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Flood Waters Leave Big Death and Destruction in Its Wake

Valley Flooded As River Leaves It's Banks Early Friday Morning; Loss is Tremendous

3 STRATTON FOLKS DROWNED

The worst flood in the history of the state flooded upon the Republican Valley last Friday, leaving in its wake, 3 dead and property damage estimated at $12,000,000.

The flood waters came up without warning to the people of this community, and in a short part of town, the waters, from the Muddy creek over it with such force and rapidity that people were forced to the roofs of their homes, and for the heroism of Jim Merrill, Village Marshall, many would have perished. Making his rounds as night watchman, Jim, heard the sirens, warned all the residents and assisted in getting them to safety. Horses and cattle in Frank Tarzian lots came around in the rising water until most of them found safety on higher ground. The water ran 7 feet deep thru the section of the town. The waters reached no other section of the town.

The greatest personal losses in this community were suffered by W. B. Hall and the Frank Dewey family, Hall's home and buildings were swept away, and many acres of fertile valley land are now covered deep with sand.

Several hundred feet of Dailey's lot track and ties were washed out and much of the highway.

THREE LIVES LOST

Bert Stratton, 8 years old, and his cousin William Dewey, 10, of Stonehenge family, lost their lives in the Republican River 3 miles east of Hugo, when their car, in which they were enroute to the Hall home, was swept into the river. The boys were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Alva Stonehenge, daughter, Mildred, 14, and a little girl, Ethel Black, 19, perished. Herself efforts were made to save the drowned family, and the father, a brother and a daughter were rescued. Mr. Stonehenger and son, Clyde, were out looking after the stock when the wall of water struck the farmstead. They managed to reach the house and Clies the roof of a barn, from which they were rescued by Frank Rowland and Ben Stonehenger who had been aided by others. They then attempted to rescue the other members of the family, but the boat, cut loose from its moorings, was swept into the current and capsized, and the mother, daughter and little girl were swept away. The bodies, of Mrs. Stonehenger and Miss Black, who only in May was graduated from the Stratton Public School, were found miles down the stream, but the body of Mildred has not yet been found. It is a terrible tragedy and our hearts ache for the stricken family.

During this awful catastrophe there were many deeds of heroism, nearly another tragedy, were narrowly experienced. "Whitey" Grimesstat, at the risk of his life, swam the Republican waters to notify Ally Lamaster of the death of his sister, Mrs. Pettit and family, near Dunbar.

We are able to publish the following account of the flood through the courtesy of the Omaha World-Herald:

"The Stratton Republican Valley, in the extreme north-east, is reeling to spend a couple of days with home folks, the worst visited to that place last Thursday, and more trouble to get back to normal until Friday noon, and we wish to publicly express our appreciation for this friendly service. We are also grateful for help from Albert Martin, Wade B. Martin, Wm. C. Martin and Ed. Martin, who did nothing as in no hurry getting out this edition. We hope, our readers will pardon us for the "blank-ness" of the inside pages, but under the conditions, it was the best we could do, and get out a paper this week.

Stratton suffered the most serious catastrophe in its history last Friday, May 31, when the Republican river flooded the town from the south, and in the afternoon, a heavy rain from the northwest filled the canyons and creeks, which joined and made a flood which threatened to deluge the entire town.

Twelve persons were drowned and property damage to farms, town, railroad track and telephone lines will run into millions of dollars.

Three drowned and their bodies recovered are: Mrs. Alva Stonehenger, Mrs. Gross Martha, Mrs. Alva Black, daughter of Mrs. Stonehenger Black. Miss Black is a cousin of Mrs. Stonehenger. Those missing are Gross Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dewey and their son, Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and Mildred Stonehenger. The Stonehenger family of six lived on the Ralph Gibson farm between Trenton and Stratton. They were rescued from the flood waters while in a boat, and the boat capsized and the mother and one child and a friend of Mrs. Stonehenger, Miss Black, were drowned.

