

TRUDY



Spotlight On Agriculture

by Herb Plambeck

THE KILLER TORNADO that claimed so many Iowa lives and devastated such wide areas of Oelwein, Charles City and Maynard, with additional damage in other Northeast Iowa areas will be long remembered throughout Iowa. And for those so hard hit in Fayette, Floyd and Franklin counties, it will remain an unforgettable nightmare.

TOTAL DAMAGE may never be accurately ascertained. As the hideous task of cleanup work progressed over the weekend, some estimates were as high as \$40 million. Whatever the final figure, it will be astronomical to many of those affected.

CONTRIBUTIONS toward Tornado relief funds are now pouring in. Every cent Iowans are willing to contribute to the relief of storm victims will be appreciated. There are many organizations and individuals, including this newspaper and this writer, who will be glad to forward funds to those who need the help.

LAST WEEK'S STORMS recall other tornadoes in previous years. Some 800 violent storms have been officially recorded in Iowa the past 100 years. Even earlier, back as far as 1804, members of the Lewis & Clark expedition told of a "Dreadful hurricane passing obliquely across an Iowa area."

WORST TORNADO to strike the state appears to have been back in 1860, when 134 dead were counted after a twister wiped out Camanche in Eastern Iowa. In 1882 Grinnell reported 100 dead in the path of a cyclone. Pomeroy lost 89 persons in an 1889 storm.

THE BELMONT TRAGEDY of less than two years ago was also vividly recalled. Red Cross officials and state leaders who had to cope with the Belmont storm gained much experience that is not proving helpful in the rehabilitation work in Charles City, Oelwein and elsewhere.

"ENDING VACCINATION" will be the major topic of discussion when the Livestock Conservation, Inc., a non-profit research organization dedicated to livestock health, meets in Des Moines Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the first of four nationwide conferences.

LIVESTOCK LEADERS from all areas of the Midwest are urged to attend. Many producers, veterinarians, and livestock association officials will attend. HOG CHOLERA seems to be well under control in Iowa, thanks in part to the tireless efforts of John Morris, Columbus Junction hog raiser who has served as chairman of the Iowa Hog Cholera Eradication committee.

REMARKABLE GAINS have been achieved in the battle against cholera the past six or seven years. In 1962 a total of 429 positive cases were reported. In 1963 vigilance on the part of producers, veterinarians and state officials brought the number down to 261. In 1964 it was 190. By 1965 only 81 cases were reported. In 1966 it was only 68. Last year 51 cases were reported. So far this year it's only 8.

PHASE THREE of the eradication effort is now under way. During the last six months of 1967 only 29 positive cases were diagnosed in Iowa, involving 7,977 hogs. So far this year the 8 positive cases involved only 1,728 hogs. Fayette county has had only one case of cholera since last July.

INDEMNITIES PAID from Federal and state sources since last July 1 come to \$162,993, but the salvage return exceeds \$95,000, so payments for the program come to less than \$50,000. This is far below what some legislation opponents of the program had earlier predicted. Funds available for this purpose amount to \$500,000 per year.

VACCINATION WORK after July 1 will have to be done by licensed veterinarians. How-

ever, that limitation won't last long either. All vaccinations against cholera will stop in Iowa on December 1. Improper use of vaccines are said to be responsible for the five cases of cholera outbreaks during April.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP is getting special emphasis this week. The National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, in cooperation with church leaders throughout the country, has set this week aside to focus attention on problems centered on soil and water conservation.

"A TIME FOR INITIATIVE" is the theme for the observance. Purposeful enhancement of basic resources will be stressed in the nation-wide quest for peace and plenty. Citizenship responsibility will be emphasized, as will workable goals, the urban crisis, trouble on farms, and the spectre of hunger, future planning, and responsibility to God and man.

BIBLE SCRIPTURE will be brought into focus in many ways. Church services Sunday underscored man's stewardship obligation. Verses such as Luke 9:62—"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God"—are being quoted frequently.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS will welcome support of all the citizenry in this week's efforts. County commissioners are: Alfred Stewart, Route 2, Oelwein, Chairman; Leslie Anderson, Route 1, Castalia; and Albert Bodensteiner, Route 2, West Union.



CEDAR RAPIDS — At one of the largest meetings in their history, shareholders of Iowa Electric Light and Power Company Tuesday endorsed the company's undertaking of the first major nuclear power project in the state.

A total of 3,088,462 shares, or 87.6 percent of the outstanding stock, was voted at the meeting. Sutherland Dows, Chairman and Chief Executive, and Duane Arnold, President, were warmly complimented for the leadership undertaken by Iowa Electric in proposing the \$100 million, 500,000-kilowatt nuclear facility to be built at Palo, about ten miles northwest of Cedar Rapids.

