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Hail Inflicts Heavy Damage



Ruth Young, 8th grade pupil, points out rugged weeds that were beheaded during Monday's hail storm. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orton Young, of Opportunity, whose farm was hard hit. (Story in column 7.)—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

LEGION FURTHERS FESTIVAL PLANS

National Air Shows Will Bring Topflight Stunt Pilots

Plans for the third annual Simonson post 93, American Legion sponsored O'Neill celebration were being completed this week. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15.

Top attractions will include a mammoth parade and an exhibition by the National Air Shows, of Columbus, O.

Negotiations with National were completed late Wednesday night, June 27, after last week's issue of The Frontier was off the press. The air show will take place Sunday afternoon—the second day of the celebration.

Legion officials expressed themselves as being fortunate in making a date with National, which is considered the foremost aerial acrobatic outfit in the country.

The air troupe will feature Rod Jocelyn, 1950-'51 international acrobatic champion; Bill Sweet, America's No. 1 aviation sporting events announcer (Sill Sweet, of Jack Mosley's "Smilin' Jack" comic strip); Red Grant, who will do a 10,000-foot bat wing parachute jump; Joe Spook, who does comedyatics; and others. Also included will be a 1,000-foot watch drop.

Grant makes his living the hard way. Besides being an expert jumper, Red dangles from a rope ladder and makes the car-to-plane change.

Already 50 firms have signified plans for entering a float in the traditional parade.

There will be baseball games both afternoons and a dance at the Legion auditorium each evening.

A carnival will be in progress throughout the celebration and will feature free rides for the kiddies.

A Legion spokesman explained that the air show will be of an educational nature as well as thrilling and entertaining.

The National troupe is currently being featured on television and their aerial antics have been used for newsreels and movie shorts.

Float entries already pledged include: Legion club, Corkie Hatchery, Jacobson's, Coyne Hardware, Meyer Construction Co., Gambles, Jonas Furniture, Wm. Krotter Co., Lohaus Motor Co., Asimus Kaiser-Frazier, J. V. Motor Co., Lloyd Collins Implements, Harry R. Smith Implements, Marcellus Implements, Fetrow Repair Shop, Earley Oil Co., Don's Bar, Benson's Tavern, Matt Hynes Tavern, Knight Maytag, Midwest Furniture, McIntosh Jewelry, Gillespie Radio, Shelhamer Oil Co., New Outlaw Grocery, Town House, Spelts - Ray Lumber Co., J. C. Penney, REA, Nu-Way Cafe, Myrt's Cafe, Neighborhood Grocery, O'Neill Auto Supply, O'Neill Livestock Market, Tri - State Produce and O'Neill Flower Shop.

Complete details will be found in the July 12 issue of The Frontier.

This is the third successive festival sponsored by the Legion. The first—in 1949—coincided with The Frontier's 64-page diamond jubilee edition.



Your hair will tingle when you witness the precision inverted ribbon pickup during the National Air Shows exhibition at the Municipal airport in connection with the forthcoming American Legion - sponsored O'Neill celebration.

Photo shows Rod Jocelyn, 1950-'51 international champion stunt pilot, going through the act.—The Frontier Engraving from a magazine clipping.

Northeast Holt Is Hard Hit by Storm

Northeast Holt county was hard hit about 3:30 p.m., Monday, July 2, by a hail storm that inflicted spotty damage over a wide territory.

Generally the devastated area is north and east of O'Neill, although hail was reported north of Atkinson and south of O'Neill.

The north section of the city of O'Neill received only a trace of hail.

North of O'Neill in the Eagle creek country a heavy downpour of rain preceded the hail. Near Opportunity the tables were reversed. Hail stones as large as hens' eggs beat down ahead of the rain and sent people, livestock and poultry scurrying for shelter.

Most storm losses reported lay in a belt extending from a point west of Midway to a point about 2 miles east of Opportunity. The storm path was 2-to-3 miles in width.

The Orton Young place, near Opportunity, suffered heavily. Fifty-one turkeys out a flock of 200 were killed, some having died from smothering. Numerous chickens were lost and the family garden was pulverized.

Mrs. Young ventured out to look after the poultry and was obliged to invert a wash tub over her head. She reported the enormous stones falling and bouncing 20 feet in the air off the roofs of buildings.

The chickens that died there became frightened indoors and rushed out into the yard. Some died under trees.

On the Dave Nelson farm, across the road north, this season's oats crop in an 80-acre field was nearly 100 percent destroyed. The place was farmed by Phillip Lee and it is his first season.

Thomas Zakrzewski said his oats and wheat were virtually destroyed—the third time in 11 years.

Some pigs on the Zakrzewski home place suffered broken backs. Others were crippled.

