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## Wind Storm in City Does Great Deal of Damage

### Trees by the Hundreds Are Torn Up and Branches Scattered Over the Whole City.

From Thursday's Daily—

One of the most severe windstorms in many years visited this city early Wednesday morning and caused a great deal of damage in all parts of the city with trees uprooted and branches broken off and scattered over the streets and making a great deal of work to get the damage cleared up and the trees removed, as in many cases they fell across the streets and blocked travel.

The storm came up at 1:45 and was preceded by a loud roaring that alarmed the residents over the city and many sought the shelter of cellars and caves in fear of a tornado and which proved one of the most severe windstorms in many years.

The storm was general over the city and there was hardly a part of the town that did not suffer as the result of the wind. Along Chicago and Washington avenue large trees were torn from the ground and tossed along the street while other trees had the tops completely torn off and hurled sometimes for more than a half block by the intense force of the wind that almost reached cyclonic proportions.

At the residence of H. E. Becker on high school hill a large tree had the top torn off and as it fell it crashed onto the Buick coupe of John Sattler, Jr., son-in-law of Mr. Becker, badly damaging the front portion of the car and practically making a wreck of the hood, radiator and otherwise damaging this part of the car.

The porch on the north side of the residence of Thomas Svoboda on Vine street was completely blown away as was also a porch on the old Svoboda store building on west Main street.

Many of the residents found their doors were barred by the fallen trees and debris and required some time before they were able to get out of the wreckage.

On the gravelled road on Fifteenth street, the highway was blocked by a large tree which had been down in front of the Joseph Schlitz home.

At the home of Joe M. Sedlak on west Locust street, the enclosed porch at the north part of the house was badly damaged and the glass blown from the windows and strewn over the yard of the home.

The storm caused damage to the lines of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., and every part of the city had many lines down as the result of the storm and the regular service of the company was carried on with the greatest difficulty.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. also suffered, having their lines damaged by trees falling over the wires and breaking them down, several of the high powered lines being put out of commission as the result of the storm over the city.

The garage building of John Bauer & Co. was also one of the heavy sufferers from the effects of the wind storm as the large sign placed on the roof of the garage was blown down as well as a chimney of the building blown over by the intense force of the wind. One of the peculiar twists of the wind at this place took an auto parked near the garage and carried it over to the E. A. Wurl residence at 6th and Vine street, a half block away.

## STORM CAUSES INJURY

From Thursday's Daily—

Mrs. Glen Rhoden, residing three miles northwest of Murray, is a victim of the severe windstorm of yesterday morning and as far as can be ascertained is the only person to suffer physical injury as the result of the cyclonic wind that prevailed. Mrs. Rhoden with the other members of the family was seeking shelter from the storm in the cave at the farm when the full force of the wind struck the Rhoden home. Mrs. Rhoden was caught by the wind and blown over, falling into the cellarway and as she was hurled to the foot of the stairs she suffered the breaking of her right leg. The injured member was dressed and the victim made as comfortable as possible with a broken limb in the hot weather that is now prevailing. The only other damage of the storm at the Rhoden farm was that of breaking of trees and some damage to the growing crops.

## IMPROVES RESTAURANT BLDG.

The building on Main street occupied by the Wilson restaurant, which is owned by William Barclay, has just been treated to a general redecorating that makes it one of the most attractive buildings in the business section. The front has been painted a dark red that is very handsome and with the white trimmings of the structure makes it a building of unusual beauty and one that attracts the eye. Mr. Barclay will have the building placed in the very best of shape for the use of the restaurant business.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. MCCARTHY

From Thursday's Daily—

The funeral services of Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, Jr., were held on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine street, a large group of the friends gathering there to pay their last tributes of respect to the memory of the departed friend and neighbor.

The services were in charge of the leader of the International Bible students chapter at Omaha, of which faith Mrs. McCarthy had been a member for some years. During the services Mrs. Edward Roman gave two of the old and loved hymns, the accompaniment being played by Miss Marjorie Ann.

Following the service the body was taken to Hamburg, Iowa, the old home where it was consigned to the last long rest beside that of the others of the family circle that had preceded her in death.

## Storm will Take a Heavy Toll in Farm Sections

Loss to the Growing Crops, Particularly Corn, Will Reach Many Thousands.

The damage to the growing crops caused by the severe windstorm of early Wednesday morning will amount to a great many thousands of dollars, it is estimated by those who have looked over the damage over the county.

One of the sections that seems to have been the hardest hit was that in the locality northwest of this city where almost every field had a great deal of the young and growing corn broken off by the force of the wind and which in many cases will make as much as a third of the total corn as a loss to the farmers.

