Fritzen. About two years ago he was struck by a seizure of pneumonia and got weaker and weaker since, until now he died on December 3. He leaves behind one brother, Lammert Fritzen. On December 5 he was buried. Pastor Reents spoke the funeral sermon about Revelation John <= Book of Revelation> 14: 13.

Furthermore, Gerd Hinrichs died on December 4, who had been living in Beatrice since January. The same was born on February 29, 1848 in Walle, Ostfriesland. In the year 1867 he came to America, to Golden, Illinois, where he married with W...e <Wübke?> Albers in 1871. Two daughters sprouted from their marriage. In the year 1877 his wife died and in 1879 he married his wife Gretje, nee Eilts, who now survives him. Nine children sprouted from this marriage, one of who preceded the father in death. On November 21 he had a stroke, whereupon his condition degraded more and more until he died on December 4. His wife and ten children survive him. On December 8 he was buried here; Pastor Reents spoke the funeral sermon about 2. Tim. 4:7-8. All of his children who are living in Kansas and Missouri appeared for his funeral, also widow Meta Balk from Johnson, Nebraska and B. Redenius and wife from Champaign County, Illinois

I wish all readers a blessed Christmas and a happy new year. Renke Leners
Hanover, Nebraska  
December 11

Foke Fritzen passed away on December 3. He was born in November, 1842 in Rahe, Ostfriesland. Later he came with his parents to America, to Pea Ridge, Illinois. He was confirmed in 1866 at Golden, Illinois. He participated in the Civil War and served in the 1st Company of the 84th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry from August 11, 1862 to June 8th, 1865. He lived in Nebraska for about 31 years and the last 20 years he lived with his nephew John Fritzen. About two years ago, he contracted pneumonia and since that time became weaker until he died on December 3. He leaves behind a brother, Lambert Fritzen. He was buried December 5 with Pastor Reents conducting the funeral. The text: John 14: 13.

In addition Gerd Hinrich passed away on December 4. He lived in Beatrice since January. He was born February 29, 1848 in Walle, Ostfriesland. In 1867 he came to America, to Golden, Illinois. In 1871 he married M____ Albers. This marriage produced two daughters. His wife died in 1877 and in 1879 he married his surviving wife Gretje, nee Eilts. This marriage had nine children, one of who preceded his father in death. On November 21 he suffered a stroke that worsened his condition until he died on December 3. He leaves behind his wife and ten children. The funeral was held on December 8, Pastor Reents conducting. Text: II Tim. 4:7-8. All of his children living in Kansas and Missouri attended the funeral, in addition to Widow Meta Balk from Johnson, Nebraska and B. Redenius and wife from Champaign, Illinois.

Wishing all readers a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Renke Leners

NOTE: I don't know what her first name might be. “Marie” Albers, maybe. (Lewis Miller)

NOTE: This scan was inadvertently sent to both Frank Ollermann and Lewis Miller for translating. My apologies. (Cheryl Meints)
Foke Fritzen passed away on December 3. He was born in November 1842 at Rabe, Ostfriesland. Later he came with his parents to America, to Pea Ridge, Illinois. He was confirmed in 1866 at Golden, Illinois. He served in the Civil War from August 11, 1862 to June 8, 1865 in the 1st Company, 84th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. He lived in Nebraska for about 31 years and the last twenty years, he lived with his nephew, John Fritzen. About two years ago he had a case of pneumonia and since then became increasingly weaker until he died on December 3. He leaves behind a brother, Lammert Fritzen. He was buried on December 5 with Pastor Reents officiating. Text: Job 14:13

In addition, Gerd Hinrichs passed away on December 4. He lived in Beatrice since January. He was born on February 29, 1848 in Walle, Ostfriesland. In 1867 he came to America to Golden, Illinois, where he married Marie Albers in 1871. This marriage produced two daughters. His wife passed away in 1877, and in 1879 he married his present wife, Gretje nee Eilts. This marriage produced nine children, one of whom preceded the father in death. On November 21, he suffered a stroke after which his condition worsened until he died on December 4. His survivors are his widow and 10 children. He was buried here on December 8. Pastor Reents held the service. Text: II Timothy 4:7-8. Attending the funeral were all of his children, who lived in Kansas and Missouri. In addition, were widow, Meta Balk, from Johnson, Nebraska, and B. Redenius and wife from Champaign County, Illinois.

Wishing all readers a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Renke Leners
Sad news has to be reported from here. Our sister in the Lord, Mrs. Maria Fritzen, nee Frerichs, died on June 13, age nearly 34 years, after she gave birth to a healthy boy twelve days ago. She suffered a brain disease. She was born on August, 28, 1871 near Golden, Illinois, and got married on February 1, 1894. Everyone who knew her has to attest that she was a real Christian. Since years she longed to be in her heavenly home and we may be sure in the joyful hope that our sister in the Lord blessedly passed on. Funeral service was on June 14. Pastor Reents conducted the service over Timothy 4:6-8. The funeral cortege was a large one, so there wasn't enough room in the church. The deceased leaves behind a grieving husband, six minor children, parents and parents-in-law, three brothers and three sisters who are mourning her death. May the Lord console the grieving survivors and straighten them. Christ is my life, death is my avail. That is who I'm devoted to. I delightfully pass on.

R. Leners
On October 30, Sophia Fritzen, wife of Lammert Fritzen, passed away suddenly. She was born December 10, 1847 at Walle, Ostfriesland. She immigrated with her parents to Brown County, Illinois in America, where she married her now grieving husband, Lammert Fritzen on March 29, 1864. This marriage was blessed with three sons, the youngest of whom died about nine years ago. In 1881 they came to Gage County, Nebraska and lived in our community until they moved to Beatrice about four years ago. She appeared to be very healthy and went to town with her husband, when she suddenly became uneasy. Her husband quickly drove back home, but when he got back, she was already dead. She leaves behind her husband along with two sons, a brother, fifteen grandchildren and other relatives. She was buried November 2 on our cemetery with many people taking part in the funeral. Our large church could not accommodate the crowd of people. Many had to stand outside. Pastor Poverlein from Beatrice officiated at the home and Pastor Reents at the church. Text: Luke 2:7.

Visiting here for a while were Mrs. Catharina Jelten and John and W. Frerichs from Franklin County, Nebraska.

Greetings to all readers.
Renke Leners
In the beginning of February we have had a lot of snow and cold, but it seems winter will already leave us, because the snow has gone and all the days we have warm sunshine. All around us we hear a lot about illness this winter. On February 8, Louis Siems died in the flourishing age of 32 years after a short and severe illness of pneumonia. He leaves behind his mourning widow and five under-aged children.

On February 14, the small child Anna Gronewold died, aged seven years, of diphtheria. She was the oldest daughter of Wilm Gronewold and wife Gretje, nee Parde. She got buried in our local cemetery.

Renke Leners
It is still dry here. The farmers are sowing the winter wheat, but if there is no rain, it is questionable if the seed will come up. On September 22, Rohlf Huls passed away here. He was born on January 26, 1864 at Wiesens, Ostfriesland. In 1880 he came with his father and his siblings to America and of course here to Gage County. In Golden, Illinois, he married Catharina Ekhoff. He reached the age of 60 years and died of stomach cancer. Mourning are his wife, 7 daughters and 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, 5 sons-in-law and a brother, John Huls from Sterling, Nebraska, and a sister Mrs. Gretje Eckhoff of Beatrice, and other relatives. On September 25 he was laid to his final rest with Pastor Reents officiating. Heye Leerhoff and wife and John Paben and wife came here from Golden, Illinois for the burial. Also widow Engel Lennerts from golden stayed for a visit. Tobe Paben and wife went to Golden, Illinois to visit. Christ Waltke with his wife and son and widow Franke Johnson were visiting in Gothenburg, Nebraska.