The heavy rain began about Thursday morning. Warning of the coming river was sent to Burlington Agent G. P. B. Tomlinson, who drove in a special car to town and he phoned residents in the south part of town to move their stock and all of our people got safely out of the way to higher ground. Another warning was sent out at about 4 o'clock the river had reached a stage of 18 feet and sent a mile to these quarters of a mile in width. The Dewey family was swept away in their Ford coupe and Howard Smith and family in their automobile were floating away. At the time the river was at its height the town on Main street nearly to Railroad ave. was covered and the entire eastern section of the town was inundated. The water was so high much the water retarded gradually.

Trenton citizens floating the room of their homes and were stranded on the hills north of town, and many were cared for at the Hall home.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon a cloudburst came from the northwest. The skies darkened until it was almost dark and the rain came in torrents. The water rushed down the canyons and creeks, which joined and made a flood which threatened to deluge the entire town.

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NEW BRIDGE ASSURED SOON!

Through the splendid cooperation of F. C. Kestler & Sons, bridge builders, the County Commissioners and the Village Board, plans have been worked out whereby Mr. Kestler will start immediate work on the construction of a bridge to replace the one washed out with the flood. This new bridge will be constructed in so far as possible to carry a load of 15 or better so that most any kind of traffic can be handled.

The most serious problem is lack of proper materials. Gangs in charge of Jim Hunter, and Pat Wilson are now salvaging bridge materials that may have lodged in the river bed. Mr. Kestler will have the pile driver moved to Stratton than Monday and he feels confident that we can have a bridge in shortly thru weeks.

We wish to assure the people living south of the river that we are doing everything in our power to complete transportation and communication across the river at the earliest possible date. When you stop and think this over, the loss across the Republican river from Palisade, Nebraska to Superior is, except two, you will realize how fortunate this community will be the bridge can be completed as hoped for. Undoubtedly it will be several months before some community, here is bridge that will carry heavy traffic.

"Fresh Air" May Be Deadly. If Human Self Preservation Exists, They Would Be Afraid to Draw Another Breath. Read The Advertisement in —the Magazine distributed with Sunday's DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

FOR SALE: Good seed plants, onion or tomato. Write Zeta Berg, Superior, Nebr.

My neighbor doesn't get down cyclwell with his wife. The family relations are strained to the breaking point. The other day after a particular's fuss cured so well he had to come to the barn where I was sawdin, some harrin and, and, Tom to tell there was a time in my life when my biggest worry was that I might be late and some one else would get ker.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation and gratitude to Stratton neighbors for their many kind deeds and sympathy in the hours of death of our friends, Mrs. Stancopher, Mildred and Ellsa Hedin.

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Wolfe.

Plates lessons given at my home. Classes are forming.
Mrs. Stewart Shank.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Wade E. Martin, Administrator of the estate of French D. Carlson, deceased, has filed petition in the District Court of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, praying for authority to execute a mortgage to the Land Bank Commissioner, for the sum of $4,000 on the following described real estate: The Northwest Quarter, the Northeast Quarter and the West half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), the Southeast Quarter, the East half of the Southwest Quarter and the East half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Township One (1), north of Range Thirty-four (34) west of the 6th P. M., in Hitchcock County, Nebraska. The following named creditors of said estate are to be paid from the proceeds of said loan:

W. E. Stewart	$ 12.00
H. C. Ernst & Son	226.75
Hastings State Hospital	500.38
F. A. Ross	13.20
Gunness Oil Co.	92.41
Kestler & Mitchell	15.00
Atwood Farmers Oil Co.	175.25
W. B. Hall	1,000.00
Commercial Credit Company	375.00
Co. Treasurer Hitchcock County	85.79

That a hearing will be had on said petition at the District Court room in the city of McCook, Nebraska, Willow County, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of June, 1935, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Wade E. Martin,
Administrator of the estate of French D. Carlson, deceased.
J. F. Boroff, Attorney.
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One month	.15
Outside of Nebraska, 1 year	$2.00

