

Unseasonal Storm Related to Tornadoes

Porch Fall Fatal to Omaha Woman

Mrs. William Yurgil Burial at Stuart

A freakish and unseasonal snow storm, directly related to tornadoes touched off in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, whipped into the O'Neill region early Tuesday.

More than six inches of snow was dumped, coming on the heels of more than an inch of rain. The rain, sleet and snow combined to net an official 1.39 inches of precipitation. The moisture was warmly welcomed.

Rain began falling Monday evening, turned to sleet and later to snow. By 8 a. m., Tuesday four inches of snow had fallen here. The snow was borne by northern winds with gusts up to 40 mph.

Visibility was zero and highway and street traffic ground to a halt. State highway department snowplows were kept off the highways until breaks in the storm became evident.

By noon the snowfall exceeded six inches.

No school was held at O'Neill on Tuesday and countless affairs were cancelled. Oddly, O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Chambers, Spencer and Butte were being buffeted while Ewing, Neligh, Orchard, Plainview and Norfolk were reporting showers. O'Neill was the extreme eastern boundary.

The storm was mildly reminiscent of the famous hurricane blizzard of March 7, 1950. In that storm the gusts mounted up to 100-mph, 5- to 12-degree temperatures prevailed and there was 18 inches of snow.

Ice and wind knocked out the only long distance telephone circuits between O'Neill and the towns of Ainsworth, Valentine and Winner, S.D. There was an 18-minute power failure in the Consumers Public Power network at Emmet, Atkinson, Newport and Bassett.

Mainline Chicago & North Western passenger trains ran in time during the storm. Several buses were annulled during the height of the storm.

E. J. Stapowich, chief of the Omaha weather bureau, said the storm was similar but not identical to the famous hurricane blizzard of 1950.

In a summary prepared for The Frontier, Stapowich said the storm center at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday was in the extreme southwest part of Nebraska, near Hayes Center. Then it moved southeastward and at 6:30 p. m. Monday crossed over Dodge City and Hutchinson, Kans., gathering momentum.

A strong flow of moist air from the Gulf of Mexico came up over eastern Oklahoma, eastern Kansas and eastern Nebraska, borne by a wind from due south.

Meanwhile, a warm front crossed the southeast corner of Nebraska on an Omaha-Lincoln line. South of the front temperatures were 75 to 80 degrees; north of the line much lower and a northeasterly wind ushered in the cold.

"This moist, warm air overran the cold air and rain-drizzle-sleet-snow in the O'Neill area resulted," explained the weather expert.

Meanwhile, the storm was moving north and west. By 6:30 p. m., Tuesday it centered over St. Paul, Minn.

High northwesterly wind at O'Neill was the result of the clockwise motion around the storm center. The same storm touched off tornadoes at Soldier, Ia., and Auburn, also twisters in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Curiously, temperatures didn't get below freezing during Tuesday's snow and blow. The moisture content in the snow was very high. Much of the snow disappeared Wednesday.

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

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
March 29	45	16	.01
March 30	51	12	
March 31	71	29	
April 1	75	37	
April 2	63	34	.12
April 3	85	29	1.27
April 4	54	30	
Total			1.40

Mrs. Anna Kimes Dies Suddenly

CLEARWATER — Mrs. Anna Kimes, 74, died unexpectedly about noon Saturday, March 31, while eating lunch at her home. She was alone when stricken.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Tuesday, April 3, from the Church of Christ. Burial was at Clearwater.

The late Mrs. Kimes operated a confectionery stand here for 10 years.

Survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Melvin Stamp and Mrs. Albert Latsel, both of Ewing; Mrs. Ronald Switzer of Columbus and Mrs. Anna Kuhn of Rice, Kans.; sons—Anton Rothleutner of Ewing, William Rothleutner of Omaha, Rudolph Rothleutner of Issaquah, Wash., and August Rothleutner of Auburn, Wash.

Mrs. Kimes was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon.

Sedivy Succeeds Sojka at Creamery

EWING—Julian Sojka, manager of the Ewing Co-Op Creamery for the past several years, has resigned from that position and the resignation will become official Monday, April 16.

Ray E. Sedivy, rancher, has been selected by the board of directors as the new manager. Mr. Sedivy is a Tilden high school graduate, attended Norfolk Junior college, lived several years in Oregon, returned to Nebraska in 1952 and has been associated with his father, Emil Sedivy, in the operation of the Lazy S ranch.

