

# THE FRONTIER

## CYCLONE TUESDAY WRECKS BUILDINGS EAST OF CHAMBERS

**Mrs. Frank Urban Suffers From Shock When Caught In Storm Without Any Shelter.**

Downpours of rain, accompanied by damaging winds, visited various parts of Northeast Nebraska Tuesday evening, that sent many streams out of their banks and caused the loss of many farm buildings from cyclonic winds.

A tornado struck in the south country, for the second time in three weeks and caused several hundreds of dollars worth of damage in ruined farm buildings, wire fences and trees.

Pat Connolly, of this city, who was on a cream collecting trip in the southern part of the county, was an eye witness to the storm being only a few hundred yards from the path of the storm. Pat said he saw it coming and stopped his car and watched the storm.

He was near the old Jarman place, now occupied by Ted Fredericks, when he noticed the storm. It was at this point that it started, according to F. J. Dishner of this city, who has charge of the place for the owners, and he went to the farm the next morning.

Mr. Connolly says the air was filled with flying debris, trees and farm buildings being picked up and tossed around like feathers and the roar of the storm was terrific. Although the loss to farmers as a result of the storm will run into high figures, fortunately no one was seriously injured.

According to Mr. Dishner the storm covered an area of about thirty yards wide and six miles long. It started at the old Jarman place, about six miles southeast of Chambers, and went east. At this place a large barn was destroyed, outbuildings and hundreds of trees uprooted. The house was untouched.

The Leisenwald farm was the next in the storm's path. Here everything except the house was torn to pieces.

The George Herzog farm was next. Here the hen house was demolished and taken several hundred yards, and other out-buildings destroyed.

The next place in the line of the storm was the old Schrier place, now occupied by Mr. Fisher. Here it tore thru a large grove of cottonwoods, pulling up 40-foot trees and piling them in heaps. All the outbuildings were destroyed, but the house was undamaged.

The next place in the path of the twister, known as the old Lienhart place. All the buildings on the place were wrecked, except the house, and a large grove was badly twisted and torn. We were unable to learn who is now living on the place.

The next place in the storm's path was the Frank Urban place, occupied by Mrs. Urban and her son. This place was badly wrecked. A large grove surrounded the buildings and the trees were torn up, many of them over forty feet high, and they were thrown over the house, caving it in. Mrs. Urban, about 70, was in the yard and saw the storm coming. She ran for a brooder house, it being the closest place of refuge, but before she reached it, the storm had carried it away, and she was hurled up against a wire fence, where she stood holding onto a post, and was badly buffeted by the wind. All outbuildings on this place, as well as the house, were badly wrecked. It was at first thought that Mrs. Urban was badly injured, but the latest report we have had was to the effect that she was suffering mostly from shock. The storm seemed to have lifted here, for no further damage was done by it in this county.

Several miles south of there, near Cumminsville, Wheeler county, a storm struck shortly after the Holt county storm, and destroyed four buildings and a school house on the Elgin highway, east of the filling station, where the highway turns east.

From local insurance agents we learn that some of the buildings that were destroyed were covered by insurance, while other were not. Practically all the fences in the path of the storm were destroyed and the next morning cattle were all over the south country and at

various places visited by the storm neighbors were present in large numbers helping their neighbors repair fences, buildings, and getting their stock back in their own pastures.

## Mail Plane Fails To Show UP; Reported Down At Clearwater

The plane which was to have picked up air mail here today at 11:12 in the forenoon, had not made its appearance by 3:30 p. m., as this is written. The last report received here was to the effect that the plane was down at Clearwater on its way west to Basset.

Schools were dismissed and the school children and most of the city's citizens were at the field on Tom Griffin's place where the plane was to land, but by noon most of them had left in disappointment.

Mrs. Sullivan, postmaster, informed this office that she would call Omaha to find out what was to be done with the air mail from here, as it is not known at present whether the trip will be completed.

## The Frontier 58 Years Old With This Issue

This issue of The Frontier is number 1, volume 59. For fifty-eight years this paper has been published weekly in this city boosting the city of O'Neill and Holt county. It has always been for the upbuilding of this city and county and for the welfare of the people herein, and it will continue to do so.

