

HOLT DIGS OUT OF MUD AND DEBRIS

Northwestern Railroad Service Restored Late Friday

Holt countians are still digging out from under the mud and debris that resulted from the June 22 cloudburst—one of the worst on record.

Hardest hit by flood water were the valley of the South Fork creek in southern Holt county and the Elkhorn river valley.

Service on the Northwestern railroad was restored late Friday when an eastbound freight train was the first to operate between O'Neill and Norfolk in six days.

All trains are operating at a restricted speed of 20-miles-per-hour between Inman and Clearwater.

Meanwhile, State Engineer Wardner Scott estimated that damage to highways in the Ainsworth district would approximate \$16,800. Total highway damage in the state is estimated at more than a million dollars.

Federal highway 20 traffic is routed east through Page to the Page junction—the only detour remaining on arterial highways in this section.

The Frontier's Chambers correspondent, Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, wrote the following firsthand report of the flood itself:

"We awoke about 5 a. m. to find ourselves completely surrounded by water. It was pouring across the road, down the driveway, through the barn, granary and chickenhouse. We live between the South Fork and a branch of the South Fork, which flows through our place.

"The bridge across the South Fork north of us was washed out and the one across the branch had the approaches gone on both sides. There was a deep hole on the south end.

"We and the George Cameron family, north of us, were completely cutoff. Mr. Cameron's milk cows were on the opposite side and he couldn't get them for two days.

"All the bridges and grades in the country are washed out. The repair crews are busy and some have already been repaired.

"Donald Grimes lost 45 chickens. The water didn't get into their house but was up to the second step about 2-feet deep and 3- to 4-feet deep at other places.

"The telephone lines were out and fences down. Crops are badly damaged. Some of the same territory was hit by the severe hail storm of June 6. Many fields are not planted because they have been too wet. Lots of bluegrass cannot be cut because of the soft meadows.

"Water got into Lloyd Waldo's house, about four miles southeast of Amelia. There was an inch or two over the floor. Between the house and other buildings was a washout five-feet deep. Lloyd stepped into it and went up to his chin.

"It is reported that some of the Ermers lost 17 head of cattle, mostly calves."

For a time Chambers' only contact with the outside world was through Ken Warner's shortwave radio transmitter.

INMAN—Two fires occurred in Inman during the past week. The first occurred last Thursday morning at the Manual Crosser home while Mrs. Crosser was doing the family laundry. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

The second occurred 24 hours later at the Myrtle Caster residence, where the kitchen and rear porch were destroyed. Most of the contents, however, were saved. The property is owned by Mrs. Walter Jacox and the loss was covered by insurance.

MARRIAGE LICENSES John A. Hoffman, 40, and Joan B. Koch, 17, both of Bassett, June 30.

Alvin Katrous, 24, of Verdigré, and Eleanor Fahrenholz, 19, of Chambers, June 30.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter are spending the Fourth of July with their daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Beghtol, at Kearney.



BECOMES JESUIT

Rev. James F. Hanley, (above), son of the late James H. Hanley and Mrs. Hanley, of Omaha and Washington, D. C., was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in rites at St. Mary's, Kans., on June 18. He offered his first mass at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha on June 22. Father Hanley is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hanley, who were among Holt county's earliest pioneers.

2 MILLION HIKE IN VALUATIONS

Tangible Property Up 1 Million Over Last Year

An increase of more than a million dollars in tangible property assessment and an increase of nearly two million dollars in overall valuations was seen Wednesday by L. G. Gillespie, Holt county assessor, in a preliminary review of the 1947 assessing program.

The 1947 figures for business valuations are: Tangible—\$768,120; intangible—\$383,355; for individuals: tangible—\$7,739,785; intangible—\$1,910,120.

Mr. Gillespie pointed out, however, that the preliminary figures do not include class B valuations which include real estate, automobiles, banks, railroad, power, insurance, telephone, telegraph and express companies.

The Holt banks have already shown a \$20,000 increase in class B valuations, Mr. Gillespie added.

Californians Prepare for Summer Picnic

The summer Nebraska state picnic will be held at Bixby park, Long Beach, Calif., on Saturday, July 12.

The program at the ocean shore reunion of ex-Cornhuskers will start at 1:30 p. m. with music by the Long Beach municipal band.

Discussions will include Nebraska's unicameral legislature, the lack of a bonded indebtedness, the unique state capital building, veterans' assistance, Boys' Town, and the state labor situation.