5 O'Clock Deadline for Office Seekers

The deadline for filing for county and state offices in connection with the forthcoming primary election is at 5 p. m. today (Thursday), according to Holt County Clerk Kenneth Waring.

Meanwhile, Charlie Fox of the Meek community, north of O'Neill, Wednesday filed for the nomination for supervisor in the Second district. Fox is a republican.

Unicam Committee to Meet Saturday

The state legislative council's special committee studying county government operations will convene in O'Neill on Saturday, April 7. It will be the committee's first public hearing. State Sen. John Aufenkamp of Julian is the committee chairman.

Series of Surprises During Weekend

DELOTT—A surprise reunion was held at the Clarence Schmisser home on Easter.

Mrs. Vernon Upton of England, who had been called home because of the illness of her father, Frank Schmisser, was surprised to see her son, Roger of Omaha, and his fiancée, Shirley Carnish, arrive Saturday night.

Miss Carnish had the surprise of her life when her folks drove into the yard at Crookston.

Frank Schmisser even reported he "felt much better."

Auction Calendar

Friday, April 20: Fred Young's complete closet out sale, seven miles north of Atkinson; livestock, machinery, household goods; also selling at same time, 320-acre improved Kenneth Jones farm; Cols. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, Ernie Weller and Dean Fleming, both of Atkinson, auctioneers. (Details on page 4 and in next issue.)

Storm Fails to Dampen Vote Urge

Turnout Only Eight Short of Record; Lohaus, Ray Victors

O'Neill voters defied a full-scale snow and blow to go to the polls Tuesday and came within a hairbreadth of establishing a voting record.

It was the annual municipal election. Chief interest centered in the mayoralty race in which D. C. Schaffer, a rancher who has maintained his home in O'Neill since 1942, unseated the incumbent Alva Marcellus, an automobile dealer.

A total of 1,201 votes were cast with 31 mail vote applications on file, making a grand total of 1,232. The record-breaking vote a year ago, under clear skies, was 1,222 at the polls with 18 mail votes, making a grand total of 1,240.

Schaffer built almost a two-to-one lead over Marcellus and won all three wards—although the margin in the Second was very narrow.

Marcellus was elected mayor a year ago for a one-year term to fill a vacancy.

He campaigned this year on the basis of police and traffic reforms, park and recreation improvements and "progressive policy." On the other hand, Schaffer pledged economy and harmonious city government and declared he was for "progressive measures within the means of the taxpayers."

The mayor's term is two years. Schaffer's slate broke even in its bidding for council seats. J. J. Bergian was a two-to-one victor over Francis Bazelman in the first ward and Leigh Reynoldson had a fair margin over Don Petersen in the Second ward (two-year term).

But James Earley, in the Second, and Norbert Uhl, in the Third, were defeated by candidates on the Marcellus ticket.

John Turner defeated Earley and Don Enright for the one-year term in the Second ward, and Robert ("Bob") Moore pulled a 98-vote margin over Uhl in the Third. Enright was an independent candidate.

Ralph Walker was unopposed for police magistrate.

H. J. Lohaus and Elgin Ray, incumbent members of the board of education, were clear-cut victors over a third candidate—Cecil Baker. Lohaus rolled up and impressive 848 votes—individual high for the day. Ray had 784. Baker, whose bid was unsuccessful, counted 368.

The school seats are for three-year terms.

The 20-thousand-dollar bond proposal for a new fire station won handily a resounding defeat in all three wards.

The Schaffer committee maintained headquarters at the Golden hotel and the Marcellus committee kept a staff at the youth center. Both sides freely furnished transportation to and from the polls—even while visibility was nil and winds whipped in from out of the north.

Members of the new and old council met Wednesday night and the newly-elected candidates were given an informal briefing of current matters. Mayor Marcellus presided and Mayor-Elect Schaffer, who takes office May 1, sat in during the session along with the other victors in the council races.

George Enbody Write-In Winner

ATKINSON—In Tuesday's city and school election in Atkinson the only contest in the balloting was in the race for a board of education berth.

George Enbody, a write-in candidate, defeated Wayne Galien, who name appeared on the ballot as a caucus candidate. Dr. N. P. McKee also was a party candidate and was reelected.

Other victors: Willard Linville, mayor; Don Smith, first ward councilman; Clyde Davis, Second; Leo Seger, Third; Robert Fullerton, justice of the peace.