Since Feb. 11, 1892, the present editor of The Frontier has been connected with its publication, for a time in partnership with the late W. D. Matthews the founder of the paper, and with Clyde King. Mr. Mathews retired from the paper after about a year and then Mr. King and the writer conducted it together until the summer of 1896 when Mr. King retired and since that time the present editor has been in charge of the destinies of the paper.

During the years we have been in control we have tried to give the people of Holt county a good newspaper and one that would be a welcome visitor in every home in the county. It always has had the largest subscription list in the county and it still holds that position. Many improvements have been made in the past few years and more are contemplated in the not distant future. So now is the time to get your name enrolled on The Frontier's list of readers.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation to the many people in the county and to the merchants of this city for their liberal patronage in the past and hope by continually striving to give them the best in the county, we will continue to merit that patronage.

## Attend Family Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock and son, Warren, Ed Hancock and daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Loyal Hull and daughter, Lois, and son Galen, drove to David City Saturday where they attended a family gathering at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hancock. All of the children were present, except Mrs. Vance Kline of Clarksburg, Mo., who had planned on being present, but then was unable to attend.

Claude Hancock returned to O'Neill and visited friends here, returning to his home at David City Monday evening. Wednesday Mr. Hancock left David City for Tekaman where he has been appointed County Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Burt county.

## Alpha Club

The annual May tea was held at the home of Mrs. Aaron Boshart on Wednesday, May 11. Eleven members and twenty-three guests were present. Roll call was to name an old pioneer, when and where they settled in Holt county. Most of the old settlers were mentioned. Esther Robertson read the story of two local pioneers which were John Robertson and Mrs. P. J. Lansworth. La Vern Robertson gave the history of Holt county and Nellie Boshart the early history of local schools. Then the old settlers were called on to tell about their journey to Holt county. Mrs. Lansworth showed us a pic-

ture of a glacier in Alaska which was tinted and painted by her brother.

Louise Robertson and Evelyn Simonson presided at the table which was lace covered and centered with tulips. After tea each guest received a tulip as a favor.

The guests were: Mrs. Lansworth, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Ervin Simonson, Mrs. Lease, Mrs. Phiefile, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. Burt Ott, Mrs. John Claussen, Mrs. Grace Burg, Mrs. John Donohoe, Mrs. Jim McNulty, Mrs. Grace Hammerlin, Mrs. Hans Egger and Sharon Kay, Ilene and Anna Marie Hammerlin, Ilene and Vera Grutsch.

The hostess served open faced sandwiches, pickles, olives, cream puffs, coffee and cocoa. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ruby Morton June 8.

## Elmer Lorenz Married Sunday To Miss Ruth Scott At Plainview, Neb.

Sunday afternoon, May 15, at the Congregational church of Plainview, Mr. Elmer Lorenz of O'Neill and Miss Ruth Scott of Plainview, were united in marriage by the Rev. Brownell. Shortly after 2 o'clock the bridal party arrived and was ushered in by the rendition of Lohengren's wedding march. First in the bridal procession came the bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Carpenter, followed by the bride on the arm of her father. In front of a flower-covered lattice work and glowing tapers the bridal procession was met by the bridegroom and his attendant, Vernon Lorenz nephew of the groom, and the double ring ceremony was solemnized.

Frances Blezek, accompanied by Maxine Baber, sang two selections, "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride was attired in a gown of white silk marquisette and long trailing veil edged with imported French lace. She carried a small colonial type bouquet of lilies of the valley and pink roses. The bridesmaid wore a dress of peach organdie and a corsage of Talisman roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where ice cream and cake was served to the guests. The center of attraction on the table of the bridal party was a three-tier wedding cake, beautifully decorated in pink and white, on top of which were a tiny bride and groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Plainview high school, class of 1935. After graduating from high school she completed a secretarial course at an Omaha business school. For the past two years, she has been employed as stenographer by the Interstate Power company here.

The groom is the son of Fred Lorenz of O'Neill, and is a graduate of the O'Neill high school. For the past few years he has been in partnership with his father on a ranch west of O'Neill.

Immediately after the reception Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz left for a wedding trip thru the western states, and they will visit Mrs. Lorenz's brother, George Scott, at Longview, Wash.