Nearly 4,000 ex-Nebraskans registered at the winter picnic.

To Visit Stanton, Omaha — Mrs. Theresa Murray and her daughter, Mrs. Henry Waldrop, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lounsbury and daughter, Gerilyn, left Tuesday for Stanton where they will spend three days visiting Mrs. Murray's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Murray. They will go on to Omaha where they will visit Mrs. Murray's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Welch. They will return home in a week.

Glenn Saunders Here — Glenn Saunders, of East Greenwich, R. I., arrived early Saturday for a weekend visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glea H. Wade. He departed Monday for Lincoln for a week's visit with his father, Romaine Saunders, and other relatives. Glenn was an employee of D. H. Cronin at The Frontier between July, 1931, and September, 1938, and is now associate publisher of The Rhode Island Pendulum at East Greenwich.

Returns from Norfolk — Mrs. Frank L. Osborne returned Saturday from Norfolk where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Gus Carey, for a week. Her other daughter, Miss Lois R. N., of the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, was also there. Her son, Eugene, returned with his mother after having visited Mrs. Carey for the past month.

JEANNE C. SCOTT DIES IN OMAHA

Widow of the Late Charles B. Scott Buried Here

Mrs. Jeanne C. Scott, 72, widow of the late Charles B. Scott, who served as 15th judicial district court reporter for 22 years, died Saturday in Omaha. She had been ill for several years.

The body was brought to O'Neill where funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a. m. at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, of O'Neill, officiated and interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers were J. J. Harrington, P. C. Doroboe, Dr. L. A. Burgess, Julius D. Cronin, Dr. R. Mounts and Ira H. Moss.

Mrs. Scott, formerly Jeanne C. Wells, was born October 21, 1874, at Tama, Ia. In 1895 she moved with her family to Kearney where she graduated from Kearney high school and later from Kearney college. On June 24, 1894, she married Mr. Scott and three years later they moved to O'Neill, where she resided until 1943.

They became the parents of one daughter, Ruth Evelyn, now Mrs. Ralph Opren, of Omaha. Mrs. Scott moved from O'Neill to Omaha four years ago to be with her daughter.

The late Mr. Scott died October 14, 1927. He was widely known in this region.

Air Force Poinos to 40th B'irthday

As part of the national observance of air force day proclaimed for August 1, headquarters of the Second Air Force at Omaha has announced that all Army-connected flying units in Iowa and eastern Nebraska have been alerted for participation in the 40th birthday anniversary of the AAF.

Ceremonies sponsored by quasi-military and patriotic organizations are planned for Omaha, Sioux City, Des Moines and Lincoln, and there is a probability open house ceremonies will take place at the Army air bases in these cities with AAF, Air reserve, national guard and civil air patrol personnel cooperating.

Children's Home Representative at Emmet Meeting

EMMET—The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church met at the church parlors on Friday with 10 members and two visitors present. The lesson concerned household mishaps. It was conducted by Mrs. Claude Bates.

Mr. McIntyre, of the Nebraska Children's home, gave a talk and showed several pictures. A total of \$10 was collected for the home.

After the meeting, a sale of articles was held, netting \$2.75 to be added to the parsonage repair fund.

Former Schoolmates Weekend Together

INMAN—Former schoolmates of the Inman school met at the James P. Gallagher country home for a weekend party. The guests included: Mrs. Sara Brewer and Mrs. Frank Redfield, of Independence, Mo.; Mrs. Mark Fowler, of Omaha; Mrs. John Conard, of Emmet; Mrs. William Rees, of Norfolk, and Mrs. C. A. Rutledge, of Newport.

Kansas Cityans Visit — STAR—Mrs. Vernie Gattenby and daughters, Joann and Peggy, of Kansas City, Mo., visited last week at the Ray Noble home. Mrs. Gattenby is Mrs. Noble's sister.

FIREMEN CALLED

The O'Neill volunteer fire department was summoned shortly after 6 p. m. Tuesday to extinguish a waste fire behind the Harmon building.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Selders and two daughters, of Seattle, Wash., arrived Monday to spend a few days with Mrs. John Davidson and Mrs. Letta Sexsmith. The latter is the mother of Mrs. Selders and Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Doris Malone and son, of California, left Friday after having spent several weeks with Mrs. Malone's mother, Mrs. Jesse Scofield.

Mrs. Wilbur Willis of Kansas City, Mo., arrived Friday for a visit of a week or 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rouse.