In programming the new plant and other facilities to meet growing loads, Iowa Electric has budgeted an expenditure of \$204,000,000 through 1973, Mr. Arnold explained.

About 20 percent of the \$100 million nuclear plant outlay is to be borne by two neighboring co-operatives, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, at Marion, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, at Humboldt, each of which will have a 10 percent interest in the project, which is to be known as the Duane Arnold Energy Center.

At their meeting, in Iowa Electric's main office building in Cedar Rapids Tuesday, the shareholders were shown an exhibit of what the Duane Arnold Energy Center will look like when completed in 1973.

Spock Trial BOSTON — The government said today it will prove that pediatrician Dr Benjamin Spock and four others "unlawfully, knowingly and willfully" hindered the Selective Service process in four basic ways.

4-H News

Country Cousins

CLERMONT (Special) — Clermont Country Cousins 4-H club met Saturday, May 11 at the home of Cindy Bushman. Talks were given by Cindy Bushman on "Understanding Pattern Markings," Ruth Steffans on "How to Read a Pattern," and Janet Jacob on "Plants around the House." Pauline Amundson gave a demonstration on "Construction of Collars," and Linda Nelson gave a demonstration on "How to Put in Darts."

Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Janet Jacob.

Hawkeye Helpers

HAWKEYE (Special) — The April meeting of the Hawkeye Helpers 4-H club was called to order by President Becky Palmer at the home of Kim Wedemeier Tuesday evening. Roll call was answered by 12 members who named a piece of sewing they

wanted to learn how to use. The minutes were read by Nancy Stockman, secretary and treasurer's report was given by Linda Popenhagen.

The club decided to have a bowling party instead of a skating party. The date was May 5. The club donated \$3 to IFYE. Flags, pins and membership cards have been ordered. The mother-daughter tea has been set for May 13 at the Hawkeye Fire station. Sandy Popenhagen was appointed chairman. Nancy Stockman and LeAnn Rowland will be in charge of the program. Fair lists were handed out and requirements discussed.

Talks and demonstrations were given by the following: "Preparing Pattern and Fabric," by Kim Wedemeier; "Soaps, Deodorants, and Anti-perspirants" by Linda Patrick; and "Matching Plaids, Stripes and Checks" by Becky Palmer.

Carolyn Patrick is an alternate for the Nebraska Exchange, Sandy Popenhagen is a County Council candidate and has been selected

to attend the State 4-H conference and the Nebraska Exchange. Kim and her mother, Mrs. Henry Wedemeier served lunch. The next meeting is the Mother-Daughter Tea at the Hawkeye Fire Station on May 13.

Putnam Stars

LAMONT — The regular meeting of the Putnam Southern Stars was held in the home of Julie Green on May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was answered by 16 members. There were also 5 leaders and mothers present.

The pledges were led by Julie Green.

It was decided to have Rally Night June 10 in the Fayette gym at 8 p.m. Four illustrated talks were given: Understanding Fabric Grainline, Belinda Hahn; Fabric Selection to Suit Pattern, Vicki Grundmeyer; Choosing the Right Size Pattern and How to Read a Pattern Envelope, Doris Streicher.

Three demonstrations were given: How to Straighten Fabric and Pressing the Pattern, Donise Der-

linger; How to Lay Out a Pattern and Directional Pinning, Elaine Koch; Transfer of Pattern Markings, Doris Koch.

The leaders helped the girls measure and decide on their size. After the meeting Julie and her mother served a lunch.

Hawkeye Helpers

HAWKEYE (Special) — Hawkeye Helpers held a mother-daughter tea recently at the Hawkeye Fire station. Corsages were made by the officers and leaders and were pinned on each mother by Celeste Teare and Linda Popenhagen. Betsy Palmer, president, extended a welcome which included a poem about mothers. The members then sang the 4-H Field song.

A short business meeting was held. The pledge of allegiance was led by Linda Hobert. Roll call was answered by 16 members who introduced their mothers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ronda Rowland and the treasurer's report was given by Linda Popenhagen. The sell-

ing of birthday calendars was explained by Mrs. Dale Popenhagen and a discussion was held among the mothers. Mrs. Jim Daniels went over the fair list and passed out a sheet telling what areas are judged for the benefit of the mothers. The business meeting was adjourned with Ronda Rowland leading the 4-H pledge.

A filmstrip on pressing was shown by the leaders. Nancy Stockman demonstrated some of the things pointed out in the film.

Sandy Popenhagen led the members and mothers in a relaxation posture in which the following girls participated: Cindy Patrick, Linda Kruse, Debra Ehrhardt, Kim Wedemeier, Linda Hobert and Cindy Teare.

Mrs. Daniels made some announcements. The girls sang "Dreaming." Lunch was served by Kris Swale, Cindy Farr and their mothers.

