


Obituaries

Andy J. Welch

Andy J. Welch was born Dec. 28, 1875, at Milford and died Sept. 8 at the Nebraska state fair at the age of 74. He was a fair board member.

He was the son of pioneer parents, John T. and Mary Jane Welch, who went to Milford from Kentucky and Illinois a few years prior to his birth.



Mr. Welch attended the Milford public schools, Western normal school at Lincoln, and the Jones school of auctioneering in Chicago.

On Jan. 1, 1896, he married Mary Birky. Two children, Lyle and Alvera, were born to them.

Thruout his life he maintained a keen interest in farming and stock raising. Other business interests during his long and active career included a hardware firm, an ice company, a meat and grocery business, insurance and real estate, an auction company, and a service station.

Mr. Welch served 16 years on the Milford school board, 37 years on the Milford volunteer fire department, 18 years on the village board, and was a past president of the Seward county board of supervisors. For 12 years he was president or chief of the fire department.

He also served as state senator thru five terms of the bicameral legislature. He was a past president of the Seward county fair association, secretary of the Blue Mound Cemetery association, a director of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator company, and he had spent 15 years as a member of the state board of agriculture (fair board). He was a member of the Milford Methodist church.

His interest in youth activities was great. He will be remembered for his contributions of time, counsel and land to the Camp Fire Girls of Lincoln and Nebraska at Camp Kiwanis near Milford.

Besides his wife and two children, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Pearl Atwood of Lincoln; one brother, Dr. J. Stanley Welch of Lincoln; one granddaughter, two nephews and one niece.

Philip L. Webster

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