

Adams County Historical Museum - 1938 Scrapbook

February 10, 1938

Former Pastor of Mennonite Church dies

Dr. John W. Kliewer Dies at Newton, Kansas, Wednesday

The Rev. John W. Kliewer, D.D., pastor of the First Mennonite Church here from 1902 to 1911, and travel companion of J. P. Habegger of this place on a world tour in 1920 and 1921, died at Newton, Kansas, Wednesday morning according to a telegram received at the J. P. Habegger home here Wednesday noon.

Cause of death was not stated in the message but he had suffered several strokes of paralysis in the past year and he was in a very poor condition for some time.

Dr. Kliewer, until his recent illness, was considered one of the foremost leaders in the Mennonite Church. He was president of Bethel College, Newton, Kansas from 1911 to 1920 and from 1925 to 1932, being president emeritus since 1932 when poor health caused him to retire.

The deceased was born June 3, 1869 at Michalin, near Berdichieff, Russia, the son of John P. and Aganetha Foth Kliewer. He was married to Miss Emma Ruth at Halstead, Kansas October 30, 1902.

Three children, all born in Berne, survive. They are Karl, Ruth and Paul.

Mrs. Kliewer preceded dying at Newton from pneumonia on January 2, 1935.

Dr. Kliewer attended Halstead Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute and received doctor's degrees from Bluffton College and the Garrett Biblical Institute.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Kliewer were always held in very high esteem here.

Funeral services will be held at the Newton, Kansas Mennonite Church at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Transcribed by Jim Cox