## Attends Funeral Of Wm. McCormick In Texas

Henry Grady left last Saturday night for Dallas, Texas, in response to a telegram announcing the death in that city of William McCormick, as the result of a heart attack after an illness of but two days. Mr. Grady left here in time to attend the funeral.

Mrs. McCormick is the daughter of Mrs. Jane McGrath, formerly Jane Cronin, a sister of D. J. and William Cronin of this city, and she was born and grew to womanhood in this city. Mr. McCormick was also well known in this city as he was here on various occasions with Knight of Columbus degree teams when the order was holding semi-annual initiations in this city. He was a comparatively young man, but had retired from active business a couple of years ago, having amassed a comfortable fortune in the contracting business as a member of the contracting firm of William Condon & Co.

Henry will visit relatives and friends in various parts of Texas before his return home.

## HOLT COUNTY 4-H CLUBBERS WIN IN NATIONAL CONTEST

**Donna Shellhase and Helen Wilkinson Win Prizes On Farm Accounting Records.**

Two Holt county 4-H club members won prizes for outstanding farm account records in a national contest, according to word received here from L. I. Frisbie, state leader of 4-H clubs. Donna Shellhase and Helen Wilkinson each won \$5.00.

Nebraska club members took 33 out of the 805 awards thruout the United States. This represented one twenty-fourth of the awards and one twentieth of the money.

W. W. Heuermann, extension specialist in rural economics at the Nebraska college of agriculture, assisted a large number of these club members in making inventories and planning their work.

Mr. Frisbie says the 403 members enrolled this year in farm account clubs are looking forward to the 1938 contest in which \$8,500 will again be offered by the International Harvester company.

A check-up May 1, showed more than 2,000 increase in Nebraska 4-H club enrollment. With 19,993 enrolled, 1937 was the record year.

## Boys Face Cut When He Rides Into Barbed Wire

Duke Kersensbrock suffered a severe gash in his forehead and left cheek Sunday evening when he ran into a barb wire while riding his bicycle. He was entering the tennis court from the northwest corner, which has been a pathway for school children for the past two years, and ran into a barb wire that had been stretched across the opening, evidently in an attempt to stop children from crossing the courts.

The wire caught him in the forehead on the left side and made a diagonal gash across his forehead and right cheek, which took eight stitches to close. He is getting along nicely, but has to have a bandage on his forehead and face. He was mighty fortunate that his eye did not come in contact with the wire.

It seems to us that it was criminal carelessness for anyone to put barbed wire across this opening that had been used for two years, without some warning as to its presence.

## Country Club Notes

The opening dance of the 1938 season will be held at the Club house on Friday evening. Dancing will start at 9:30 and end at 12:30. It will be a complimentary dance to all members and prospective members.

The lower room of the Club house has been entirely redecorated and the members of the club will be pleased with the appearance of this room.

## THE RIVER OF SKULLS

by  
**GEORGE MARSH**

Only one man had returned alive from this treacherous valley of the far north, but Alan Cameron and John McCord braved its dangers in search of gold. With them went beautiful Heather McCord, braving untold perils to escape the fate awaiting her if she stayed behind. Here is a story that breathes the fragrance of pine trees, that sparkles like fresh snow on the Arctic wastes!

**FOLLOW IT IN THESE COLUMNS**

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New members who have joined the club for this season are: Max Wanser, Gene Hart, Robert Smith, K. B. Morrison, Jim Preston and H. I. Bishop of Kearney, who took out the first non-resident membership for 1938. A special rate for non-residents of \$5.00 per year is bound to attract many residents of neighboring towns who enjoy playing golf. Present indications point to the largest membership on record. Last season (1937) the total membership was 81 and R. M. Sauer, chairman of the membership committee, expects to boost the enrollment to very near the 100 mark.

Max Golden, in charge of entertainment, has engaged Lloyd Wells and his orchestra for the Tournament dance, which will be held on Monday, June 20.

## Holt County Farmers Are Making Tests With Hybrid Corn This Year

Considerable interest has been shown by the farmers of Holt county in the various tests in this county of the new hybrid seed corn. The Travelers Insurance company have two different plots of this seed corn, one on the farm of Herman Esier south of Opportunity, and the other on the farm of Cecil Bogue south of Atkinson.

