## June 13 Storm Damage Great

#### Chambers Locality Hardest Hit by Gale; 35 Steers Die from Lightning

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CHAMBERS-Residents of the Chambers locality are mopping up after the damaging tornadic windstorm that swept Holt county shortly after midnight on the night of Tuesday, June 13. For about 45 minutes the storm raged, uprooting hundreds of trees, demolishing many buildings and windmills and killing some

Most every farmstead reported damage of some kind. Some folks say it was one of the strongest winds ever witnessed in south Holt county.

Many giant cottonwoods, some of them a half-century old,

yielded under the impact of the swirling wind. Apparently, the twister touched down in a locality 5 miles

northwest of Chambers, moved eastward 4 or 5 miles and slanted southeast toward the Deloit community.

Worst damage was reported at the place occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bell, located 3 miles west and 3 miles north of town. The house and the principal buildings remained intact but half of a long hogshed was destroyed with portions of the roof being blown off and landing in a nearby tree. Two hogs were killed.

A hundred cottonwood trees on the Bell place were blown down. They blocked the road running past the place on the north. The trees were several feet in diameter.

Later, when all the felled trees had been pulled into a nearby field they covered an acre of ground.

The George Rowse place, 2 miles north and 11/2 miles east of Chambers, reported many up-rooted trees, 2 destroyed windmills, collapse of a brand new corn crib a hundred yards from the house and extensive dam-

age to a granary.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holwest, suffered the loss of 2 windmills and numerous trees. Others in that same locality, Robert Gartner and Jack Alderson, also reported heavy dam-

H. C. Walter, who resides 21/2 miles west of Chambers and a mile north, had a chicken house completely destroyed. Ed Wondersee, in the same community, reported his blacksmith the Tri-State Produce Co. plant shop was demolished. Trees here for the past 21/2 years, were uprotted at Ernest and Tuesday was elected president Chester Jungbluth's. One tree straddled their tractor, a big

limb on either side. Lightning struck the C. V. Robertson house on highway 95, 31/2 miles west of town, and nearby, on the Elwyn Robertson place, a roof was blown from a barn.

Mrs. John Cox, living a few miles southeast of Robertsons,

lost a corn crib and granary. Because telephone lines were damaged, fallen trees blockaded many of the roads and others were impassable due to heavy rain and high water, the full extent of the storm damage was not known for several days.

Quarterly Rainfall

Already Above Normal— Government Weather Ob-server Elmer Bowen declared Wednesday that precipitation for April, May and June already has exceeded normal with days still remaining in the quarter.

Precipitation for April was .55 of an inch; in May the moisture amounted to 4.18 inches, and todate in June total of 3.18 inches of rainfall has been recorded at O'Neill.

Normal precipitation for the O'Neill region for the second quarter of the year is 8.16 inches. Todate this year the normal has been exceeded by .07 inches—or 8.23 inches.

Week's weather summary based on 24-hour periods end-ing at 6 p. m. daily follows:

			Hi	Lo	Prec.
June	14		86	64	
June	15	*************	89	68	
June	16	**********	80	55	
June	17		84	53	.20
June	18	***********	59	53	1.52
June	19	**********	75	58	
June	20	**********	82	60	
To	tal				1.72

Lightning Strikes

Graham Herd-REDBIRD - Thomas Graham and son, farmers in the Redbird community, lost 35 head of big steers in a freak manner during the electrical storm on Friday night, June 16. The lightning struck a fence line, killing 23 at one place, 12 head at another place along the same fence.

"Nearly all were good, heavy steers," Mr. Graham explained. Loss will run into several thousand dollars.

Most of the fence line was suspended by steel posts, but the lightning charge was not grounded.