R. Leners
Last year in our congregation 34 children were baptized, 17 boys and 17 girls; 20 were confirmed, 12 boys and 8 girls; 10 couples were married; 7 persons buried, 5 adults and 2 children. The total collections together were $1,542.77.

On January 7, Zetje Johnson passed away, daughter of Willm O. Johnson and wife Gretje, nee Harms. She was born on June 23, 1903 and baptized on July 17, 1903. Suffering for about five years, her condition worsened about five weeks ago and in the final days, she lost her eyesight. She was 12 years, 6 months, and 16 days. She was buried on the 9th at which Pastor Reents preached the service on I Samuel 3:18. She leaves behind her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Renke Leners
It looks good this summer. A good crop yield is promised. Wheat has already been cut and one is currently beginning with oats. Also corn looks pretty good.

Ulfert Block of Gothenburg, Nebraska was visiting here.

Jacob Jürgens died on June 26 in Beatrice. He was born on August 30, 1861 at Wiesens, Ostfriesland and reached the age of 58 years, 9 months, and 26 days. He was buried in our cemetery where Pastor Reents conducted the sermon about Hebrews 9:27.

Hikke Rädecker died on July 4, son of Lübke Rädecker and wife Almt, nee Baumfalk. He was born on June 26, 1915. About 7 years ago he sickened with cancer of an eye and the eye had to be removed. It seemed to get better but soon the cancer also affected the other eye and brain. He reached the age of five years and seven days. He was buried on July 6. Pastor Kitzelmann conducted the sermon because our pastor Reents was absent. He preached about 1 Samuel 3:18. He leaves behind his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Our yearly Mission Fest will be celebrated on September 12 if the Lord will like. The pastors Fischer of Malmo, Nebraska, Taubert of Gothenburg, Nebraska, and W. Hertel of Nauvoo, Illinois will sermonize here. All friends are heartily invited to the feast.

Greetings to all readers, especially to H. H. Saathoff in Macon.

R. Leners
Now the elderly Theeohm Jürgens, one of our old settlers, has been called home from our circle. He succumbed to the weakness of old age, reaching the age of 85 years, 4 months, and 2 days. He was born on November 22, 1833 at Schirum, Ostfriesland, also baptized and confirmed there. On January 11, 1857 he married Antje W. Duitsmann and lived with her in matrimony 54 years. In the year 1882 he came with his family to America, directly here, where he always lived. Of their seven children, two died young in their native homeland. In January, 1911 his faithful wife, 84 years old, passed away and in the fall of the same year also a son, 50 years of age. Surviving him are three sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, three daughters-in-law, and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral took place on March 27 with Pastor Reents performing the service. Text: John 8:51

Hiemke Johnson, seven months, passed away on March 23 as the result of influenza and pneumonia. She was the youngest daughter of Willm O. Johnson and wife, Gretje nee Harms. The child was buried on March 25 with Pastor Reents conducting the service.

Lammert Wilken has returned home from the army.

Renke Leners
We have had beautiful weather lately and the roads are in good shape. Albert Muller, one of the first settlers of this area, passed away on December 4. He was born on February 24, 1847 in Vossbag, Ostfriesland, the son of Eilert R. Muller and wife Abbie, Nee Goosmann. At seven years of age he came with his parents and siblings to America, to Lebanon, Illinois. In 1869 he married Gretje Eilers of Summerfield, Illinois. This marriage was blessed with three children, two of whom died young. In 1869 he came to Gage County, Nebraska, where he lived on a farm 3/4 of a mile southeast of the church. Of course at that time there was still no congregation here. The first church service that was really held here took place in Mueller’s dugout or root cellar. Pastor Johannes from Elk Creek who came here now and then, confirmed the departed on February 24, 1872. Then in 1874 when the congregation was formed, he was one of the founders and is the same one who remained a faithful member until his death. His wife died on December 4, 1891 and exactly 34 years later, he went home. He reached the age of 78 years, 9 months, and 10 days. He leaves behind one son. The funeral service took place on December 7, Pastor Reents officiating. Minnie Stellman and Hannah Junker from Gothenburg, Nebraska also attended.

Anna Barrels from Hildreth, Nebraska was here for a visit.

Married were: Willie F. Ehmen and Sophie F. Parde; Behrend Bruns and Ida Schuster.

Meine Milken along with wife and daughter left for a visit to Neufirrel in Ostfriesland.

Menne Buhr, Ludwig Schoettler and Frank Heyen are also taking a trip home and want to arrive in Strackholt at Christmas time and sample Mom’s Christmas rolls. We wish them a safe trip and happy homecoming.

R. Leners
July 1, 1916*

Hanover, Gage County., Nebraska, March 22. We have to report a very sad death. On March 15, Altje H. Lienemann, wife of Johann W. F. Lienemann has died. She was born on June, 19, 1888 as daughter of Hinrich Lienemann and wife Gretje, nee Peters. She lost her mother very early and about 11 years ago also her father. On March, 6, 1907 she married Johann W. F. Lienemann. This marriage was blessed with four children, whereof the youngest was only seven days old as the mother died. As the child was born, she wasn't that strong and as scarlet fever broke out in house her constitution was too weak to survive the disease. She reached the age of 27 years, 8 months, and 25 days. Pastor Reents conducted the sermon on the grave on March 16 about 1 Corinthians 13:8. Her husband couldn't follow to the grave because he and the children also were in a sorry state because of scarlet fever. She leaves behind her husband and four children, her step-parents and five half-siblings.

We received the sad news from Oketo, Kansas, that Mr. Claas Remmers has died there, aged about 70 years. The author of this message attended the burial there on March 22, also Menne R. Leners with wife and children, Fred Schuster and wife, John Leners and wife, and Mrs. Gesche Ackermann.

With regards to all the readers, Renke Leners.
On March 15 the Lord took away Altje Lienemann from the side of her beloved ones, aged 27 years, 8 months, and 25 days. She was born on June, 19, 1888 at Hanover, Nebraska, as the oldest daughter of the married couple Hinrich Lienemann and wife Gretje, nee Peters. She early lost her own mother but was excellently raised by her father and stepmother. She married Johann W. F. Lienemann on March, 6, 1907, to whom she was a trusty companion in life. As she gave birth to her 4th child on March 8 this year, she was very weak already; then came the scarlet fever which threw all members of the household to sickbed and the mother had to die thereof. She was buried the day after her death on our Lutheran God's Acre for eternal rest. Text of the sermon was 1 Corinthians 13: 8, "The love will never end."

In the name of the bereaved.  
J. B. Reents, pastor
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS (OTTO, Mrs. Herman (Frerichs))

Hannover, Gage County, Nebraska
May 4, 1918

We also had rainy weather lately, but wheat and oats look pretty good.

Hermann Parde fell seriously ill with pneumonia. His brother Onne came from Paoli, Colorado, to visit him.

Mrs. Hermann Otto, Tetje nee Frerichs, passed away on April 29th. She lived near Pickrell. She was born here in Hanover on July 7, 1893 as daughter of Hinrich Frerichs and wife Tetje, nee Hinrichs and was baptized on August 13, 1893. She was confirmed in our church on March 29, 1908. She was married to Hermann Otto on June 12, 1913. She fell ill on April 18th this year and was brought to the Lincoln hospital on 22nd, where she gave birth to a healthy and briskly son. It seemed she got better, but during the night on the 29th her situation fell worse and she finally passed away in that night. She reached the age of 25 years, 9 months, and 22 days. Funeral took place on May 2nd, where Pastor Pirner of Pickrell held the sermon in German language about Jeremiah 29:11, and Pastor Vetter of Beatrice spoke in English about Romans 7:24. She leaves behind a deeply saddened husband and four children, her father, her stepmother, six brothers and three sisters. The burial was attended by Harm Duhm and wife and Willie Frerichs of Stratton, Nebraska, and Lammert Frerichs of Kansas.