Levi Yantzie lost all of his barley and some oats. He said he had no insurance. A field of second cut alfalfa looked flat and useless after the storm, but early Tuesday it appeared it would partially recover.

The Yantzie lost 40 to 50 chickens. Harry Lansworth reported the loss of several small pigs.

Neighbors in the vicinity said some of the calves were permanently blinded by the ice pellets.

Yantzie estimated at least a thousand chickens in that locality perished in the storm.

Several motorists coming into O'Neill from the north and northeast exhibited dented and badly battered automobiles. The roof on a late model sedan driven by a Coleridge farmer was depressed in the center.

Thomas Zakrzewski said in his fields holes were to be found nearly an inch deep where concentrated hail had beaten vegetation into the ground. Commonly seen were trees half-naked.

Duration of the storm was about 30 minutes. The ice lingered until after nightfall in many fields.

Lawrence Dobrovoly reported severe damage to shingles on the farm buildings.

Sylvester Zakrzewski reported damage to an automobile, buildings and crops. The hail also killed some chickens and injured several pigs. Floyd Luber reported heavy hail damage to crops. S. R. Robertson said his crop loss would run 50 percent.

Loyal Howe, who had purchased a new Ford Tuesday at 1 p. m., reported that he arrived.

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Huge REA Loan Gets Approval

The Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D.C., last week announced that it has approved a \$1,400,000 loan to the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation, of O'Neill.

The money is for system improvements, expansion and for the acquisition of the Chambers Light & Power Co. facilities in Chambers.

Flag Tourney July Fourth

A flag tournament was to have been staged Wednesday, July 4, at the County club.

All members were invited to participate.

\$3/4-MILLION AG INCREASE POSSIBLE

65 Holt Farmers Take Part in Conservation Discussions

Sixty-five farmers and 3 businessmen attended the meeting at the O'Neill school last Thursday night, to which they were invited from all parts of Holt county by the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce.

William McIntosh, vice-president of the O'Neill Chamber, presided.

The theme of the meeting was increased agricultural income for Holt county, and was developed by Fred O'Hair, executive director of the Nebraska Conservation Foundation, Omaha. He stressed utilizing the modern know-how available through recommended soil conservation practices in order to bring about increased ag income.

Mr. O'Hair explained that the Foundation which he represents was established by bankers and business executives of Nebraska to lend their efforts in furthering the adoption of conservation practices. A majority of the banks of the state are members and these institutions are sponsoring community development programs at the local level because they hold the belief that conservation is the best way to meet the economic squeeze on the farmer, by reducing costs and assuring a maintenance of continued production.

"Surveys made recently in the plains states prove that increases in production of farm commodities can average about 50 percent without increased land or equipment," Mr. O'Hair stated.

"Some operators are making as much as 100 percent increases. Since land use is the key to conservation and since there is little additional productive land available, it follows that good soil management, with crop rotations, balanced livestock programs, erosion control, fertility restoration and the use of grasses and legumes for cheaper feed can all be converted into profit for the producer."

Citing figures for Holt county, Mr. O'Hair pointed out that an average increase of only 10 percent above the production for 1950 would bring into the county from three-quarters of a million to a million dollars new money, most of which it was assumed would pass through the hands of local business houses.

"Holt county," he said, "can take pride in the fact that its livestock men are utilizing their land to better advantage than other areas of northern Nebraska. On the average, this county used 11 acres of land per head of cattle, a higher ratio than adjoining counties. The county ranks third in the state in number of cattle, and fourth in number of milk cows, but the dollar return per milk cow is low."

"With an average income of \$5 per acre per year for all farm and ranch land in the county, an in-

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Honeycutt and son, of Omaha, visited Mrs. Mabel Gatz Sunday on their way to Wyoming. They expect to return here this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan, jr., and son, of Norfolk, visited his parents, the senior Sullivans, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Harold R. Williamson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beckwith on Wednesday, June 27.

Bees vs. Hammond; Bees Quit, Takeoff

George Hammond, "Voice of The Frontier" announcer, told his Saturday listeners (WJAG, 780 k.c., 9:45 a.m.) that a swarm of bees—10,622 to be exact—had descended at his place. He appealed to the bee-catchers to come and get 'em.

Before he had finished his 15-minute broadcast there were claimants rapping at his front door.

But while they (2 men) were surveying the situation and gathering their paraphernalia the "miniature B-29's", as George called them, "revved up their motors and tookoff."

For Hammond: (1) A triumph over the bees; (2) satisfaction that "Voice of The Frontier" advertising produces amazing results.