Scheinost, David to Town Board

SPENCER—Voters here Tuesday elected Tony Scheinost and Dr. Donald David to the town board.

Successful school candidates were Herbert Sieler and Louis Klasna.

Defeated school candidates were Doris Couch and Blair Dickey. Defeated town board candidates were J. M. Marcum and Clayton Kalsna. Interest was light and snow fell.

Vote Turnout Meager at Stuart

STUART—There was a very small turnout for Stuart's annual municipal election held Tuesday. Fewer than 150 votes were cast. Interest was slight and the weatherman was to help.

Town board members elected were Max Karo and Ed Coufal. Elected to the school board were Mrs. Lulu Wewel and Mahlon Shearer.

Club Hostess— PAGE—Mrs. Herbert Steinberg

entertained the HOA club Tuesday, March 27. Mrs. Ross Fink and Mrs. Paul Hartigan were guests. All members were present. Mrs. Harry Van Horn will be the April 10 hostess.

JAIL EMPTY

The Holt county jail is empty this week—the first time since last November.

PAGE—The young adult Sunday-school class postponed seeding the oat crop from Tuesday, April 3, until Tuesday, April 10.

Mrs. Ben Asher returned Friday from a stay in New York with relatives.

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION TABLE

	1st	2nd	3d Tot.
For Mayor—			
D. C. SCHAFER	257	180	299-736
Alva Marcellus	110	177	167-454
For Police Magistrate—			
RALPH WALKER	314		345-
For City Council—			
J. J. BERIGAN	235		—235
Francis Bazelman	121		—121
LEIGH REYNOLDSON	186		—186
Don Petersen	159		—159
JOHN TURNER	164		—164
James Earley	94		—94
Don Enright	93		—93
Norbert Uhl	179		—179
ROBERT MOORE	277		—277
Fire Station Bond Issue—			
Yes	94	136	145-375
No	256	206	294-756
For Board of Education—			
H. J. LOHAUS	298	223	327-848
ELGIN RAY	247	225	282-754
Cecil Baker	84	126	156-366

1956 votes cast: 1,201 plus 31 mail; total—1,232.
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Schaffer Winner Over Marcellus

Longtime Resident Dies At 86

Catherine Kallhoff Is Stricken at Ewing; Funeral Tentative

EWING—Mrs. Catherine Kallhoff, 86, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Miller, at Ewing, about 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, April 4. She had been ill more than a year.

She was born in Germany and came to America when she was 18. She had spent the greater part of her life in the Ewing community. Her husband died many years ago. Survivors include: Sons—Joe of Elgin, Garrett of Ewing, John of Guthrie Center, Ia., Carl of Raville, Bernard of Omaha, Otis of Clearwater; daughters—Mrs. Mary Rotherham and Mrs. Anna Miller, both of Ewing; Mrs. Hilda Sehl of Clearwater, Mrs. Lavina Kobald of Sioux City, Mrs. Margaret Koenig of Ewing.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Friday morning, April 6, at St. Peter's Catholic church in Ewing. Rev. Peter Burke, church pastor, was out-of-town and funeral arrangements had not yet been finalized Wednesday evening.



D. C. Schaffer (center) headed a slate which succeeded in gaining two out of four city council seats at stake during Tuesday's near-record voting. At left is J. J. ("Jack") Berigan and at right is Leigh Reynoldson. Schaffer and Berigan are ranchers who maintain their homes in town. Reynoldson is a partner in the O'Neill Livestock Market.—The Frontier Photo.

Orshek Firm Enters U.S. 281 Low Bid

Francis R. Orshek, Inc., of Fremont was the apparent low bidder on 8.8 miles of grading and bituminous surfacing for U.S. highway 281 north of O'Neill.

Bids were opened last Thursday at the state capitol in Lincoln. The Orshek firm, which performed the gap in the hard-surfaced route between O'Neill and Spencer, The Orshek bid was \$195,343. Wreen & Taylor of Grand Island were low bidders on guard rail, \$5,115.

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Juracek, Krugman Election Winners

The state office of the Nebraska soil conservation service has confirmed the election of Elmer Juracek of Star and Harvey Krugman of O'Neill as members of the Holt soil district board of directors. Mr. Juracek is a former board member and currently is area vice-president. The area comprises seven north-central and mountain states.) Mr. Krugman is a new member.

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County Superintendents Tour New School

Twelve county superintendents of public instruction from district III of the Nebraska Education association met here Monday for an all-day session.