From the army returned Jelsche Jürgens.

Renke Leners.
Here lately it's been rather warm. For the most part, the farmers are starting the corn harvest. They are working hard on our new church. Last week our old bell was brought into the tower next to a new one. The old "Theeohm" Jurgens gave the congregation the new bell.

Visiting here from Glenville were Eilt Onken and wife and Bertus Ramann and wife. They came with their Overland Car, even though the people there had assured them that the mountains on Bear Creek could only be crossed with a Ford. They didn't think too much about it how easy and beautiful it had been to come here and the Overland Car thought even more that the Bear Creek "mountains" were such a children's game.

Also visiting here were Eibe de Jonge and wife from Macon, Nebraska; Miss Eta Janssen, Meinhard Steinblock, and Hinrich Janssen from Glenville, Nebraska; Gerd Wallmann from Bates County, Missouri; and Harm U. Harms from Upland, Nebraska.

On September 30 the eleven month-old son of Johann Ottersberg and wife, nee Landmann died. The child was buried October 1 on our cemetery.

The bees had a good year here, and there were many hives yielding 100 pounds of honey.

Greetings to all readers.
Renke Leners
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS (Rohlfs, Maria)
(Schoone)

Hanover, Gage Co., Nebr., 3 Mai.

We had quite a bit of rain this spring, but now it has been dry for a few days, and the farmers are busy getting the cornfields ready.

Mrs. Maria Rohlfs, nee Schoone, 59, passed away on April 5. She had dropsy. She was born September 24, 1869 at Golden, Illinois, the daughter of Willm Borchers Schoone and wife Margarethe, nee Meints. She was born and baptized at Golden. Later she came with her parents to this area and was confirmed here by Pastor Seyler. She later married Herman Rohlfs. The funeral took place April 7, Pastor Reents officiating. She leaves behind her husband and a daughter who unfortunately had to be taken to the state hospital in Lincoln ten days prior the mother’s death. A daughter, Mrs. Margaretha Aden, died several years ago.

Gerd Folkerts from Walle, Ostfriesland, arrived here at his uncle Gerd Folkerts.

Further news, Wubbe Gronewald arrived here from Westersander, visiting Willm Gronewold.

We received the sad news from Kokomis, Illinois, that the widow, Frauke Johnson, 75, passed away.

R. Leners

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
May 3, 1929

A blessed New Year to all dear readers! On 26 December Christoph Remmers died here, a long term reader of the O. N. and one of the first settlers in this area. He was born on 19 April 1848 at Wiesederfehn, Ostfriesland, where he also was baptized and confirmed. He came to America in the spring of 1868, to Springfield, Illinois. In the fall of 1868 he came here. He married Sophia Maria Henrietta Schmidt on 2 March 1878. This marriage was blessed with eight children, where two of them died in juvenile age. His wife died on 2 January 1914. In the past few years he was often ill but always recovered again. On 21 December he slipped outside and broke his hip. At first one thought it wouldn’t be dangerous, but also inner injuries might have happened and he died already on 26 December, aged 71 years, 8 months, and 7 days. He is survived by four sons, two daughters, 15 grandchildren and two brothers. He was buried on 30th where Pastor Reents held the sermon about Acts of the Apostles 16:31

On 15 December a son was born to Wm. H. Jürgens and wife, nee Fahseler, who already died the same day. The child was buried on 17th, where Pastor Reents conducted the burial and spoke about 2 Samuel 12:23

The widow Mina Jägler of Oklahoma and Mrs. Frauke Peperkorn of Gilead, Nebraska, Broer Gronewold of Gothenburg, Nebraska, Charlie Remmers and wife of Leola, South Dakota, and Dirk Fenders and wife of Diller, Nebraska were visiting here.

In our congregation 40 children were baptized, 26 confirmed, 12 couples were married, and 12 people were buried in the past year. The collections in the church brought a total sum of $1615. Our Pastor Reents received a Christmas gift about $260 by the congregation, the choir, the group of confirmands, and the group of Sunday school.

Renke Leners
I wish a blessed New Year to all dear readers! Christoph Remmers died here on December 26. He was a longtime reader of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten, and one of the first settlers in this area. He was born on April 19, 1848 at Wiesederfehn, Ostfriesland, where he also was baptized and confirmed. He came to America in spring 1868, to Springfield, Illinois. In the fall of 1868 he came to this area. He married Sophie Maria Henrietta Schmidt on March, 2, 1878. This marriage was blessed with eight children, whereof two deceased in young age. His wife also died on January 2, 1914. He frequently was sick in recent years, but always rehabilitated. He slipped outside on December 21 and broke his hip. At first they considered it wouldn't be dangerous, but there must have been internal injuries, because he deceased on December 26, aged 71 years, 8 months, and 7 days. He leaves behind four sons, two daughters, fifteen grandchildren and two brothers. He was buried on 30th, where Pastor Reents held the sermon about Cts of the Apostles, 16:31.

A son was born to Wm (*) H. Jürgens and wife, nee Fahseler, on December 15, who died on the same day. The child was buried on 17th, where Pastor Reents held the sermon about 2 Samuel 12:23.

The widow Mina Jägler of Oklahoma was visiting here and Mrs. Frauke Peperkorn of Gilead, Nebraska, also Broer Gronewold of Gothenburg, Nebraska, Charlie Remmers and wife of Leola, South Dakota, and Dirk Fenders and wife of Diller, Nebraska.

Last year 40 children were baptized, 26 confirmed, 12 couples were married, and there were 12 burials. Offering in the church brought a total sum of $1615. Pastor Reents received a donation from the congregation, the choir, the class of confirmands, and Sunday school as Christmas gift, counting $260.

Renke Leners
As recently as a month ago, the writer and brother Johann had to go to Golden, Illinois, to escort to the grave sister-in-law, Helena Leners, nee Daniels, and now the news came that our only sister, Anna Schlüter, died on April 16. Therefore the writer, brother Johann and wife, and Christian Meints traveled to Golden to take part in the funeral. (Full particulars of her life in the obituaries.)

Ettemöh Wattjes, nee Zimmermann in our congregation, passed away suddenly on April 15 after only a one-day illness. She was born December 23, 1840 at Spetzerfehn, Ostfriesland. She married Johann A. Wattjes on May 5, 1864 and came to America with her family on board the steamship "Mosel" in 1872. First they lived for two years in Atchison County, Missouri, then moved to Nemaha County, Nebraska, and from there came to Gage County and our congregation. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years ago. Their only daughter, Anna Frerichs, died in 1897. She leaves behind her husband, who is 82 years old, a son, a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, a brother, Jürgen Zimmermann from Barnston, Nebraska, and a sister, Mrs. Trientje Aden from Humbolt, Nebraska. She was buried on the 17th. Since our Pastor Reents was ill, Pastor Kitzelmann from the southern congregation conducted the service. Text: John 12:11.

Attending the funeral were, among others, Heye Aden and wife from Humbolt, Nebraska. She was buried on the 17th. Since our Pastor Reents was ill, Pastor Kitzelmann from the southern congregation conducted the service. Text: John 12:11.

Renke Leners
It's been dry here a long time. The farmers are cutting the wheat that is estimated to be pretty good. The way it looks, oats will be good again. Corn is really slow in growing and in places stands rather thin. The pastures are really bare. Potatoes and garden produce don't look very good either since it's too dry for these as well.

On June 15 a resident of Pickrell, Mrs. Heinrich Schuster, Ricky, nee Weideman, age 50, passed away suddenly. She was buried June 18 on the Evergreen Cemetery at Beatrice. She leaves behind a son, a daughter, three brothers and five sisters.

Mrs. Rixte Probst had to undergo an operation at the hospital in Beatrice.

Mrs. Emma Zimmermann was in the hospital a week as well.