WATER AND LIGHT SITUATION

Stratton was very fortunate in regard to its water supply and electric current. Second was good enough to last thru Friday and Saturday in order to conserve water. Water must be conserved in the flood area given for cooking purposes and drinking purposes. Light must be operated. Under no circumstances should any one use water. We could turn start pumping the well, the engines open down for a time. Within 12 hours, one well was placed in operation and current resumed. The following is the order we put the water should be boiled for drinking purposes until it could be tested. A typhoid epidemic raid and must be avoided in this manner. The lower city well is set of Republican Int Commissioner Hall, or believes that it can be salvaged and again put in service.

CONFER WITH GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR CONFER AT McCOOK Wednesday. The McCook Chamber of Commerce sent out word to each town asking a delegation to meet with the Governor in McCook on Wednesday to go over the flood situation. Gov. Cochran had flown had from Washington where he had been in conference with government officials relative to immediate relief and fund, for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the flood area. Rowland Haynes, director of emergency relief in Nebraska and Mr. Evans, Asst. National Director of the Red Cross, were also present. (EDIT)

Governor Cochran started the meeting that the officials in Washington had given him power to go the limit. Mr. Haynes was appointed Coordinator for the entire Valley. He will have his office in McCook and his company with McCook and the Red Cross will give immediate relief to the valley. Each town is asked to make a brief report of their situation. Gov. cochran expressed that each town should be represented at the meeting. The situation in each town. Mr. Haynes and Mr. Evans at McCook.

On Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 and 13, representatives of the schools, a Red Cross representative and the Situation Committee of flood conference who are in need of Red Cross assistance. This representative will be at the McCook Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Evans assured our delegation that every effort possible would be made to relief. State themselves would be assisted and that they might be able to report on or they did prior to the flood.

Mr. Haynes stated that he had his livestock and machinery or who are in need of immediate aid. (EDIT) A will take hold of the case for immediate relief.

Any family in this community who is in need of food, clothing, bed clothing or furniture, should see Mrs. Vida Martin at the Martin Electric Shop at once.

CARD OF THANKS

For all of your kind and sympathy of kind friends and neighbors, in the hour of our loved ones, we are truly grateful. May God bless you.

Alva Stancopher, Otto and Mildred.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gesch
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gesch.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of thought.—Marcus Aurelius.

A scrap-dear is often a spot that you left something undone, not always that he has done something.—Marcy Aurelius.

EIGHTY-TWO GRADUATE FROM EIGHTH GRADE

Hitchcock County eighth grade graduates number eighty-two this year. Examinations have been completed and diplomas were mailed out to the members of the class Wednesday, May 22 by County Supt. Mrs. George Marshall.

The honor students are:—

Viola Hestlen, Dist. 58, ave. 95 and 11/14.

Annabelle Hobson, Dist. 13, ave. 93 and 11/14.

Earl Eno, Dist. 35, ave. 93 and 7.

Floyd Logan, Dist. 34, ave. 92 and 1.

Other high ranking students in the 8th grade of the county are:—

Howard Logan, Dist. 34.
Keith Hafley, Dist. 68.
Wind Anderson, Dist. 77.
Ruth Pierson, Dist. 68.
Evelyn Schiermeier, Dist. 36.
Phillip Schlabaugh, Dist. 31.
Charles Clark, Dist. 10.
Orlan Cole, Dist. 4.
Lester Stocker, Dist. 15.
Following is the class roll—Dist. No.