Mrs. Myrtle Day of Ponca acted as chairman with the aid of the following: Georgia E. Rottler, supervisor of soil conservation; LeRoy Ortgiesen, supervisor of elementary and secondary education; A. R. Lichtenberger, director of research, and Allen A. Elliot, supervisor of the school lunch program.

The group toured the new grade school building during the noon hour.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh's mother died at Jay, Okla., last week. Funeral services and burial were at Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Osenbaugh went to Auburn Friday and returned Tuesday evening.

Auxiliary to Meet

St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary will meet Monday evening, April 9, at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Storjohann returned Wednesday from a three-week visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman of Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holsclaw returned Friday from Phoenix, Ariz., and Los Angeles, Calif. They were gone about six weeks.



Mrs. W. S. Kirkland was one of hundreds of voters transported to and from the polls Tuesday during a snow storm. Early in the day visibility was restricted to just a few feet, but the snow was no deterrent because a near-record vote was cast. Don Martin, operator of a four-wheel drive vehicle for the Schaffer committee, stands beside the car. The Marcellus group offered similar service. Baby sitters were provided, too, by both sides.—The Frontier Photo.

Musician Army Here Next Week

Prep Contest Starts Wednesday

More than 1,200 prep musicians, representing 28 north-east and north-central Nebraska high schools, will converge on O'Neill next week for the annual district music contest.

City School Supt. M. J. Baack is contest director.

Competition will begin on Wednesday, April 11, with piano solos to be heard at St. Mary's academy.

Next Thursday, April 12, will be devoted to class C and D vocal and instrumental numbers throughout the day at O'Neill high school and the academy and to class C and D bands in the evening at the high school auditorium.

Friday, April 13, will witness vocal and instrumental performances by musicians from class B schools during the morning and afternoon. The contest will be climaxed that evening with class B band competition.

Hospital Kickoff Drive Beginning

ATKINSON—Vern Pangborn, director of hospitals for the state department of health, was in Atkinson Wednesday, April 4, to assist in the fund-raising kickoff drive in behalf of Atkinson Memorial hospital.

Return to Lincoln

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lundeen and Wallis Jeanette returned to their home in Lincoln Tuesday morning. They had been visiting Mrs. Lundeen's mother, Mrs. Jeannette Derickson.

Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holly and family were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Davies of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Policky and family of York, Martin Policky and son and Mrs. Joe Liska, all of Seward.

Charles Ballou Dies in Atkinson

Born on Homestead in Holt

ATKINSON—Charles H. Ballou, 71, died early Saturday, March 31, at his home here. He had been ill four months.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m., Monday, April 2, from the Methodist church with Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Wood Lawn cemetery under the direction of Seger's, Fallbearers were Fred Mack, E. O. Slaymaker, Charles Dvorak, Joseph Milnar, Fred Dobrovolsky and Milo Hupp.

The late Mr. Ballou was born December 21, 1884, on a homestead southwest of Atkinson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ballou. He farmed for a number of years and was in business for a number of years. He moved to Atkinson in 1922.

He was married to Mary Ann Disterhaupt September 30, 1925, at O'Neill. They spent their entire married life in the Atkinson community.

Survivors include: Widow—Mary; brother—Joseph of Lincoln.

Rollin Hatch Dies At St. Edward

Rollin Hatch, a familiar figure in O'Neill prior to his entry into a St. Edward rest home, died Tuesday at St. Edward. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m., Friday, April 6, at Biglin's chapel. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

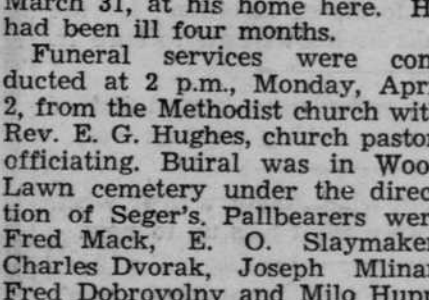
He had been a laborer and had never married.

Survivors include: Sister—Mrs. Cora Shelly of Palmyra.

Visitors at Dorsey Home—Mr. and Mrs. Harden Anspach and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Anspach visited in the Charles Marsten home at Dorsey Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Anspach returned to Lincoln Sunday afternoon.

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Alva Marcellus, retiring mayor, central figure in Tuesday's near-record election vote.

Marcellus was defeated by D. C. Schaffer. Each headed respective slates.—The Frontier Photo.