Widow Gretje Aden has been very ill lately.

Claas Gross and wife from Gothenburg, Nebraska were here visiting.

R. Leners
Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
June 2

A shocking event happened to the local people at Wauneta, Nebraska. Carl Doetker shot his step-son, Hinrich Parde, and Elmer Frerichs seriously wounded the wife of Hinrich Parde, and then went home and shot himself. All of these previously lived in the Gage County vicinity. Hinrich Parde was born in this area, the son of Reiner H. Parde and wife Maria, nee Frerichs. Later he married Louise Roschewski and moved to a farm at Wauneta. He was 33 years old and leaves behind his wife and a child, his mother, three sisters and three half brothers. He was buried there on May 22. Elmer Frerichs was also born in our community on May 1, 1906, the son of Martin H. Frerichs and wife Emma, nee Buss. Later his parents moved to Hoag. On December 18, 1927 he married Hazel Roschweski, and the newly wedded couple moved further out to take care of the father's farm. On the morning of May 20 he was shot by Carl Doetker. He lived 24 hours. He died in the Stratton hospital. He was 23 years and 20 days old. He leaves behind his wife, his parents, a brother, and two sisters. The funeral took place here in Hoag. Carl Doetker was previously from this area west of Pickrell. He was about 55 years old. Several years ago he moved to Wauneta, where he married the widow of Reiner Parde, Maria, nee Frerichs, a daughter of Hinrich Frerichs. However, she stayed for some time with relatives in this area.

The wife of John Rademacher is seriously ill. She has been suffering for a long time. This year we have rain enough. Wheat and oats look good.

Renke Leners
May 1, 1918

Just about one month ago the writer of this and brother, Johann, had to go to Golden, Illinois to attend the burial of sister-in-law, Helena Leners, nee Daniels, and now the message was received, that our only sister, Anna Schlüter, nee Leners, wife of Ludwig Schlüter, has died on April 16. Thereupon, the writer of this, brother Johann and wife, and Christian Meints went to Golden, Illinois, to attend the burial. (More on her life in the obituary).

On April 15, Ettemöh Wattjes, nee Zimmermann, died in our congregation after just one day of illness. She was born on December 23, 1840 at Spetzreiffen, Ostfriesland, was married to Johann A. Wattjes on May 5, 1864, and came to America with her family aboard the steamer "Mosel". At first they lived two years in Atchison County, Missouri, then moved to Nemaha County, Nebraska, and came from there to Gage County into our congregation. Four years ago the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years). Her only daughter, Anna Frerichs, died in 1897. She leaves behind her husband who is already 82 years old, a son, a daughter in law, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, a brother, Jürgen Zimmermann of Barnston, Nebraska, and a sister, Mrs. Trientje Aden of Humboldt, Nebraska. She reached the age of 77 years, 3 months, and 22 days. She was buried on 17th. As our Pastor Reents was hindered by illness, Pastor Kitzelmann of the southern congregation held the sermon about Revelation 12:11. Also Heye Aden and wife of Humboldt and Jürgen Zimmermann and wife of Barnston were at the funeral, with others.

Renke Leners
Sadness ruled in our entire congregation when the news from Fort Collins, Colorado came that Hermann Weber lost his life in an automobile accident. He left with his neighbor Saturday evening and at night around 3 o'clock the overturned automobile was discovered in a curve in the road several miles from Wellington. While Weber lay under the car, the other man lay a little further away. Both were seriously injured and unconscious. The other man died Sunday morning while Weber survived through Sunday but never regained consciousness. He died at the Fort Collins Hospital. He was 37 years, 5 months, and 2 days. Weber moved from here to Colorado more than two years ago. He was a bright, friendly honest man and very well liked, and thus the genuine sadness everywhere of the shocking news of his death. He was born December 17, 1881 in Hahneberg, Kleinoldendorf, Ostfriesland, the son of Peter Weber and wife Mena, nee Reitmeyer. He was baptized on December 26 the same year and confirmed on March 14, 1897 in the church in Strackholt. In the spring of 1900 he emigrated to America and came directly here. On October 18, 1906 he married Miss Gretje Schuster, daughter of Jans M. Schuster and wife Behlke, nee Wallmann. The Lord blessed the marriage with one little daughter. Also surviving him here is a sister, Mrs. Heye Meints, nee Weber. His father-in-law, F. M. Schuster, left immediately for Colorado upon hearing the news of his death. He died on May 19 and on the 22nd his body arrived here accompanied by Mrs. Weber with her little daughter, the father, and Mr. Bargeld and wife. From our church he was laid to rest. Pastor Reents conducted the service. Text Matthew 10:30-31. Even our big, new church did not offer enough room for all the friends who wanted to give final respects to the departed. Over 200 cars were counted. Many arrived from Talmage. Also John Bruns and wife, from the Kansas border, Thee Jurgens and wife, Marten Tjaden, Harm Saathoff, Anke Remmers and Mrs. Margaretha Hofeling. Mrs. Weber, accompanied by her little daughter, her father, Mrs. Johann Lenersm and Frerich Wallmann, returned to Colorado where she will stay temporarily.

The weather here is very wet and rainy. Cutworms have destroyed a lot of corn and will have to be replanted.

NOTE: An email from Jürgen Adams and about Herman Weber follows.
Moin Cheryl and Lew,

This obit has more history than expected. Hermann Weber was a son of Peter Ellen Peters Weber (OSB Strackholt # 3100) and wife Mena Casjens Reitmeyer. Mena was of Schwerinsdorf, bordering Kleinoldendorf.

Peter Ellen Peters Weber was a son of Peter Ellen Weber of Voßbarg (OSB Strackholt # 3099) and wife Eke Heeren Ehlers. Peter Ellen Weber was a tax collector at Voßbarg. People who would use the newly installed path to Wiesederfehn across the high moorland of Wiesmoor (what didn't exist yet as a town then) had to pay a tax - similar to those that drive in Florida from island to island. Peter was also an inn-keeper and his daughter Meta married Wilhelm Fiedler, who came here from Forst, Niederlausitz, and worked in the power station of Wiesmoor and overtook the inn of Peter Ellen Weber. A daughter of Fiedler married a Hedemann and their son and grandson are still running the inn. In the years 60 they organized a dancing floor in their hall and in this dancing hall I became acquainted to Thea in 1967. The inn is still alive and Christa Hedemann, the headmistress is to be found at http://chronik.wiesmoor.de/Stadt_Wiesmoor_Saathoff.jpg - the lady with the camera in front of her. Her daughter is the musician of our folkdance ensemble (with a baby on her lab on the same photo). We do know them all very well. Christa's father was the principal of Voßbarg's school; her brother is a veterinarian in Wiesmoor, who has often treated our cats.

There are still Webers living here at Voßbarg - how about over there? Making them acquainted again would be great!

Greetings,
Jürgen Adams
November 19, 2008

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
July 8

This summer it is very dry here, and the pastures are bare. Wheat is still pretty good, but the oats are bad. Corn still looks good. Brother Johann Leners and wife, Mrs. Gesche Ackermann, John M. Schuster and the undersigned were at Harvard, Nebraska, for the funeral of our sister-in-law, Antje Wendt nee Weber. Her children, Reinder Zimmermann and wife, nee Schuster, and John Frerichs and wife, nee Schuster, living in the Beatrice area, were also there. Details about the life of Mrs. Wendt in the obituary notice.

Seven young men from our congregation have been drafted and now there are seven stars on the armed service flag in our church. They are: Hinrich C. Remmers, Willie H. Harms, Carl Nelson, Frank Schoen, Rohlf Huls, Hinrich de Buhr, and Hinrich Waltke. On the second of this month more from the congregation have to leave.

