

**By Carolyn Lee**

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Lifelong farmer Henry Meeske of Imperial has been named the grand marshal for the Chase County Fair parade. He replaces Raymond Maxfield of Wauneta, who has been ill.

Meeske, 95, was the son of homesteaders August and Clara Meeske in the Champion Valley. The family farm was homesteaded about 1906, with some land in Dundy County, too.

August settled on the land after traveling from eastern Nebraska. Clara was born and raised in Chase County.

Henry and wife, Dorothy, had two daughters, Judy, who is deceased, and Alisa Rindells of Scottsbluff, and two sons, Kenneth of Paris, Texas and Lloyd Harold, who is deceased.

Lloyd's three sons, Lloyd Henry, Galen and Karl, currently farm the family land. They have some rangeland that they rent out, but don't have any cattle anymore, Lloyd said.

Henry has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 15. The route extends from near Imperial Manor, then east on 10th Street, turning south onto Broadway Street, and ending at the south end of that street.

Entry forms for parade contestants are included in this newspaper. A number of categories will be voted upon by judges, with ribbons and prizes awarded.

Classes include business, organization, equestrian, religious and open. An overall grand prize winner will also be chosen.