Hostesses for the June meeting will be Carolyn, Linda and Cindy Patrick.

Putnam Fore-Most

The regular meeting of the Putnam Fore-Most 4-H club was held on May 13 at the Starport High school. Fourteen members answered roll call and six visitors were present. Brenda Jones and Steve Kamoss led the pledge to the flag.

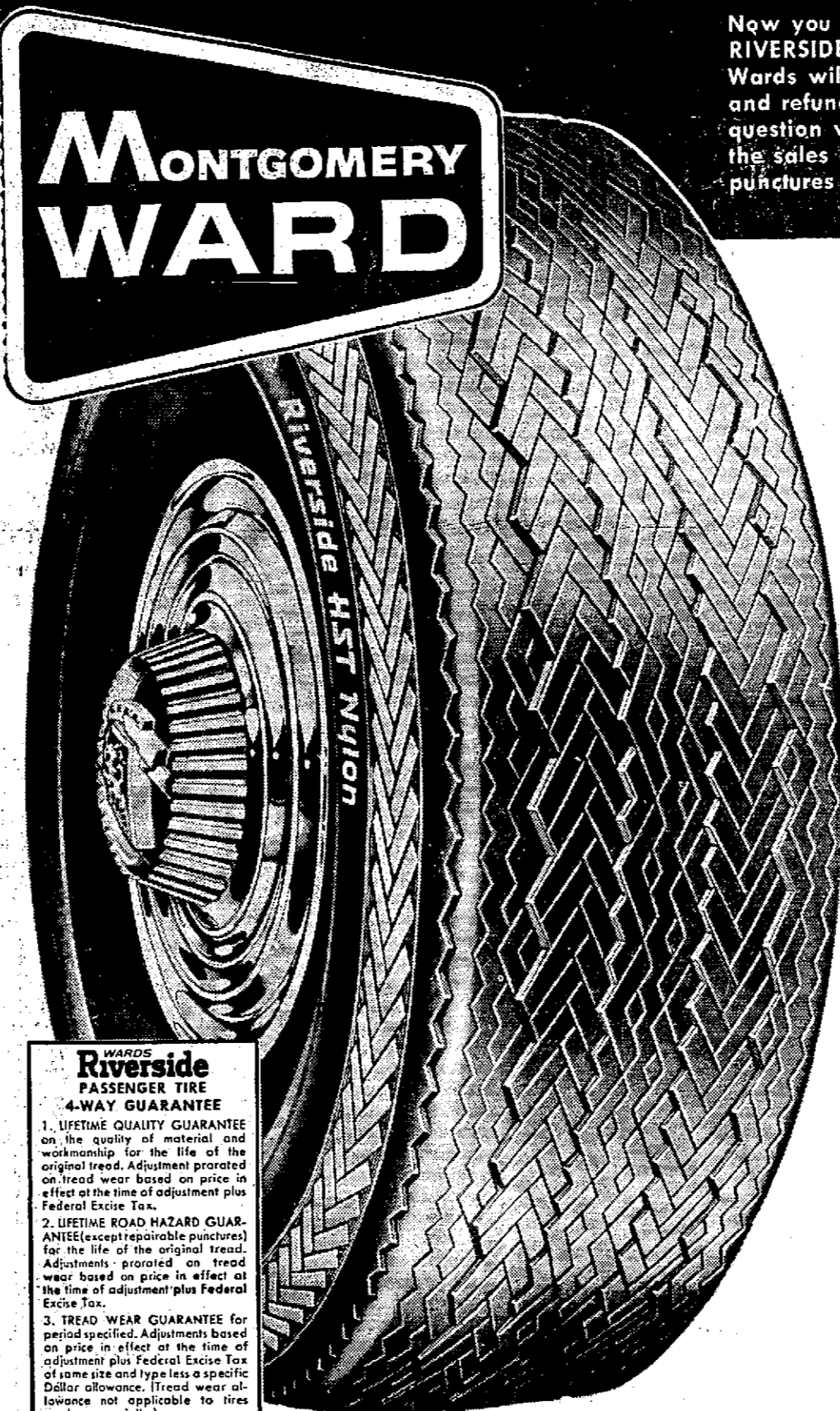
Alan Shaffer and Steve McAlister gave a talk on "What is the purpose for a grass water way." Kenny Oelrich and Nick Hayes gave a talk on "Ways to prevent erosion," and Steve Kamoss gave a talk on "Top-soil, why we need it." The meeting was closed with the pledge to the 4-H flag.

The next meeting will be the tour starting at Dean Burlington's home on June 10 at 8 a.m.

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice Earl Warren said today there is a critical backlog of cases in the federal courts and that delay in bringing cases to trial may allow criminals to run loose. "Unless we have better management," Warren said "the future of our judicial system is in danger."

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