With greetings,
Renke Leners
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
RENKE’S NEWS (Zion Lutheran Church, rural Pickrell, Nebraska)

Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska
September 19, 1915

Our annual mission festivities got celebrated today. Alas, the weather wasn’t that good. In the morning already it seemed to rain very soon, and later we had a hard thunderstorm with rain, so there were only few people joining the morning service.

In the afternoon the weather was good, but the roads have been thus bad, that not many people came from distant locations. In the morning, Pastor Waldner of Palmer, Iowa held the sermon, and Pastor Deubler of Johnstown, Nebraska.

The men’s choir, conducted by teacher Greffenius, sang excellently. The collect bore more than $400. Henry Poppen and wife, Hermann Ubben and wife, Georg Tjaden and wife; Bohlke Tjaden, John Lübben, Hinrich Frühling, Harm M. Saathoff, Abram Poppen, and Harm Huls as well from the Kansas-Nebraska border attended the meeting.

Visitors here were Diedrich Carstens and wife of Battle Creek, as well as widow Flesner and Miss Sophie Fritzen of Golden, Illinois, Miss Trauernicht of Glenville, Nebraska, and Willm Fockenga and wife of Sterling, Nebraska.

John Josten Reents, the father of our Pastor Reents, died on September 9. He was born on February 11, 1834 at Bangstede, Ostfriesland and got confirmed later at Hinte. There he later married Jantje Straate in spring 1856. Shortly after the marriage, the couple moved to Bangstede, again till 1892. Then the family emigrated to America, resided near Parkersburg, Iowa, and then at Allison, Iowa. Aged 47, he got hit by stroke which caused a lack of energy and mental health. Although he later recovered a little, he never found back the full strength of his body. Five years ago his wife had died and since then he lived with his youngest son, our Pastor Reents. He got hit by an illness his body could no longer resist on September 8, and he gently slipped away in the afternoon of the following day.

He reached the age of 81 years, 7 months, and 29 days. The Lord blessed him with seven children where two daughters, aged four and thirteen years, preceded him in death. Thus, he is survived by four sons and two daughters. He got buried with great participation in our cemetery; Pastor Mensing held the sermon about Luke 2:29-32. May he rest in peace and the eternal light may shine on him!

Renke Leners.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
SAATHOFF, Geske (Hogelücht)

With deeply grieved heart I inform family and friends that the Lord in His unsought resolution liked to withdraw my well-loved wife Geske Saathoff, nee Hogelücht, a devoted, providing mother to her children, with body and soul out of this vale of tears, but not without hope to eternal life. Born on 20 February 1857 at Woodford County, Illinois, she reached her hand to her husband for marriage on 4 December 1877 at Fairmont, Nebraska. They lived at first in Storm Lake, Iowa. In the fall of 1882, they moved to Sterling, Nebraska. In 1890 they settled at Oketo, Kansas and since 1891 lived in Wymore, Nebraska. The marriage was blessed with 9 children, where of two children preceded her to eternity.

She fell ill on June 27. After a downfall into the basement, she injured her head and her right hip. An operation after three days remained without success, and she died on July 3, aged 55 years, 4 months and 13 days. Burial was on July 6 at the cemetery of the Lutheran Immanuel congregation; Pastor A Doering held the in-house sermon about Psalm 39:5, 8 and in the church about Matthew 24:27. The English sermon was held by Pastor W. Fruehling about Philippians 1:21. The dolorous husband H. G. Saathoff with children Karl and Lydia Saathoff, nee Graven, Hei and Maria Saathoff, nee Ubben, Amling and Gretje Ihnen, nee Saathoff, Carl and Mona Ebse, nee Saathoff, Wilke Saathoff, Menno Saathoff, Edward Saathoff are asking for reticent condolences.

Wymore, Gage Co., Nebraska.
To all friends and acquaintances the sad news that it has pleased the Lord to take our beloved husband and father, Mimke H. Saathoff on 3 March 1919 by a gentle and, with a confident hope, blessed death. He was born on 2 November 1865 at Holtrop, Ostfriesland, and came in the age of ten years together with his parents Harm A. Saathoff and Margaretha, nee Frühling, to America. In his 32nd year he married Hilke Remmers. This marital bond got blessed by the Lord with one son. Early in the year he suffered hard flu which changed to the end of February to pneumonia which caused his premature death. On 6 March he got buried to rest with his parents on the Immanuel Cemetery. At the funeral his pastor spoke about Philippians 3:13-14. His premature passing away is mourned by his widow, a son, his adopted daughter, two brothers and four sisters.

On behalf of the bereaved family:
H. F. Stutheit, pastor
Wymore, Nebraska
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

SAATHOFF, Mine Ernestine
(Schulz)

1913

It has pleased the Lord over life and death, according to his inexplicable decision to take from our midst my beloved wife and faithful and caring mother to our dear children, through a quiet and peaceful death.

Mine Ernestine Saathoff, nee Schulz

She was born on July 8, 1866 at Upland and died on June 29, 1913 in a nursing home in Hastings. Our marriage took place on November 12, 1906 and was blessed with five children, three of whom, two sons and a daughter, are still living. Our pastor conducted the usual funeral service. The words of the Bible: I John 1:7, last part, and 1 Thessalonians 4:13 and following. The departed was buried here on the Lutheran cemetery with a large attendance. Even though the separation of the earthly life is difficult, the same will be essentially easier in that it gives us the assurance in the blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins and may thereby look death in the eye with courage.

I share this notice with relatives, friends, and acquaintances.

Middent H. Saathoff
Macon, Nebraska (July 3, 1913)

NOTE from Lewis Miller: This one was more difficult than usual to translate. I hit a wall with the expression "Unser Herr Pastor hielt wie ueblich Parentation und Leichenredigt..." I didn't translate the word "Parentation". I could not find a translation for it. But, the rest will fly by itself, I believe.

NOTE from Jürgen Adams:
Parentation is an old term meaning
a) Leichenrede - funeral address or funeral sermon.
b) Parentation is deriving from the Italian term parere which means opinion, expertise - just that what the pastor told about the deceased individual's life and history. The difference to (a) is, that in this part of the speech only history was told, no matters of faith.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
SCHONEWEISS, Gretje C. (Huls)

We bring this notice in the name of the survivors that it has pleased God to call from this earthly life

Gretje Catherine Schoneweiss, nee Huls

She was born on August 7, 1897 in Hildreth, Nebraska, the daughter of the married couple Rohlf Huls and wife, nee Eckhoff and was baptized soon after her birth. Later she came to Gage County, Nebraska, was confirmed here in the spring of 1914, and on March 16, 1919 she gave her hand in marriage to John Schoneweiss. They were allowed only six years of living together. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter and two sons. She died on April 4 in the age of 27 years, 7 months, and 28 days. She is mourned by her husband and his three little children, the mother, the parents-in-law, 2 brothers, 6 sisters, and other relatives. On April 7 her body was given over to earth's lap on the Lutheran cemetery. The funeral sermon was about the word's that comforted and strengthened the departed on her sickbed. Romans 8:38-39

J. B. Reents, Pastor
Pickrell, Nebraska

(1924)
After a long and hard suffering finally died here Vohlke Schuster, nee Wallhausen, wife of Jans M. Schuster. She was born at Strackholt, Ostfriesland and came to America in 1884, where she got married to her now mourning husband. Next to him a daughter with her family is also mourning about her going home, which was a great release for her after a heavy suffering. Although since many years she was suffering a nervous disease, which most likely hit her visual abilities. Eleven years ago she sought for help in Germany and later, in addition, every adjuvant was tried, but without success and since seven years she was totally blind and also suffering other diseases. She patiently carried her burden until she received redemption, aged 49 years. Next to her kin are mourning her mother, still living at Strackholt, and her brothers Gerd Wallmann of Bates County, Missouri, and Ehme Wallmann from here, and her sister, Mrs. Aagte Ommen, who also lives here, as well. (More in the obituary).