More Storm Losses

Are Reported-DELOIT - More reports of storm damage from the wind on club. the night of June 13 are being

ried the first news, including a Lgion auditorium here. description of the damage at the Augie Thiele place where all western setting. Ruth Weber,

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L. M. Diehlman . . . former Texan to lead civic group.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holcomb, Rowses' neighbor on the CHAMBER HEAD

Succeeds Melvin Ruzicka: Other Officers Are Elected

L. M. Diehlman, manager of of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce for the new year.

He succeeds Melvin Ruzicka. hardwareman, who headed the body for the past 12 months. Mr. Diehlman came to O'-Neill on February 17, 1948, from Texas and last year served on the C of C board of di-

Other officers are:
D. D. DeBolt, first vice-president; William McIntosh, second vice-president; B. J. Gradon vice-president vic dy, treasurer; Joe Stutz and Gene Cantlon, directors for 3year-terms; A. P. Jaszkowiak, director for a 1-year-term (to

fill vacancy). Only 13 were present for the June meeting, which had been delayed a week. Golf tournament in progress reduced at-

tendance. The Chamber heard a report on the highway 20 association meeting held last week in Sioux City, voted to again sponsor the annual Holt counv stocker - feeder calf show and sale-this year to be held on October 11, voted to renew ts membership in the Niobraa River Basin Development association, and authorized purchase of an identification anner for the O'Neill municipal band.

Luncheon meeting was held it Slat's cafe. Guests included: orenz F. Bredemier, of Valntine, district soil conservaionist, and Art Marquardt, of incoln, assistant state soil onservationist.

#### Lamp Blamed for **Farm Home Fire**

CHAMBERS - About 6:30 a. m. Saturday, June 17, the house on the Dale Bell place, located 2 miles west and 11/2 miles north of Chambers, burned to

the ground. It is believed a lamp that exploded may have originated the

Mr. Bell lives alone and was out choring. He drove to a neighbor's, ½ mile, for help. When they got back the whole building was gone. Nothing was

#### Chambers Youth Hold First Banquet

CHAMBERS- Mel Hanson, farm service director of radio station WOW, of Omaha, and Guy Davis, of Lincoln, state rural youth leader, were guest speakers at the first banquet of the South Holt Rural Youth

The event, which is to be held annually, was held Tues-The Frontier last week car- day evening in the American

Theme of the banquet was a buildings were damaged except club president, was in charge of arrangements.

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## St. Anthony's Bids Approved

#### MOTHER OF 7 CHILDREN DIES

Mrs. John E. Rotherham Burial Saturday in Calvary Cemetery

Funeral services were held ere Saturday morning, June 7, at 10 o'clock for Mrs. John E. Rotherham, a 36-year-old mother of 7 children, in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan oficiated at the rites and burial was in Calvary cemetery here.

Mrs. Rotherham died at her home here at 8:30 a. m. Thursday. June 15. She had given birth to a son, Edward, several hours before.

Pallbearers were: John Reinhart, Edward Reinhart, Patrick Hynes, John Hynes, Joseph Langan and James Langan.

A life - long resident of Holt county, Adelaide Theresa Spittler was born De-cember 14, 1913, at Ewing, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Spittler.

She had been reared at Ewng and was a graduate of the Ewing schools.

On January 14, 1937, she married John E. Rotherham at Ewing. Following their marriage they lived for 10 years at Ewing. During 1947 they movd to O'Neill where Mr. Roth-

rham was employed.
Survivors include: Widower;
laughters — Mary Elizabeth, Elizabeth, 11; Theresa Ann, 19-months: sons—John Anthur, 10; Jerry Lee, 8; Patrick, 7; Daniel, 4, and infant Edward; 3 brothers—Lee, of California; Jerome, of O'Neill; and Jerard, of Ewdon Second annual American Legion sponsored celebration in O'Neill.

Decision to stage a 1950 festival was made at a special ing; and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Spittler, of Ewing.

### Sheriff Hubbard to

Holt County Sheriff A. B. Hubbard told The Frontier Tuesday that he would decide whether or not he would be a candidate for reelection following th Tuesday, June 27, meeting of the board of county

supervisors. Hubbard has until 5 p. m., June 29 to file for the position, according to law. Filings for present county office holders o file for other county positions closed Monday, June 19.

Meanwhile, Leonard Thomazin, of Chambers, incumbent county surveyor, Tuesday filed on the Republican ticket for reelection. Thus, far Thomazin is the only candidate for the surveyor's post.

John Grutsch, Holt county service officer, Tuesday withdrew his candidacy for nomination as county clerk. He was a lone Democrat in the primary race for nomination for the clerk's post.

Strope Family in Reunion at Neligh-

EWING-Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson, of Ewing, attended a family reunion of her family, the Stropes, at the River-side park in Neligh on Tuesday, June 13.