In that section of the county also there were many barns and sheds blown down in the area from north of the Louisville road to the Platte river on the north and which included damage to outbuildings at the Matt Sulser, Ed J. Lutz and Albie Todd farms in the vicinity of the city where barns and sheds were blown down in the face of the intense and tornado like storm.

In the timberland along the Platte river that is owned by Lawrence Stull, the storm found a great target and tore a wide path of the broken and ruined trees through the wooded area of the Stull farm.

J. P. Falter, secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire and Live Stock Co., which has its offices in this city, was busy during the day in the checking of the reports of losses in the farm territory, and estimates that the storm was one of the most destructive that has swept over this part of the state in many years.

The wheat and oats ripened for the harvest were blown down to some extent in this section, but it is not thought that it will make any great loss to the farmers, altho making in some cases more difficult to cut and handle at the harvest. The wheat in the upper portion of the ground had dried out well served to help the wheat from being blown out or entirely down, those who have visited the storm swept areas state.

## HAS SEVERE INJURY

The Gouchenour, young man employed at the repair shops of the BREC Co., was the victim of a severe accident that befell him Tuesday afternoon and which was a very close call for the young man from being killed. The young man was engaged in working around one of the refrigerator cars when a fellow workman threw a large section of a sill out of the car, not knowing that Mr. Gouchenour was working near the car at the time. He saw the piece of sill falling but had not time to get out of the way and threw up his left arm to break the force of the blow when the sill struck him and the upper part of his arm is black and blue from the force of the falling timber. The worst injury was received on the head when a large gash was laid open and had it not been for the young man trying to ward off the full force of the blow, he would probably have been killed.

## FOURTH QUIET HERE

The Fourth of July in this city will rank as one of the quietest in the history of the community with very little to denote that the great natal day was being celebrated. The fact that no formal observance was planned for the day here, led the residents to largely seek entertainment for the day at other places, Omaha, Papillion, and La Platte drawing a part of the crowd while others enjoyed the pleasure of the Murray bathing beach. The usual demonstration of the noise producing fireworks was also absent to a great extent and the most intensive observance of the day was that staged in the late evening when the returning celebrators from other places staged an attempt to awaken the city to the fact that the Fourth was here in all of its glory.

## Mrs. C. S. Forbes Passes Away at Her Home Here

### Death Comes After an Illness of a Very Short Time—Has Resided in City Over 40 Years.

From Thursday's Daily—

Mrs. C. S. Forbes, old and highly respected resident of this community, has been called from the scene of her earthly activities, passing away at the family home on west Marble street at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning. The death came after a comparative short illness and which in the past week has given the family no hopes of the recovery of the mother and they have watched with sorrowing hearts the near approach of the grim messenger that was to take from them their loved one.

The deceased was the widow of Charles S. Forbes, a veteran of the Burlington railroad, they coming here more than forty years ago from their former home at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and have since made their home in this community, both being highly esteemed residents of this city. The husband preceded his wife in death some ten years ago.

Mrs. Forbes has been very prominent in the life of the community and was one of the most active leaders in the Women's Relief Corps, the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, serving as president of the local post for several years and had by her efficient work become one of the leaders in the organization in the state and was prominently mentioned in connection with the state presidency at the last encampment.

The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wendell, old time residents of this community, both of whom have preceded her in death. To survive the passing of Mrs. Forbes there remain six children, Clarence Forbes of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, George Forbes of Missouri Valley, Iowa, Mrs. Fred H. Wynn of this city, Clifford Forbes of this city, Harry Forbes and Eved Forbes of this city. One sister, Mrs. Belle Gass, of Long Beach, California, also survives her.

## Platte River Bridge Free on Tuesday at Six

K. of T. Bridge Repaid Cost of Purchase and Resurfacing Charge and Will Be Free.

From Friday's Daily—

The King of Trails bridge over the Platte river north of this city, erected in 1925 by a group of Plattsmouth and Omaha citizens and sold to the state at the cost of \$125,000, will be free of tolls after 6 p. m. on Tuesday, July 10th, word from the office of State Engineer Cochran and its purchase later by Cass and Sarpy county announces.

This bridge, one of the best of its type in the state was erected by private capital late in 1925 under the act of the legislature that permitted the erection of bridges by private citizens and its purchase later by Cass and Sarpy counties, the state paying outright their purchase price and the counties collecting their half of the cost of the structure by the means of tolls levied on those who used the bridge and which has not only paid off the counties half of the bridge but also raised the sum which will be used in the resurfacing of the bridge with rock asphalt, making a permanent and solid roadway over the bridge.