On June 3, Lena Friederika, little daughter of Heinrich J. Schuster, and wife, nee Folkerts, died, aged one month and two days. She got buried under the leading of Pastor Reents on June 4.

Renke Leners
After long and difficult suffering, my dear wife, and our good mother and grandmother, VOHLKE SCHUSTER, nee WALLMANN passed away on June 6, 1916. She reached the age of 49 years, 4 months, and 3 days. She was born on February 3, 1867 in Strackholt, Ostfriesland, where she was also baptized, the only daughter of Jurgen Wallmann and wife Almt, nee Bollmann. On February 24, 1883 she was confirmed by Pastor Janssen, and one year later she emigrated to America, and on December 4, 1886, she married Jans M. Schuster. The Lord blessed this marriage with one daughter. A number of years ago a nervous disorder became noticeable, especially with her vision that continued to decrease to the point of being totally blind the last seven years of her life. Other physical ailments increased, and she sometimes had great pain to endure until the Lord relieved her of all suffering on June 6. She was buried on June 8. Many people attended the funeral. Pastor Reents conducted the service. Text: Job 7:16. Surviving her are her husband, daughter and son-in-law, a granddaughter, her elderly mother in Strackholt, a sister and two brothers. Her youngest brother, Jann Wallmann, died after a lengthy illness on April 23 in Strackholt.

This notice with a heavy heart, the grieving husband, Jans W. Schuster; the children Hermann Weber and wife Gretje, nee Schuster; and the granddaughter, Mena Weber.

Pickrell, Nebraska
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
SCHLÜTER, Anna Friederike (Leeners)

Herrlich to all friends that it has pleased God to take from our side after long suffering our beloved wife, mother, great and great-great grandmother and sister,

Anna Friederike Schlüter, nee Leeners

She was born the daughter of Renke Lenners and wife Ettje, nee Schweers on June 14, 1846 at Oltmannsfenh, Ostfriesland, where she was also baptized. In 1858, after her mother's death, she, her father and brothers, came to America, to Golden, Illinois, where she was confirmed by Pastor Koopmann. On October 9, 1862, she married Brune Meints, who died October 3, 1867. This marriage was blessed with three children, one of which died at a tender age. She married a second time on September 6, 1868 to Ludwig Schlüter. This marriage produced nine children, five of which died at a young age. She passed away on April 16, 1918 at the age of 71 years, 10 months, and 2 days. She was buried on the 19th with Pastor Dorow conducting the service. Survivors include her husband, three sons, three daughters, and three brothers.

"Tearfully we lay you down in your eternal sleeping gown. Never will you to us return. That is why we cry and softly yearn. But for us will come the hour of death and we will see you again at our last breath, when united we once again will be with God for all eternity."

This notice from the bereaved family.
Henry Spahn has died.

The well-known German police officer Henry Spahn, who served our town for almost 18 years, has died in his house at 310 Bell Street on Sunday night at 11:35 p.m. after a long suffering of Bright's disease (acute or chronic nephritis). He suffered the last two years and came to Excelsior Springs two months ago, hoping to get back his health again. However, without avail, because he got hit by stroke last Thursday, and his entire left side was paralyzed. As the tragic news arrived here by cable, his wife, accompanied by her oldest son Henry, drove to him. On Saturday night they arrived here. Although he could fairly keep his condition while moving to the hospital, his condition now got worse in spite of medical help, and he died in the presence of his relatives, except of his youngest son, William, who currently was in Odessa, Washington, but was immediately informed about the death of his father.

The burial took place at 3 p.m. under great assistance of the German Lutheran congregation on the Evergreen Home Cemetery. Our deepest condolences to the survivors!
Informing all dear friends and acquaintances that it has pleased Almighty God to suddenly and unexpectedly taken from my side my dearly beloved wife Foskea Stein, nee Rickers. She died, as we may confidently hope, in the belief in her Redeemer, in the hospital in Champaign where she had to undergo a dangerous operation, and even a second one on August 20. She was married to Anton Stein in 1908. The marriage produced a daughter and two sons, ranging in ages from 8 to 3 years, still too young to comprehend the great loss. The departed was a daughter of Hermann Rickers and wife and was born August 25, 1892 in La Prairie, Adams County, Illinois. She was a member of our Emanuel’s Congregation in Flatville where she was also confirmed. On the 23rd, her lifeless body was laid to final rest. Many people attended the funeral.

This notice submitted by the bereaved husband, Anton Stein, and family in the name of the parents and siblings of the departed.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
TJADEN, Antje (Faseler)

After a short but severe illness died softly and calmly my loyal wife and the devoted, caring mother of my dear children, Antje Tjaden, nee Faseler on 9 February, and we hope for a better awakening. She was born on 31 March 1843 at Wrisse, Ostfriesland. There she also got married in the year 1867. She emigrated to America in the spring 1868 and settled in the state of Missouri. In 1877 she moved to Richardson County, Nebraska, and in 1883 she settled in our vicinity where she stayed until the end. She died of a stroke, aged 68 years, 10 months and 8 days. Her marriage was blessed by the Lord with 10 children; two of them preceded her in death. The funeral was held on 14 February at the Lutheran Immanuel Cemetery near Wymore, Nebraska, under large participation. Pastor Doering held the sermon at home about 2 Timothy 4:7-8 and in the church about Ephesians 4:9-11. "Come in black clothes, weep thank - but don't moan! Although the body is leaving you, what you are loving will stay forever."

For quiet condolences asks Harm Tjaden, Wymore, Nebraska

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OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN
TRAUERNICHT, Volke Mathilde
(Zimmerman)

It pleased the Lord over life and death to withdraw Volke Mathilde Trauernicht, nee Zimmermann, out of this life. She was born on November 4, 1888 as youngest daughter of the married couple Claas Zimmermann and Engel, nee Geistfeld, at Hanover, Nebraska, where she also got baptized and confirmed.

On June 6, 1909 she married Hinrich Trauernicht, and the Lord blessed this marriage with three sons, where the youngest one saw the light of this world just some hours before the mother died. She died on pneumonia acute in the morning of January 4. The short duration of her being on earth lasted 26 years and 2 months. Her remains got buried on the cemetery of our Lutheran congregation on January 7th under great attendance.

Sermon about Jeremiah 29:11.
Mourning are ...
We received the sad news from the old homeland that our brother

JANN JÜRGENS WALLMANN

died on June 29th after long sufferings. He was born in Strackholt on October 30, 1869, and he thus reached an age of 46 years, 5 months, and 30 days. He leaves behind his wife and five children, his mother, two brothers, and two sisters. One of the sisters, Vohlke Schuster, nee Wallmann, died on June 6th.

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Aagte Ommen, nee Wallmann.
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Adams, Nebraska
To all friends and acquaintances herewith the sad news (is brought), that it pleased the Lord over life and death to take away my beloved wife, our mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Ette Jürgens Wattjes, nee Zimmermann, after a short illness, from our side.

She was born on December 23, 1841 at Spetzerfehn, Ostfriesland as the daughter of Jürgen Reiners Zimmermann and wife Anna, nee Behrends. She was baptized on December 26, 1841 and confirmation was on February 24, 1860 at Strackholt. On May 5, 1864 she got married to Johann A. Wattjes of Spetzerfehn. This marriage was blessed with three children, whereof two preceded their mother in death.

In 1872 we came to America and lived at first at Atchison County, Missouri for two years, then four years at Elk Creek, Nebraska, and then we moved to Gage County and lived since then in the Hanover community/congregation.

She died on April 15, 1918 and reached the age of 76 years, 3 months, and 22 days. She was buried on the 17th, where Pastor Kitzelmann conducted the sermon about Off. John 12:11.