Fractured Hip, Shoulders Fatal

DELOIT — "Grandma" Sarah Fuller, 87, well-known resident of this community who fell recently and suffered a fracture of both shoulders and a hip, died Friday, June 29, in a Tilden hospital.

She suffered injuries in a fall a week earlier at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Anderson, southwest of Clearwater in the Park Center community.

Survivors include: 8 children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She had lived in the Clearwater vicinity about 45 years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairview church, 12 miles southwest of Clearwater.

Tax Collections Exceed \$1,122,089

Holt County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock this week reported total tax collections in his office between July 1, 1950, and June 30, 1951, at \$1,122,089.57.

All miscellaneous collections totaled an additional \$531,394.16. The balance in the county treasury on July 1, 1950, was \$574,435.07; disbursements during the 12-month period totaled \$1,638,481.74.

The balance on July 1, 1951, was \$639,437.06, Hancock said.

Child, 2, Dies from Electric Shock

Claudia Hall, 2, great-granddaughter of Mrs. R. R. Morrison and Mrs. James Davidson, was electrocuted by accident during the weekend.

Details of the child's death were not available at the time of publication.

Little Claudia was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, of Waco, Tex. Her mother is the former Elizabeth Davidson.

TO PRESS EARLY

Some late news and advertising unavoidably is omitted from this issue of The Frontier, which went to press late Tuesday—a day earlier than usual. This issue is circulating in most towns in the O'Neill region on Wednesday morning instead of Thursday morning and on all star routes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Matern, formerly of Lincoln, are newcomers to O'Neill. Mr. Matern is employed by the O'Neill Production Credit association. They arrived Sunday.

Series on New Homes Begins

The Frontier this issue inaugurates another new, exclusive feature.

One or more homes built in the post-World War II era by O'Neill residents will be featured in a series of photographs.

Contributions of good, sharp photographs of new homes are solicited plus a brief description of the homes. If you are undecided about the merit of a snapshot you should also submit the negative. In instances where no pictures have been taken, special arrangements can be made with The Frontier for the picture to be taken.

On this week's picture page (turn to page 6) you will see photographs of the new Harold E. Weier and Frank Clements residences.

All engravings will be produced by the Fairchild Scana-graver process with which The Frontier now makes all its own pictures.

BARN BURNS

PAGE — The barn on the Roy Zellars farm northeast of Page burned to the ground Thursday. The fire was of unknown origin. Marian Parks and family are the tenants on the farm.

The Verne Reynoldsons and family went to Albion Saturday. Mr. Reynoldson returned but his wife and children remained for a few days.



Janet Young, 4, stands in family garden which was thriving only a few hours before. Pea plants were knee high before the hail

came. (Story in column 7.)—The Frontier Photo & Engraving.

PLANS PROCEED ON BASIN MEET

Although Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman, who was originally billed as the principal speaker, will not be present for the annual meeting of the Niobrara Basin Development association on July 17, plans for the meeting are being completed and the sessions will proceed as scheduled.

Chapman earlier had indicated to the association president, E. A. House, of Ainsworth, that he would be at the O'Neill gathering.

President Truman's interior department head advised House, J. E. Davis, O'Neill mayor, and James W. Rooney, secretary of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, that he "regretted" that other developments forced him to cancel his plans for coming to O'Neill.

Doctor Delayed Enroute to Operate

Dr. George P. Salter, a Norfolk surgeon, was delayed briefly early Friday enroute to the O'Neill hospital where he was to perform surgery.

The car in which he and a companion were driving collided with a truck driven by Andy Schacht on the east edge of the city.

No one was injured.

Frontier for Printing!



Bill Sweet... America's No. 1 aviation sporting event announcer.—The Frontier Engraving.

Low Bidders on Highway Jobs Told

The Nebraska state highway department Friday announced low bidders on 1 1/2-million-dollar of road work in construction and maintenance funds.

The construction projects in the O'Neill region include: Ewing - Neligh, Holt - Antelope, 10.3, armor coat, Lee and Johnson, \$9,838.

Butte-Bristow and Butte north, Boyd, 13.8, bituminous mat, Werner and son, Clay Center, \$110,020.

Stuart-O'Neill, Holt, 12.3 armor coat, Lee and Johnson, \$4,367.

Before the resurfacing begins on the 13.8 miles of bituminous resurfacing in Boyd county, the foundation of the roadbed will be rebuilt in places where the highway has deteriorated under heavy traffic. Work will also be done to improve the shoulders beside the highway at some locations.

A new bituminous mat and armor coating will be laid down over all of the 13.8 miles of road. Werner will supply and use more than 21-thousand cubic yards of sand and 342-thousand gallons of asphaltic oil for the project.

There was no bid on a 4.5 armor coat job in Cherry county between Valentine and Thedford.

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