During the two years since the purchase a fifteen cent toll has been charged on automobiles and twenty-five cents per truck. This toll has produced an average return of \$170 per day since the opening.

The advent of the bridge as a free structure represents an agitation of several years and removes the last toll structure within the boundaries of the state, as the Louisville bridge was free shortly after its purchase, it being an older bridge and which was purchased for a small amount by the state and counties.

## FARMERS WANT HELP

From Saturday's Daily—

The farmers in this locality are sending forth the call for help in handling the wheat and oat crop that is being ready for the harvest and a large number of the residents of the farming sections near this city have been in to secure all available men and boys that can be used on the farm during the busy season when the crops are being gathered in. The hot weather has brought the corn booming along and many are getting their corn laid by for the season and which with the harvest on makes the farm on of the busiest places in the country at this time. The local police have had many calls for men to work on the farm and they are searching for those who may need work and can help out the farmers in their hour of need for labor and lots of it.

## SUFFERING FROM APPENDICITIS

From Friday's Daily—

The many friends of Joe Hiber, Jr., well known plumber and tinner, will regret to learn that Joe is confined to his home as the result of an attack of appendicitis from which he has been suffering for a few days but which last night grew worse and caused the patient great deal of suffering. The patient is being kept packed in ice and this morning was some better altho whether he will have to undergo an operation or not has not been fully determined.

## GIVE SHOWER FOR BRIDE

From Friday's Daily—

Mrs. Elmer J. Rummel and Mrs. Philip Hinz were hostesses at a most delightful miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Ruth Hook, of Omaha, whose marriage to Mr. Vernon C. Williamson will occur on Saturday, July 14th, at the St. John's Evangelical church, 24th and Vinton streets, Omaha. The delightful event was held at the attractive Rummel home and the time was spent most agreeably by all of the members of the party in working quilt blocks and writing recipes, which were to be presented to the bride-to-be as remembrances from the friends.

The out of town guests present at the shower were Mrs. Adam Hook, Misses Helen, Eva and Ruth Hook, Mrs. August Brightinger, of Omaha, Mrs. H. B. Hall and daughter, Margaret Louise, of Beaver City. Others attending were Mesdames Elmer Tritsch, Lester Meisinger, E. H. Tritsch, Edgar Meisinger, Henry Born, Herman Hennings, John Rummel, Guy Heil, Harry Fincher, Ray Herrick, Guy Long, Lon Henry, William Rummel, Edward Rummel, Ray Tschirren, Philip Hinz, Mrs. Christine Rummel, Louise Rummel, Marie Hunter and Katherine Hinz.

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## DOINGS OF COMMISSIONERS

From Friday's Daily—

The board of county commissioners at their regular monthly session this week received the quarterly reports of the various officials of the county, the officers showing a very pleasing amount derived from the conduct of the various officers. The reports showed the following amounts received:

Clerk of District Court	\$784.75
County Judge	613.85
Sheriff	313.15
County Clerk	285.85
Register of Deeds	598.25
The board also received the request of the First National bank of Weeping Water asking permission to supply a deposit of Liberty bonds to guarantee the county deposits, which was granted.	

In regard to the application of the superintendent for a levy for free high school tuition for 348 pupils at \$3 per week each, the board not having the exact valuation needed to make the levy voted to leave the same in the hands of the county superintendent.

## Local Team Wins from the Pappio Tribe Yesterday

### Fourteen Innings Required to Settle Game—Final Score of 11 to 5 for the Locals.

From Thursday's Daily—

The Plattsmouth baseball team journeyed up to Papillion for the Fourth of July and a red hot ball game there with the tribe of the Pappio, a game that was a real one on the part of the ball players of both teams but not so good from the work of the umpire, both teams having a real kick coming on the hectic work of the umpire.

The game was the game were of the opinion that it should have been a 4 to 1 victory for the Platters in nine innings, but required fourteen frames and the final result of 11 to 5 for the Plattsmouth team.

The game opened with both teams showing their batting eye, the Plattsmouth team starting in to do business with Becker, the Pappio hurler, when with two down Shirley hit a clean drive to right and followed by Newman who lifted a fly to the left garden that was dropped and then Joe Kretzel hit safe to score his team mate. The Pappio team with two hits, an error and a fielder's choice were able to garner in four runs that made the game look decidedly blue for the locals.

The Plattsmouth team tied the score in the fourth inning when Gansemer hit a clean drive to the outfield, was sacrificed by Svoboda to second base and scored on the clout of Spidell. Spidell was able to register while Eaton was striking out and Trumble closed the inning on a ground ball to Beerline at short.