Mrs. Fred Howard and Mrs. Mrs. Oscar Wilson and daughter, Mardelle, of Clearwater. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon followed by a social af-ternoon and a business meeting. Ice cream and cake were served before going home.

Quorum Not Present For Special City Meeting-

A special session of the O'Neill city council was held Friday night. However, a quorum was not present so no official business could be transacted.

Interesting discussions were held in connection with trees that are along the right-of-way for the new street lighting system. Also, a discussion about numbering houses for forthcoming mail delivery was held.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Donald W. Green, 28, and Marjorie Rose Harvey, 19, both of Chambers, June 21 Thomas E. Wright, 21, of At-kinson, and Rosie Margaret Howard, 18, of O'Neill, June

"Voice of The Frontier," Mon., Wed., Sat., 9:45 a.m., WJAG.



There's an acre of uprooted trees at the Melvin Bell place, northwest of Chambers. A

tornado ripped across south Holt county shortly after midnight of June 13.

#### PLANS UNDERWAY FOR CELEBRATION

Legion - Sponsored Event Set Tentatively For July 15, 16

Saturday and Sunday July 15 and 16, are the dates for the

meeting of Simonson post 93

on Monday night, June 19.

According to Commander
Gordon O. Harper, tentative Meet with Board plans call for a parade, concessions, carnival, activity at the O'Neill municipal airport, baseball games and a variety of other events.

Heads of committees include: Legion club activities—Bennett Gilligan, Dorrance Crabb and Eugene Cantlon. Committeemen are Fred Appleby and

John R. Gallagher.

Parade—Elgin Ray and Noal Concessions and carnival -Melvin Ruzicka and Jack Ar-

Police-Dr. H. L. Bennett. Airport activity - Harper and Samuel Grasmick. Sports—Fred Appleby. Publicity— J. R. Lyons and

buthnot.

Kieth Abart. Harper sald late Wednesday 'O'Neill merchants have welcomed the idea for the forthcoming celebration.

#### Malloy, Davis To Scout Jamboree

Bill Malloy, 15-year-old O'-Neill Scout, on the eve of his departure for the National Boy Scout jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pa., smiled and thought it was "really okay" to represent troop 210 of the Covered Wagon council.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Strope and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Strope and family, all of Venus; Mr. and Mrs. George Hamill and family, Mr. and Irvie Anson, all of Orchard; Mrs. Fred Howard, and Mrs. Was will make the trip also. They will make the trip also. They will leave this weekend.

Following a few days of in-docrination training at Ft. Omaha a large group of Scouts from the Covered Wagon coun-cil will move eastward through Niagara Falls, N. Y. New York City, Washington, D. C., and then to Valley Forge, Pa.

Malloy and Davis will spend mont. from June 29 through July 7 at the jamboree They are scheduled to return home July

Meanwhile, the O'Neill Scout mothers are planning to hold benefit bazaar and food sale for troop 210 Saturday, June 24, from 10:30 a. m. until 6 p. m. in the Gatz building.

MARKET REPORT Wednesday Noon, June 21 (Prices subject to change)

Corn. No. 2 yellow ..... Wheat Oats Butterfat, No. Butterfat, No. 2



Roof off a hog shed was blown into the top of a nearby tree, which was also damaged (note severed trunk).-The Fron-

#### **WORLD WAR I VETERAN DIES**

Russell Rossman Succumbs In Veterans Hospital At Lincoln

ATKINSON- Russell Ross-Lincoln.

The late Mr. Rossman was Livestock judging was held at born at Atkinson on June 19, the O'Neill Livestock Market; 1895, and lived here most of on the L. D. Putnam place and his life, except for time spent at the Lloyd Gibson place east in the army during the first of O'Neill. war and the past 4 years dur-ing which he resided at Fre-

was wounded while in France. He was united in marriage to Gertrude Erb in 1924. To this union 7 children were

Lutheran church in Atkinson with Rev. E. C. Ihrig, church pastor, officiating. Misses Joan Jarvis, Jean Humphrey, Helen Spence and Elaine Harshfield sang, accompanied by Bonnie Humphrey.