Judge R. R. Dickson is also very much interested in these experiments, and he has given enough of this seed corn, Iowest and Iowa 939, to different farmers for them to plant from one to eight acres of corn.

The men who are planting this corn as an experiment are Joe McNichols, John Hickey, Ed Murray, John Donohoe, Joe Stein and Frank Burivall, O'Neill; John Carson, Redbird, and William Grothe, Emmet.

The hybrid corn has been raised very successfully in Iowa and parts of Nebraska, but as far as we know, this is the first time there has been any attempt to raise it in Holt county.

## St. Mary's Graduate Winner of Awards At Eastern Nurses School

Madeline Marie Ullom, daughter of Mrs. M. L. Ullom of this city, was awarded the Jefferson Alumnae medal and prize and the William Potter medal and prize at the commencement exercises of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital School of Nurses in Philadelphia. The William Potter medal is given by Mr. Goodman of Chestnut Hill, Pa., to the nurse who has the highest average in training and the Jefferson Nurses Alumnae medal is given to the most efficient nurse. Madeline won these honors for the 1937-1938 class.

During her training Miss Ullom was active in all nursing interests. She was a member of the educational committee of the Jefferson Nurses Organized Staff association. She has attended the University of Pennsylvania in the department of nursing education, where she was an honor student for the first semester's work. Following her graduation she accepted the position of Supervisor of the obstetrical clinic of the Jefferson hospital.

Miss Ullom has been a student of the college of nursing for the past four years. She taught school in this county following her graduation from St. Mary's academy and has many friends in the county who extend congratulations on the honors she has won in the big eastern hospital, where there were several hundred competitors.

## Grenier Children All Home Sunday For A Reunion of The Family

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Grenier were pleasantly surprised Sunday when all their children came home for a family reunion. This was the first time in several years that all the family was at home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier daughter Ardis and son Carol, O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crippen and twin daughters, Loris and Doris, Farmer, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kindlund, Geddes, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Max Grenier, Star, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Erhon Cline and Vern Grenier, Basset, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe and daughter Joan, O'Neill, and Cecil and Byron at home.

Five grandchildren and one great granddaughter were unable to be present.

A sumptuous dinner was served at two o'clock in the afternoon and the remainder of the afternoon was spent playing cards, baseball and pitching horseshoes.

## Mary Joan Finley Wins Two Literary Awards For Her Contest Essays

Miss Mary Joan Finley, a senior in the Creighton University College of Arts and Sciences, Omaha, and a daughter of Dr. W. F. Finley of this city, won first prize in an essay contest sponsored by Dr. Phillip Sher of Omaha, with an essay entitled "Appropriate English Used." The prize amounted to \$75.00 in cash.

She also won second prize in another essay contest sponsored by Dr. David Jacks, of St. Louis, Mo., with an essay entitled "Racial and Religious Tolerance." This prize amounted to \$25.00.

Miss Finley, who was chosen the Queen at the Annual Creighton Prom this year, has achieved much scholastic prominence during her college course and will undoubtedly achieve success in her chosen field of journalism.

## John Schmidt Given A Surprise Party On His Birthday Wednesday

Last evening about seventy-five friends of John Schmidt gathered at his home northeast of O'Neill to help him celebrate his 53rd birthday anniversary and it is needless to say all had a delightful time.

Wednesday evening after supper, John went out to a couple of pastures and to inspect his growing crops, returning to his home about dusk. He said he was astonished to see half a dozen cars parked in the yard when he drove in, but thought nothing of it until he was met by Mrs. Schmidt who informed him that he had better clean up a little, and asked him if he did not know what day it was.

John says the years are slipping by so rapidly that he never thinks of birthdays anymore. But he cleaned up and when he made his appearance he found about seventy-five of his neighbors and old friends gathered to help him properly celebrate the occasion. The party was planned by his daughter and his daughter-in-law, and John said it was some surprise and a delightful event.

The participants in the surprise party all came with well filled baskets and augmented with the Schmidt larder a delicious banquet was served at midnight, to which the guests after three hours of card playing, did ample justice.