The game was running into extra periods with the score knotted four allie when the Plattsmouth team broke into the scoring again in the eleventh frame after Hans Newman was robbed of a home run in the third inning by the ump. In the fatal eleventh Gansemer hit to left where Bloddy Huff drew an error and "Smear" was safe, being sacrificed to second by Distell and when Becker was striking out Spidell and Eaton, Gansemer registered.

The Pappio team came back in the last of the eleventh when Bloddy Huff scored on a bunt and again tied up the score.

The big blowup came in the fourteenth inning when five runs were brought over the plate by the Plattsmouth players, Eaton opening with a two bagger, hits by Trumble, O'Connell and Mason resulting in the scoring of all of these and Joe Kretzel was then walked and tallied on the hit of Distell.

The Pappio team in a try to come back in the fourteenth was eliminated in one, two, three order by Eaton, whiffing all of the three batters to face him and the big game was won.

Plattsmouth—	AB	H	PO	A	E
Trumble, 3b-rf	6	1	4	4	1
O'Donnell, 1b	7	2	17	0	0
Shirley, lf	6	2	1	0	0
Mason, cf	1	1	0	0	0
Newman, ss	7	2	3	4	2
Kretzel, cf	5	1	2	1	0
Gansemer, 2b	6	2	5	6	0
Svoboda, rf	2	1	0	0	0
Distell, rf	3	2	0	0	0
Spidell, c	5	2	10	2	1
Eaton, p	6	2	1	8	0
	49	18	42	24	4

Papillion—	AB	H	PO	A	E
Matthews, 3b	6	1	2	7	1
E. Cordes, 2b	5	0	3	2	0
King, c	6	2	16	1	1
Oliver, cf-p	6	1	1	0	0
Becker, p-cf	6	3	1	5	0
C. Beerline, 1b	6	1	16	2	0
G. Beerline, ss	6	1	2	2	0
Margaret, rf	6	0	0	0	0
Byrne, lf	5	1	1	7	1
	52	10	42	28	3

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## ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

From Thursday's Daily—

On June 26, 1928, Mrs. John Kettelhub, assisted by Mrs. Ray Wilts, organized a 4-H sewing club in Rock Bluff precinct. Eight girls enrolled at the first meeting. They chose "Good Luck" as the name of their club and selected the following officers:

Anna Campbell, president; Agnes Gouchenour, vice president; Helen Slagle, secretary; Mary Lois Wiles, treasurer; Lucille Pace, reporter; Mrs. Kettelhub, leader.

The second meeting was held at the home of Helen Slagle on July 2d. The girls were advised to meet on Tuesday of every week until they should have made up their back lessons caused by the late organization of the club. Mrs. Kettelhub gave an interesting talk on club work and its aim. The afternoon closed with the serving of light refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Agnes Gouchenour on Tuesday afternoon, July 10th.

## Funeral Services of Mrs. Forbes Held

Highly Esteemed Resident of the Community is Laid to the Last Long Rest Friday.

From Saturday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church was held the funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes, one of the long time residents of this city and a lady highly esteemed by the community where the best years of her life had been spent in the rearing of her family and her services in the community welfare.

The many beautiful flowers and the attendance of the friends spoke of the feeling of affection in which the deceased lady had been held and the members of the Women's Relief Corps of which she had been a past president and untiring worker, were present in a body to pay their tribute to the memory of this splendid lady.

Rev. H. E. Sortor, pastor of the church, held the services and in his sermon paid tribute to the long and useful life of Mrs. Forbes, her devotion to her daily tasks and the love and care that she had given to her family circle. During the service Mrs. E. H. Wescott gave the beautiful musical setting of the Tennyson poem, "Crossing the Bar" while the mixed quintet composed of Mrs. Wescott, Marjorie Ann, Gladys Bushnell, W. A. Wells and L. O. Minor gave the old and loved song, "The Old Ragged Cross," a favorite of the deceased lady.

At the conclusion of the service at the church the cortege took its way to the Oak Hill cemetery where the body was laid to the last long rest beside the others of the family circle that has preceded Mrs. Forbes in death.

Elizabeth Wendell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wendell, was born on December 1, 1861, at Schenectady, New York, the family later moving west to the state of Indiana and where on December 31, 1878, she was united in marriage to Charles S. Forbes. They came to Plattsmouth forty-five years ago and have since made their home in this city where the sons and daughter have been reared and where on June 12, 1917, the husband and father passed to the last reward. To bless their lives eight children were born, two preceding the parents in death and the children surviving the passing of the mother are Clarence, of Oklahoma; George of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Clifford, Mrs. Harriett E. Wynn and Fred of this city and Harry of Omaha. One sister, Mrs. Belle Gass of Long Beach, California, also survives her passing.