Peterson Not in Favor of a Special Session

Requests for a special session of the unicameral legislature are not falling on too sympathetic ears, Gov. Val Peterson said Monday in Lincoln.

A letter from William Ritchie, of Omaha, democratic state chairman, was answered with a "no" when stripped of its diplomatic verbiage. Ritchie had requested the governor to call a special session to deal with flood control and crop loss problems.

The request of northeast Nebraska attorneys for a special session has not been answered, the governor stated. The district bar association, meeting at Norfolk, passed resolutions calling for a special session to repeal the community property law passed by the last session and signed by the governor.

MRS. C. J. COFFEY DIES IN TEXAS

'Con' Coffey's Second Wife Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. C. J. Coffey the second wife of a former O'Neill man died June 24 at Wichita Falls, Tex. She had been seriously ill for about a week.

Mrs. Coffey was married to "Con" Coffey, who was reared here and later operated a furniture store and undertaking establishment at Spencer. The first Mrs. Coffey, the former Mary Dailey, died in November, 1923, and is buried at O'Neill.

Mr. Coffey is associated with the Merkle Undertaking company in Wichita Falls.

Funeral services were held June 25. Survivors include the husband; four stepsons, John C. Coffey, of Wichita Falls; Gerald L. Coffey, of Ft. Worth, Tex.; Edmund J. Coffey, of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, William H. McCune, of Denison, Tex., and J. Art McCune, of San Francisco, Calif.

\$100 TO FLOOD-STRICKEN TOWN

ATKINSON — The flood-stricken citizens of Cambridge this week received a contribution of \$100 to be used in the relief and rehabilitation of the southwestern Nebraska town recently ruined by a recent flood. The donation came from the Farley-Tushla post of the American Legion.

The following telegram was sent to the American Legion post at Cambridge:

"Farley-Tushla post of Atkinson, Nebraska, herewith sends you \$100 to be used as you see fit in your present emergency. We have noted the fine work your post has been doing. Carry on for God and Country."

FARLEY-TUSHLA POST American Legion Atkinson, Nebr.

SERVICE AWARDS GO TO GAMBLE PERSONNEL

Gold service awards were received this week by Manager Gene Cantlon and Marvin Johnson at Gambles store here. The award program, honoring employees who have terms of employment of from 10 to 20 years, has been in operation since 1940.

Mr. Cantlon, who recently became manager of the store here, joined the company at Winona, Minn., in February, 1937. Mr. Johnson joined the firm in August, 1936.

Mr. Cantlon stated that the Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., was particularly proud of its personnel record of war service and that approximately 80 percent of the employees who had gone into service had returned to positions with the company. "Nearly one-sixth of the employees of Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., have been with the company 10 years or more," he said.

Now in its 22nd year of business, Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., employs more than 6,500 persons in 26 states and four Canadian provinces.

Iowans Visitors Here — Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Spry are entertaining for another week Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Spry, of Anita, Ia., who arrived June 24. The Floyd Sprys will go on to Oregon to make their home.

Navy Man, Family Here — Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz and son visited at the home of Mr. Kurtz' brother, Robert Kurtz, and Mrs. Kurtz. James Kurtz is in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Pruitt, of Omaha, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick Sunday.

QUIET FOURTH IN PROSPECT HERE

No Formal Celebration, Fireworks Display at Country Club

The Fourth of July promises to be a quiet affair in the city notwithstanding the usual round of fireworks.

No formal celebration is planned in O'Neill. However, a fireworks display is scheduled at the Country club after dark, open to the public.

Neligh is sponsoring the closest old-fashioned celebration, while at Atkinson a full-day's entertainment has been planned including two baseball games. A celebration is also planned at Ord.

Meanwhile, officials of the Nebraska state safety council and Nebraska safety patrol have joined in urging Nebraska motorists to be especially alert over the three-day Fourth of July period.

There have been 140 fatalities on Nebraska highways so far this year, they point out, an increase of 24 percent over 1946. Highway traffic is expected to be unusually heavy during the "long" weekend as thousands of motorists are still catching up on pleasure driving they had to forego during the recent war.

Included on the holiday program here is a picnic at the Country club for members.

PUBLISHES EARLY

This issue of The Frontier went to press early today (Thursday) in order that rural subscribers will receive the paper before the Fourth. There are no rural deliveries on legal holidays.