Survivors include: sons -Richard, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Douglas, LeRoy, William and Kenneth, all of Atkinson; daughters—Mrs. Ralph (Bernice) Seger and Eunice, of At-

#### 225 4-H'ers Attend District Judging Day

Two hundred twenty-five 4-H'ers from Holt, Boyd, Wheeler and Garfield counties Wednes-day attended a district judging day held at the O'Neill public

Day convened at 10 a.m. and man, 55, a World War I veter-an, died Friday evening, June 16, in the Veterans' hospital at participated in learning the

The day concluded at 3:30 p.

#### During his service career he Fire Destroys Tractor at Bristow

BRISTOW — A fire at the home of Emil Prokop Thursday Funeral rites were held night, June 15, destroyed a new Monday, June 19, at St. John's tractor belonging to Edward Prokop, brother of Emil.

The flames, first noticed by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wenke as they were returning home about Building Under 11 p.m., are thought to have been started by a short in the battery. The tractor had been ing is under construction as an used that morning to grind corn. addition to the Outlaw Imple-The tractor was near a pile of corn, but was moved before flames could reach the grain.
Mr. and Mrs. Wenke wakened

kinson; brothers-Truman and the flames, and the siren was Bernard, both of Atkinson; sis- sounded. Neighbors and towns- Construction got underway "Voice of The Frontier," Mon., ters—Mrs. Charles Tasler and people arrived to extinguish the recently, according to Tony Wed., Sat., 9:45 a.m., WJAG. Mrs. John Warner, of Atkinson. flames.

#### Contractors Will Begin Massing Equipment Immediately

Bids on the 420 - thousanddollar St. Anthony's hospital have cleared the U.S. department of health hurdles and are

now being signed. This means that contractors will begin to move in and begin construction on the 40-bed health center to be built on O'Neill's north side.

James M. Corkle, head of the St. Anthony's by the committee, said Wednesday that all of the bids had been reviewed by federal agencies participating in the project.

Successful bidders are: Busboom and Rauh Contract-ors, of Salina, Kans., -242,700, general construction contract. James Davidson & Sons of O'Neill, \$78,985, plumbing, heating and ventilating con-

Lester Electric Co., of Wayne, \$17,798, electric con-

Busboom and Rauh officials told the architect, Frank Mc-Nett, of Grand Island, that they would begin amassing the necessary equipment in O'-Neill immdiately, and expect to begin not later than July 17. Meanwhile, Corkle has called a meeting of all persons in-terested in the hospital move-ment for Monday, June 26, at 8

Meeting will be held in the American Legion auditorium. Principal item on the agenda will be discussion of plans for appropriate ground - breaking ceremonies. Corkle said he hoped there would be a "good

Bids were opened in O'Neill on June 8. Site of the hospital is immediately west of St. Mary's academy.

#### **Father Lehmen Returns from Europe**

ATKINSON - Rev. A. A. Lehmen, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Monday, June 19, returned to Atkinson after

an extensive tour of Europe. Accompanied by his brother, Rev. A. B. Lehmen, of Chester, Ill., they made a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome in a party of 22. They sailed from New York harbor on April 29, toured England, Belgium, Holland, a pontion of Austria, Germany, Switzerland France and Italy, returning aboard the same

Father Lehmen was on the continent for 6 weeks. On May 27 he had an audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. Following day he witnessed the cannonization of St. Jean of France.

"There's lots of reconstruction and activity in Europe today," the Atkinson priest de-clared. "Everywhere crops seem to be good and people were busy in the fields."

#### Former Publisher Dies Suddenly

BUTTE - Funeral services were held Sunday, June 18, at girls' home economics classes Lincoln for Kenneth Whitla, former editor and publisher of

> Whitla died suddenly Thursday, June 15, at his home in Lincoln, where he had been living since the early 1940s. He had become ill Thursday and 3 hours later he died. Whitla at the time of death was working with the University of Nebraska printing shop at Lincoln. Prior to that he had spent most of his business life publishing Boyd newspapers. He had disposed of his business interests when

> he moved to Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh, of O'Neill, attended the burial rites. Mr. McIntosh is a cousin of the late Mr. Whitla.

Construction-A 40 x 100 foot brick buildment company located in West

The new addition is on the west side and is intended to Emil Prokop upon discovering be used as a show room for Kaiser and Frazer automobiles.