She leaves behind the undersigning deeply grieved husband, Johann A. Wattjes.
Beatrice, Nebraska

This brings to attention the afflicted husband, Johann A. Wattjes.
Beatrice, Nebraska
April 20, 1917*

It pleased the Lord to call Helene Weber from thence. She was born at Spetzerfehn on September 7, 1882. Aged five years she came with her parents to Sterling, Nebraska. She married Heere Weber on September 12, 1899. The marriage got blessed with eight children. Soon after giving birth to her youngest daughter, she suffered a cardiac stroke on March 14 and was stiff after a few minutes. Funeral was on March 18, where the subscriber held the service. She was buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Christ congregation near Pickrell, Nebraska. She reached the age of 34 years, 6 months, and 7 days. The Lord may console the husband and the children who are mourning the departure of the wife and mother.

In the name of the survivors, J. Pirner, pastor.
To all relatives and acquaintances the news that it has pleased God to take to himself through death

Hinrich Weber

He was born on January 3, 1898 in Hanover, Gage County, Nebraska, and died on June 20, 1909. Pastor Schroder conducted the service with the words, "The Master is there and is calling you!" "Hinrich, you died early. Out of the world, your valley of tears, God, your Creator, called you again, to Himself in the banquet hall, where no pain or suffering afflicts you, the peach of heaven comforts you, where your Jesus delights you and bestows to you the crown of honor."

This notice from the grieving parents, Rieke Weber and wife and children.

Sterling, Nebraska June 26, 1909
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

WENDT, Antje

Parkersburg, Iowa

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take away from our side our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Antje Wendt, nee Weber, on July, 3 1918. She was born on 28 October 1851 as daughter of Rieke Weber and wife Hilka, nee Rickels, at Strackholt, Ostfriesland and was baptized on November 6, 1851. She came to America with her parents in 1852 and lived for four years in Illinois, and came later to Nebraska. She married Efert Schuster in 1872, who died on July 4, 1897. She married Fred C. Wendt on August 16, 1905, who is surviving her now. She was buried on July 4, where Pastor Pohlmann conducted the sermon in the German language about Psalm 90:10 and in the English language about Romans 6:23. She reached the age of 66 years, 8 months, and 4 days. She is survived by her husband, four sons and four daughters, 28 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three brothers. Four children preceded her in death.

This is announced by the next of kin.

Harvard, Nebraska.
OSTFRIESISCHE NACHRICHTEN

WICHMANN, Albert

It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take back my beloved husband, our devoted father, grandfather, and great grandfather Albert Wichmann through a gentle death caused of old age to Him into His kingdom of heaven on the 28th of May of this year. The deceased was born on 8 July 1820 at Strackholt, Ostfriesland, and thus reached the age of 88 years, 10 months and 20 days. His going home is mourned by his surviving wife. Ten children and step children, 55 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Two wives and three children of first and second marriage preceded him in death. Already since many years it was his wish from the very bottom of his heart, to pass away and be with the Lord, and we therefore will take comfort in the assured hope that he has passed by to the pleasure of his Lord. On 2 July his body got laid for eternal rest in God's acre of our St. Petri congregation. Pastor Dageförde chose the most loved words for the deceased: Jes. 43:1-3 for the sermon and the mourning community sang the song: Very Rejoice, Oh My Soul.

This brings to attention in the name of all the people left behind, the mourning widow Gesche Wichmann, nee Duis Flanagan (Windtown), Illinois.
March 1, 1916*

This sad news to all relatives and friends, that it has pleased the Lord over life and death to take our only child, Gretje Margaretha Gesina Wilken, into heaven. She was born on May 16, 1915 and baptized on June 11, 1915. She died after six days of illness with pulmonary fever at the age of 8 months and 29 days. The burial took place on February 14, where Pastor Reents held the sermon about Matthew 6:10. “Thus, dear parents, stop to mourn about my short vita (life). I am perfect now, who blessedly died in the right age.”

This is announced by the saddened parents, Johann Wilken and wife Ma (the name is covered by another sheet of paper), nee Hoefeling.

Adams, Nebraska.
This is notified to all friends and acquaintances that the burial of both the bodies of Menno Wilts and Henry Assing, sent from France and England, took place on June 8th and 14th under great attendance at the cemetery of the reformed congregation of Wellsburg. Menno Wilts, a son of Otto Wilts and wife, was born on May 26, 1895 in Hardin County, Iowa. He started to serve the army on February 25, 1918. He served at first in Camp Dodge and came in April to Long Island, New York, to stay at attention for serving beyond the ocean. On May 25, the day before his birthday, his family received the sad news that he died of pneumonia. He was the first victim of our region. The last words the signee heard from him was that he would trust in God. May the Lord who all decided in his wise council lead the view of his parents and siblings up to Him, where all their yearning has to go if they will meet again ever.

Henry Harvey Assing, husband of wife Jennie Assing, nee Wilts, was born on July 29, 1894 at Wellsburg. He started serving the army on July 22, 1918. At first he came to Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas. The deceased one, a personnel friend of the signee, recognized his situation for himself better than someone else could have told him. His happy marriage that only lasted shortly before made his leaving hard and bitter. But he renewed himself and delivered his life into God's hands. In September he moved to Camp Mills, New Jersey, and shortly thereafter he should serve across the ocean. But the Lord decided otherwise. On October 28, 1918, the veil of death spread upon the already afflicted family as Henry Assing was recalled into eternity. Already before landing in France, he fell sick of pneumonia and died of its followings on October 5, 1918. The dear Lord may console all the bereaved persons! This is the wish and prayer of the signee. At the burials the sermon was held in both of the languages, the first one about John 13:7 and the second one about Revelation 2:10b.

W. ***siedel, Pastor
Wellsburg, Iowa
Die Weisung von Wismar


Der Krieg wird beginnen, wenn die Horden sich voll neigen, wird seinen Höhepunkt erreichen, wenn die Kirchen zum dritten Mal brennen. Den Heiden schliess der Fürst zur Zeit der Christmase. —

Wenn dieses Schriftstück wirklich aus dem Jahre 1701 stammt, so müssen wir genauesten, die genaue Prophetsage bis auf den heutigen Tag eingetroffen sein. Wir wollen nur hoffen, dass auch die langerfristige Prophezeiung nicht zu früh vorliegen werde, damit die ganze Welt wieder freier aufstehen kann.
Wednesday, May 30, 1917

The bodement (prophecy) of Wismar
(translation by Jürgen Adams)

A sensational bodement was found while a wall in the monastery 'The Holy Spirit' got torn down at Wismar in Mecklenburg. A sheet of vellum was found in a bible that is now exposed under glass and frame in the city hall because of its predictive content. The script was authored by a fleeing monk in the year 1701 and the text says: Lord, have mercy with your folk that are turning off more and more; it destroys your monasteries, it destroys your Holy Order, it captures the power and makes it useful to its purposes. At a time while the papal throne is unseated, terrible penalization will afflict Europe. Cattiness, libel and hatefulness will revolutionize a small group; the murder of a prince will ignite a fire. Seven kingdoms will stand up against a bird with one head and a bird with two heads. The birds will protect their privileges with their pinion feathers, and with their claws they will defend it. A lord of the middle who climbs his horse from the wrong side will be surrounded by a wall of enemies. The motto of the lord will sound: 'God with us, ahead!' The all mightiness of the Lord will bestead him and lead him from victory to victory; a great struggle will happen in east and west and many people will be destroyed. Wagons will hurry without horses; fiery dragons will fly through the air and spit fire and sulfur, destroying towns and villages. Mankind will watch this powerlessly. People will hear the admonition of the Lord and the Lord will turn off his face. The furor will happen for three years and five months, a time will come up, where you will be unable to buy or sale, and bread will be counted and rationed. The seas will be colored red by blood and men will live at the bottom of the sea, lurking for prey. The people of the seven stars will intervene the agonized and will attack the bearded people from behind and turn off the middle.