After the feast card playing was again resumed by those loving the pasteboards, and visiting and talking over old times by those who enjoyed that form of amusement. A few songs of olden times, by the bard of Shields, added to the enjoyment of the old timers.

Shortly before daylight the guests departed for home, after wishing John many more happy birthdays and thanking the hostesses for a delightful and pleasant night.

## SOUTHWEST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders  
Tom Salem went to Lincoln Sunday to bring home a new Buick.

R. W. McGinnis of Fremont, was looking after his interests near Amelia last week.

I have ridden some few cow ponies and plow horses, but could never assume the folded-up attitude of a jockey on a racing mount.

Since 1876 there has been from five to a dozen political parties functioning in the nation. Where do the Wisconsin aspirants have any claim to call themselves a "third party"?

The lure of that check is too much for them. It was known at Washington it would be. Farmers say they don't believe in a program of scarcity and feel they have done something they should not have done when they "signed up," but... The lure of something for nothing has filled the penitentiaries.

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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY HOSMAN

**Diplomas Will Be Presented To High School Seniors Next Thursday Night.**

E. M. Hosman of Omaha, and a former resident of this city, will deliver the commencement address for the Seniors of O'Neill High school at the K. of C. Hall next Thursday night. Mr. Hosman is director of the Extension division and of the summer session of the University of Omaha, this year. Formerly he was engaged in school administration work and for ten years was secretary of the Nebraska State Teachers' association. He founded and was editor of the Nebraska Educational Journal for a like period.

Mr. Hosman is not a stranger to this section of the state, having lived at O'Neill and Plainview when a boy. In fact he began his school career in O'Neill in the hard times of '93, when boys used to try to throw stones up and over into the old standpipe, and when they missed they came down on each others heads with bloody results. The standpipe then was on the school grounds. He will speak on the subject "An American Right."

The program for the commencement exercises follows: Processional, O. H. S. band; Invocation, Rev. A. J. May; Sing a Long, by Penn. O. H. S. Glee Club; Address, H. E. Hosman, Omaha; Song, "Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride," by Geoffrey O'Hare, Charles Yarnall; Presentation of High School Diplomas, Dr. H. L. Bennett, Pres. of Board of Education; Presentation of Eighth Grade Diplomas, Supt. R. W. Carroll; Benediction, Rev. A. J. May.

Forty-four high school seniors will receive their diplomas at these exercises.

Class Night exercises of the graduating class at the public high school will be held in the auditorium at the school building on Tuesday, May 24. The program is as follows:

Xylophone solo, by Elizabeth Graves; Salutatory, by Virgil Johnson; Class History, by Elizabeth Graves; Class Prophecy, Nadine Kilpatrick and Virgil Johnson; Last Will and Testament, by Maxine Barnes; Valedictory, Dora Hughes. Class motto: With ropes of the past, we will ring the bells of the future; class flower, American Beauty rose; class colors, Blue and Silver; class seal, Covered Wagon.

## Mrs. Newton Carson Celebrates Her 86th Birthday Anniversary

On May 15th Mrs. Newton Carson celebrated her 86th birthday at her home near Redbird. Her four sons and three daughters spent the day with her. Well filled lunch baskets were brought and at 1:30 a lovely birthday dinner was served. The table was decorated with a gorgeous bouquet of tulips from William Carson's garden at Lincoln and with two pretty birthday cakes, one made by Mrs. John Carson the other by Mrs. William Carson.

Those present for dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. William McWhorter of Posters; Mr. and Mrs. William Carson of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. James Carson of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wolfe of Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. John Carson son Albert and grandson Alvin Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carson and daughter, Beverley Ann and Lizzie Carson, all of Redbird; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter of Star, and Claude Peterson of Lynch. Mr. and Mrs. William Pickering called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Carson received lots of cards, flowers and gifts from her friends and relatives. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland. She came to New York when an infant and resided there until 1879, when she and her husband and family moved to Saline county, Nebraska, residing there 9 years. They then moved to the present home where she and her daughter, Lizzie, still live. Her husband died in 1927.

She is able to be about the house most of the time and wait on herself, and take care of a few household tasks.

Mrs. Bert Shoemaker made a business trip to Sioux City Monday.