1.	Harold Pollen, Culb.
2.	Edith Parson, Culb.
4.	Orlan Cole, Culb.
6.	Carl Frahm, Culb.
8.	Ray Frahm, Culb.
9.	Ethen Adamson, Trenton
5.	Harry White, Trenton
7.	Delbert Frazer, Trenton
11.	Rilla Corner, Palisade
12.	Dorotha Barnes, Palisade
9.	Bernice Enders, Palisade
10.	Beulah Davis, Trenton
13.	Chas. Clark, Trenton.
16.	Leonard Johnson, Trenton
12.	Tommy French, Palisade.
14.	Floyd Hedke, Trenton
14.	Ruth Insel, Trenton.
15.	Leo Hedke, Trenton.
15.	Norma Sydner, Trenton.
16.	Dorothy Hedke, Trenton
19.	Ivan Henze, Palisade.
20.	Nadine Hall, McCook.
20.	Lucille Shallert, Culb.
20.	Mona Kinsden, McCook.
21.	Francis Coyle, Culbertson.
22.	Frieda Gesch, Culbertson
22.	Mary Gehl, Culbertson.
22.	Verandine Coffey, Palisade
24.	Wayne Richards, Stratton.
25.	Harold Mattlebrooke.
25.	John Frericks, Culbertson.
25.	Dora Frericks, Culbertson
25.	Irwin Minary, Culbertson
25.	Lorene Stocker, Culb.
25.	Dale Van Horn, Culb.
25.	Billie Baker, Trenton.
26.	Virginia Gesche, Trenton
26.	Kenneth Wilson, Trenton
26.	Warren Hall, Trenton.
27.	Warren Hall, Trenton.
29.	Sylvia Burger, Culb.
29.	Wilma Schlabaugh, Culb.
29.	Leona Hedke, Trenton.
29.	Ruth McClatchey, Pal.
31.	Wilbur Barber, Palisade
31.	Philip Schlacker, Pal.
31.	Lydia Wyss, Stratton.
31.	Isabella Wyss, Stratton.
32.	Edna Miller, Stratton.
33.	Howard Logan, Stratton
34.	Floyd Logan, Stratton.
35.	Evelyn Schiermeier, Tren.
36.	Morris Rowland, Stratton.
37.	Bernice Wilkinson, Stratton.
37.	Ray Williamson, Stratton
37.	Virginia Shank, Stratton
38.	Dale Shank, Stratton.
38.	Marcella Bernard, Stratton
38.	Naomi Shank, Culbertson.
39.	Edward Grundman, Culb.
39.	Edward Mitchell, Trenton
41.	Clyde Swartz, Culbertson
41.	Loren Harris, Beverly.
42.	James Schmidt, Palisade
43.	Maxine Smith, Trenton.
43.	Annabelle Dobson, Tren.
43.	Lucille Stocker, Culbertson
43.	Earl Eno, Trenton.
43.	Lester Stocker, Trenton.
43.	Verna Williamson, Tren
43.	Viola Hestlen, Stratton.
43.	G. H. Anspach, Culb.
43.	Clifford Myers, Culbertson.
43.	Ardith Hafley, Culbertson.
43.	Pauline Fritz, Culbertson.
43.	Gerald Paxton, Trenton.
43.	Rolly Harvey, Stratton.
43.	Royce Harvey, Stratton.
43.	Norma Walters, Trenton.
43.	Floyd Boehler, Culbertson
43.	Ward Anderson, Stratton.
43.	S. D. A. Lois Bornhauter, Culb.
43.	Elsie Lohrs, Culb.

Check your fires and save your checks. Prevention takes the fire out of fire.

Where children are taught, fires will be scarcely.

Fire sneeps winter carelessness creeps.

Carelessness destroys, crashes and ruins. It takes everything and gives nothing.

A wise man would rather preserve peace than gain a victory.—Cotton.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains giving us every evidence of the fact.—George Eliot.

SAVE FOR A PURPOSE

There are so many things for which you can save if you feel that you must save for a purpose other than independence in the future; a home, an automobile, travel, education, new furniture, clothes, in fact saving will get you all the things that make life worth living. When you have a goal to save for it makes it worth saving. Select your pet ambition and save now for its realization.

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