The weatherman predicts favorable weather with a brief cooling Friday and Saturday, warming again Sunday. Scattered thundershowers may also be expected, according to the extended five-day forecast by the Government weather bureau.

Neligh's celebration will go off as scheduled despite the recent flooding of the park. The picnic grounds are now being pumped out and sprayed with DDT. A large crowd is expected. The main feature of the celebration is the revival of harness racing. Thirteen horses are entered in three races.

The O'Neill volunteer fire department was summoned to the E. Moore residence at 10:05 a. m. Wednesday where fireworks belonging to Thomas Moore were accidentally set off inside the house. Firemen reaching the scene ahead of the trucks extinguished the blaze. The interior fireworks display included Roman candles. Some damage was done.

All O'Neill business and professional houses will be closed the Fourth in accordance with a Chamber of Commerce policy.

No-Dinner Session Tuesday for Chamber

A no-dinner session of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Golden hotel dining room, according to President H. J. Loehaus. Included on the agenda will be a discussion of O'Neill day plans.

Mrs. Puckett Discusses Dangerous Diseases

Mrs. Walter Puckett read an article concerning "Diseases That Man Can Contract from Animals" at a meeting of the South Side club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leona Price. A discussion followed the presentation of the article. Emphasis was placed on undulant fever.

Roll call was answered by 20 members with selected sayings of children. Three guests and eight children were present.

Mrs. Pat McGinnis and Mrs. William Lubn served refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dean Beckwith.

Return to Wyoming

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker and sons, Terry and Howard, of Lander, Wyo., departed Sunday after having visited several days at the home of Mr. Baker's brother, D. A. Baker, and wife.

Depart for San Diego — Mr. and Mrs. George Stannard and daughter, Lynn, of San Diego, Calif., left Saturday after visiting at the home of Mr. Stannard's mother, Mrs. David Stannard, and Mrs. Stannard's uncle, Joseph Mann.

Go to Crookston — Mrs. Maford Yinglin and children spent last week visiting Mrs. Yinglin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Malone, of Crookston, Minn. Mr. Yinglin brought them home Sunday.

Cigaret Sales Jump Before Tax Goes On

Cigaret counters throughout the city were doing business with wartime gusto last week and through Monday as purchasers were attempting to beat the three-cents-a-pack tax which went into effect Tuesday.

Cigarets were plentiful and most smokers were buying by the carton instead of by the package—and that's where the comparison with wartime "runs" ended.

One clause in the new tax law may stand in the way of some large purchasers, although it is considered difficult to enforce. The law provides that anyone who has a case or more on hand is a lawbreaker unless he is a dealer. A case usually contains 50 cartons.

Most merchants were prepared for the onrush.

35 Montanans Stop Enroute to Grinnell

The young peoples' group of the First Presbyterian church here Sunday entertained a delegation of 35 Montana young people, representing Presbyterian churches in that state.

The Montanans were enroute to Grinnell, Ia., to attend a national assembly of the Westminster Fellowship.

The visitors conducted special services Sunday and departed early Monday.

CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN ANNOUNCED

ATKINSON — Eight candidates for 1947 hay queen have been announced here.

The 1947 queen will be crowned by Gov. Val Peterson at the annual hay days to be held in Atkinson August 4-5. The candidates:

Mary Ann Bouska, Betty Humphrey, Bonnie Humphrey, Mary Ellen Keating, Mary Alice McCurg, Betty Schmit, Lila Smith and Rita Troshynski.

An added feature this year will be the presentation of an achievement award, honoring the Holt county farm family of 1947. The winner will be selected by non-resident judges from nominations sent to Mrs. E. A. Bouska, of Stuart, before July 8.

SMALL GRAIN EXHIBIT PLANNED

Farmers interested in new varieties of small grain will circle July 9 on their calendar.

That is the date—next Wednesday—when a field day is slated at the Holt county extension service test plot on the Clarence Ernst farm, situated three miles west of Danceland on federal highway 20.

D. L. Gross, of Lincoln, extension agronomist of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, will be present for the 7 p. m. countywide meeting. He will discuss many varieties of oats, barley and rye and those present will have an opportunity to inspect the varieties before their harvest.

The varieties to be seen are: Oats: Clinton, Vickland, Osage, cedar Boone, Kherson and tama.

Barley: Vellvon II, Spartan Mars, Wisconsin, Trebi, club, Marriot and Beecher.

Rye: Balboa, Dakota, Roson, common and Imperial.