The entire Middle-Rhine will tremble but not lose, but exist until the end of time. The land in the west will be a land of destruction, the land in the sea and its king will be defeated and reach the deepest step of distress, the bearded people will exist for a long time, but all people will be afflicted and a long period of uncertainty will happen to all the people. The winner will bear a cross and a final judgment will happen between four cities with four equal towers, a cross is erected there between two linden trees; here the winner will kneel down, spread his arms and thank the Lord. The war will have abolished all those godless dances and the divine regime in church, state and family will get restored. The war will start when the spikes will bow, the summit will be, when the cherries will blossom for the third time. The lord will sign the peace at the time of Christmas.

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It has pleased the Lord over life and death to take from our side to his heavenly kingdom, my dear husband and our kind father and grandfather

Heinrich Wolken

He was born November 5, 1857 at Leerhafe, Ostfriesland, where he was also baptized and later confirmed. In 1883 he came to America, was in Nebraska City one year, and then came to Gage County where he lived until his death. In 1887 he married Folkea, nee Dorn. This marriage was blessed with four children, of whom, however, two grown sons preceded the father in death. Several weeks before his death, he suffered a stroke which led to his death. He died on September 26, 1922 in the age of 64 years, 10 months, and 21 days. The funeral took place on September 29, with Pastor Reents conducting the service. Text: Corinthians 15:42-43. He leaves behind his grieving widow, a son, a daughter, a son-in-law, a grandson, two brothers, and a sister here in America, and two brothers and a sister in Germany.

This notice from the deeply saddened widow, Folkea Wolken, nee Dorn.

Adams, Nebraska
On 31 January of this year, Hinrich Wolken died, the oldest son of the married couple Heinrich Wolken and Folkea, nee Doorn. He was born February 7, 1888 at Hanover, where he was soon after baptized in the Lutheran Church and later also confirmed after basic instruction in the word of God. About five years ago, he began being sick from a lung disorder which later resulted in bronchitis. In the realization that his stay on earth would not be long, he searched more earnestly to save his soul, and since he placed his trust in God's love of sinners through Christ, we have the sweet comfort that his soul is now in the light of Christ.

His body was laid to rest on February 4.

Text of the funeral service was from Romans 8:31-32. His pilgrimage on this earth was for 26 years, 11 months, and 24 days. He leaves behind his parents, a brother and a sister.

In the name of the bereaved:
J. B. Reents, pastor
To all friends and acquaintances the sad news that it has pleased the Lord over life and death to take my beloved wife, our dear mother and grandmother

Rixte Zimmermann, nee de Buhr
She was born December 15, 1857 at Strackholt, Ostfriesland, the oldest daughter of the married couple Menne de Buhr and wife Janna, nee Harms. In 1875 she came with her father and siblings to Champaign County, Illinois. In 1880 she came here and on June 23 of the same year she married the undersigned. This marriage was blessed with five daughters and one son. One daughter preceded her in death in 1900. She passed away November 1 and on November 4 we laid her to rest. Our pastor conducted the funeral service. Text: Job 6:1. Mourning her with me are one son, four daughters, four sons-in-law, and one daughter-in-law, 27 grandchildren, one sister in Illinois, and other relatives. May she rest in peace!

The grieving husband,
Juergen Zimmerman and family

Pickrell, Nebraska
Mrs. Thos. Zimmermann has died. After a long suffering Mrs. Thos. Zimmermann, nee Miller, has died in her house the corner of 8th and Ames Street, aged 67 years, 6 months, and 4 days. The deceased who had first seen the light of day at Forsbach (typo: Vossbarg, Voßbarg or Fosbarg—different spellings by different pastors), Ostfriesland, Germany was nine years old when she came to America with her father, who settled at Lebanon, Illinois, where she later married her now surviving husband. They came to Nebraska in 1860 and settled at Hanover Township where they lived until 1906 and then came to here, where they now live and thought to live their latest [years]. As she suffered the last [years] and was bedfast the last months, her passing was no surprise. She leaves behind her grieving husband and six mature children. They are: Mrs. Etta Dorn of Franklin, Nebaska., Mrs. Abbie Meints, Mrs. Tilda Frerichs, and Eilert, all living at Logan Township; Mrs. Fannie Baumann of Pickrell; and Mary, who is still unmarried and lives in her parent’s home. The burial took place about 2:30 p.m. under great sympathies of relatives and friends from the German-Lutheran church here to the Evergreen Home Cemetery. Our deepest condolences to the survivors!
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Zion Lutheran Church, rural Pickrell, Nebraska
--Pickrell, Nebraska

In an earlier issue of the Ostfriesische Nachrichten of the 50th anniversary of our Hanover Congregation. However, more can be said about the history and experiences of the congregation. This East Frisian church looked out from a high watch tower on the Bear Creek to the countryside as a landmark in beautiful Gage County as one of the most beautiful churches in the entire country. The old church was not only a small, obsolete building whose steeple could be seen far from a distance, but the robust congregation could afford to have a more beautiful, more modern house of worship and they were willing to make the sacrifices for construction. It has been 64 years ago that the first East Frisians settled here on Bear Creek. It was Tamme Zimmermann from Strackholt, 90 years old, now living in nearby Beatrice. He experienced the entire development of the land from wild prairie and the Indian buffalo hunts to the cultivated farming region. There is no trace left of this romantic prairie. More of his countrymen followed him, but it took more years before a traveling preacher came to this wild country. He preached to them in a dugout and baptized the children who were born in between time. He did this until 1874. So many settlers came that they joined together with the congregation in Sterling and shared one pastor. The congregation built a parsonage on a piece of land donated by Heye Meints. The house didn't stand very long. It burned down and Pastor Martens barely escaped with his life. In 1877 he left. In the same year the congregation dissolved the agreement with Sterling and called a candidate, Willm Ehmen, as their own pastor. He stayed only a short time. A new parsonage was built. Pastor Seylor was called in 1879 and in 1881 the first church was built. Until then, the services were held in a school house. After Pastor Seylor, Pastor Lompe followed who stayed here from 1887 to 1896. Following him was Pastor Hertel until 1902 when Pastor Reents was called who preached as an East Frisian in an East Frisian congregation. The congregation continued growing and is today the largest in the Iowa Synod of the Lutheran Church, distinguishing themselves from north to south as an independent congregation. It will certainly be one of the largest, almost exclusively East Frisian Church congregations of East Frisian settlements.
Last Sunday, August 5, was a special birthday for our congregation. It was the dedication of our new church. The construction of a new church became absolutely necessary because of the growth of the congregation and therefore our big and strong congregation unanimously decided to build one deserving of the congregation. In the course of a long construction time with a building budget of nearly $45,000, it now stands finished. The entire hefty sum was raised without difficulties and the construction is debt free. It has become a church of such majestic size and accomplishment hardly to be seen anywhere in the country; an edifice that our congregation, all descendants of Ostfriesland, can be genuinely proud of. The dedication day was supposed to become a special festival and many people from other settlements in Nebraska expected. But the evening before it rained, and also the morning of the celebration the rain had not stopped. Therefore, many couldn’t attend because of the rain. During the day it dried a little and in the afternoon cars could be used again. In the afternoon you could count not fewer than 325 cars around the church and also probably 100 buggies. The big new church could not hold such a crowd of people and many had to stay outside. In the forenoon the local Pastor Reents conducted the farewell sermon in the old church and later the dedication of the new church. Then Pastor M. Hertel from Nauvoo, Illinois, but previously was the pastor of our congregation from 1896 to 1901 when the old church was annexed. In the afternoon Pastor Krebs from Syracuse, Nebraska preached in English and afterwards Pastor Bergrastrasser from Sterling, who also was our pastor for years during whose time an annexation and dedication was also held. In the evening Pastor Geyer from Long Branch spoke, who was here 14 years ago when the new pipe organ was dedicated.