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Madison County Poor Farm

Poor Farm Matron Out of Danger

Burns and Shock of Explosion First Thought More Serious

Mrs. Wm. Motz, matron of the county farm, burned severely about the face and arms early Monday morning was reported resting satisfactorily at her home today. She was badly burned and otherwise injured when the hot air furnace exploded. She was struck on the arm by a clean out lid and knock to the basement floor and enveloped by flames.

Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 17, 1931 on page 12.

Corn Yield of 62 Bushels at County Farm

Best Reported in this section—First planting destroyed by worms.

The Madison county farm is one of the finest in Northeast Nebraska. It has a set of modern buildings and a 26 room modern house. At the present time there are 14 inmates at the farm, the largest number in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Motz have been in charge of the place for the past two years. They moved to Madison county from Logan, Iowa, about five years ago. While a resident of Logan, Mr. Motz served as county commissioner of Harrison county.

In addition to the regular winter farming operation Mr. Motz is feeding a car load of cattle and a car load of hogs. Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 17, 1931 on page 1.

William Motz New Supt. County Farm

William Decker, who has served as superintendent of the Madison county poor farm for the past nine years, has tendered his resignation taking effect March 1st.

Mr. Decker's management of the county farm has been very satisfactory and it was with regret the commissioners accepted his resignation. Mrs. Decker, who has served as matron during her husband's incumbency, is held in high esteem by the inmates of the farm as well as the commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker expect to leave soon for Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they plan to locate. William Motz, Battle Creek, has been named to succeed Mr. Decker.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, March 6, 1930, page 1.