Go to Lake Andes

Among the visitors at Lake Andes, S. D., last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Green and son, Mrs. Etta Green, Charles Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallen and son John, Beck Wallen, Mrs. Bart Mellow and son Billie, Vern Grenier, George Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Tomlinson and weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Calvert, of Norfolk.

Receives 3d Degree

PAGE — Dorance Crabb, of O'Neill, received the third degree of the Odd Fellow lodge in a session here Monday night. He was accompanied by Arthur Rouse and A. E. Bowen, both of O'Neill.

Visitation in Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and niece, Miss Gloria Peterson, of Polk, who arrived here Sunday, left Wednesday for a two-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jones' daughter, Mrs. Don Anderson and Mr. Anderson, at St. Cloud, Minn.

Leave for Utah

Miss Marie Biglin departed Sunday for Salt Lake City, Utah, following a visit here with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Biglin. She was accompanied as far as Grand Island by Misses Genevieve and Helen Biglin.

FARMERS DECIDE ON 'CATCH-CROP'

Hardly a Farmer Not Concerned with Grain, Forage Problems

"Hardly a farmer in the Holt and Boyd county areas is not concerned with a 'catch-crop' problem at this time," according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes. This condition has been created by unusually cold weather that lingered through April and May and by flood and hail storms during the month just-ended.

Though some farmers are still planting corn, Mr. Dawes explained that little more than fodder can be hoped for.

"There is still time, however, to plant some sorghums, sudan grass, millets and buckwheat," the agricultural extension agent explained.

The following varieties are recommended by the extension office: Sorghums for grain — Coes, milo, day milo, wheatland milo, midland, Colby milo, Martens milo. Sorghums for forage: Atlas sorgo, Fremont, leota red, fetereta and black amber. Millets for forage: German and common (plant 20- to 25-pounds per acre). Millets for grain: German, common or proso hog millet (plant 15- to 20-pounds per acre). Buckwheat: Japanese or silverhull (plant three- to five-pecks per acre, drill or broadcast).

"In some cases, where the land is low and wet, it may be best to summer fallow and plant rye in August," Mr. Dawes continued. This would assure an abundance of fall, winter and spring pasture.

Reports from north of Page, in an area hit hard by hail on June 6 and 9, some of the corn thought to be coming along "good" now shows the effect of the hail, while the corn beginning to work through the ground at the time of the storms or planted since is "coming nicely."

Ranchers Reluctant

Meanwhile, many ranchers are reluctant to admit bluegrass strippers into their fields with the quoted price at the \$3 per hundred weight level for "green stripping."

Many ranchers feel that damage to the meadows in mashing down hay and cutting up the meadow with deep tracks does not justify the \$3 price.

There are some reports of difficulty in stripping in regard to timothy.

The bluegrass crop in Holt county is generally regarded as "good," and the large concentration of bluegrass, escaped the hail.

From Inman comes the report that the bluegrass is of "exceptionally good" quality, and stripping has begun despite the flood conditions.

Total precipitation for June was boosted to 10.95-inches during the seven-day period ending today (Thursday) as a result of .15-inches recorded in two separate showers. The week's summary follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Hi Lo, Moist. Rows for June 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1, 2.

Total 15

HOLT CANCER FUND REACHES \$867.26

EMMET — Mrs. Guy Cole, chairman of the Holt county 1947 fund-raising drive for the American Cancer Control society, has announced that receipts total \$867.26.

The breakdown follows:

Funds raised by agricultural extension project clubs: South Side, of Emmet, \$3.55; Alpha, of O'Neill, 5.00; Peeping Hards, of Amelia, 10.00; Victory Homemakers, of Emmet, 10.00; Celia Homemakers, 15.00; Pleasant Day, of O'Neill, 11.50; Cleveland Project, 18.00; Valley Center, of Chambers, 16.50; Merry Matrons, of Atkinson, 10.00; Willing Workers, of Butte, 15.15; Eldest, of Atkinson, 4.50; Atkinson Country Women's club, 5.00; Live and Learn, of Atkinson, 8.00; Royal Neighbors, of Atkinson, 2.00.

Funds raised in towns: O'Neill (flag day and collection boxes), 295.68; Ewing (boxes and canvassing), 111.83; Chambers, 108.38; Atkinson (collection boxes, canvassing, clubs), 67.42; Stuart (collection boxes, canvassing, clubs), 35.00; Emmet, 37.30; Inman, 27.18; Page (collection boxes), 6.27; other contributions, 6.00.