## VERY PLEASANT CONCERT

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the Eagles band entertained the residents of this section of Cass county at another of their very pleasant concerts and gave several of the popular numbers, "Sunshine" and "My Melancholy Baby" that were greeted with great applause as was the tuneful and charming "Night in June" by King and the tone poem, "Twilight in the Mountains."

During the course of the concert the band gave one of the numbers that will be heard all over the country in the coming months, "The Sidewalks of New York," the tuneful and swinging melody that has been adopted as the featured song of the empire state and its distinguished sons.

The concert was closed with the inspiring "Stars and Stripes Forever" that made a fitting finale to the hour of real musical enjoyment.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for their words of sympathy and deeds of kindness and also for the beautiful flowers received at the time of the death of our dear husband, son and brother.—Mrs. Forrest Frans, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frans and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Smith and family.

## Great Highway System Centers on Bridge Here

### State of Iowa to Have Fine System Leading to Bridge Over Missouri at This Point.

From Friday's Daily—

The erection of the Missouri river bridge at this point to handle auto and truck travel will make the keystone that is needed to connect up a great system of highways in Nebraska and Iowa and make the routes of travel to the east and west continuous and the saving of many miles to the residents of these localities as well as the tourists going from east and west.

The state of Iowa is planning many new road projects, a part now being under way, that will give miles of paved roads along the line that leads as straight as the crow flies from Burlington westward to where the bridge that the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., has projected, will span the waters of the great Missouri that now divides the states of Iowa and Nebraska, making a great aid to the further extension of the good roads movement in this state as well as that of our neighboring state.

The new bridge will be a great link in this highway system and one that will save many miles of unnecessary travel along the great highways to the east and west as well as bringing the great market of South Omaha nearer by seventy-five miles to the farmers and stock raisers of southwestern Iowa.

On the Iowa side of the great river there are many important branch roads that will join into the great trunk road from the east to the west and which can have the use of the bridge over the river for their convenience in travel and bringing into closer touch several hundred thousand of the Iowa and Nebraska people.

The bridge here has a wonderful look up on the western side of the stream with highways both to the north and south as well as the east and west, the King of Trails already a great all weather highway leading either to Omaha or Kansas City, while to the west the traveler can connect with the D. L. D. at Omaha or via Louisville, at Greenwood with this western highway and there are also the Red Ball highway to Lincoln via Murray and Elmwood and the "Y" street road at Union to Lincoln and thence to the west, so that the traveler can have a choice of highways that will lead through the heart of the great agricultural lands of Cass county and the fine little cities that mark this section of the state.

With the prospects that are now so bright that work will be able to be started this fall on the new bridge, the year 1929 should see the structure over the Missouri river in operation and the travel over way, bringing thousands of travelers each year to realize the glory that is the boast of Nebraska and Iowa, in the heart of the great agricultural domain of the United States.

## PLATTSMOUTH LADY SHOT

From Friday's Daily—

Mrs. Julia Connor, former Plattsmouth lady, was among the victims of the rage of Bill Lewis, negro porter, at the Woolworth 5 and 10 cent store at 16th and Douglas streets, Omaha, yesterday afternoon.

The negro, who has had attacks of insanity before, suddenly became enraged at the spilling of some gray on the floor of the kitchen by a waitress, Miss Marie Maloney, and rushing to the store room adjoining the store kitchen, secured a revolver and opened fire, Miss Maloney, the intended victim, fainting and falling to the floor and was unharmed as the crazed negro, who evidently was of the opinion she had been killed and then rushed into the main kitchen and began firing wildly over the room, injuring two of the ladies who were there at the time.

Mrs. Connor, wife of Walter Connor, well known ball player, and who was for many years a resident here, was struck by a bullet that imbedded itself in her right leg.

Nina Dodson, the second victim of the shooting, suffered a severe breast wound and is in serious shape at the hospital.

The negro was later captured in the store by officers of the police force and disarmed and was at once rushed to the state penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping.

Misses Mildred Allen and Mildred Elliott, two Plattsmouth girls were in the Woolworth store at the time of the shooting and was among the large number that were thrown into a panic when the crazed negro broke loose on his shooting. They remained to see Mrs. Connor as she was taken to the Lord Lister hospital.

Attorney Guy Clements, B. I. Clements of Elmwood and Chris Bornemeier of Waco, Nebraska, were here today to attend to some matters of the county court for a few hours.