

# THE CLARKSVILLE NEWS

## Rites Held For Arthur Jacobs, 82

Funeral services were held in the St. John Lutheran Church at Clarksville on Sunday afternoon for Arthur Jacobs, 82, of Charles City. He was a former rural Clarksville resident and was killed Wednesday in the tornado at Charles City.

He and his son, Harold, owned and operated the elevator at Charles City. Mr. Jacobs reportedly was thrown against the large office safe and died enroute to the hospital.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Garbes, of Clarksville; two sons, Forest and Harold, of Charles City; and one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Stike, of Nashua.

Rev. B. C. Wiebke of Waverly, retired Lutheran minister and visitation pastor at Charles City, had charge of the service. Burial was in Lynwood Cemetery at Clarksville.

## Mrs. Mary Wygle Had 96th Birthday

A group of neighbor ladies met at the home of Mrs. Mary Wygle on Tuesday forenoon for a "coffee hour" in observance of her 96th birthday anniversary.

Afternoon visitors were three of her sisters, Mrs. Ella Neal, Mrs. Lelah Neal and Mrs. Grace Loomer. The other sister, Mrs. B. F. Hamilton, was unable to be present as she is convalescing from a fractured hip which she sustained in a fall at her home. Mrs. Dora Gabby of Osage and Mrs. Jennie Gabby of Clarksville, sisters-in-law of Mrs. Wygle, were also present.

## Former Resident Died in California

Joseph H. Kirkland, 52, passed away in the hospital in Richmond, California, April 24th. He was a former Clarksville resident before moving to California. While in Clarksville he was employed by the Iowa Public Service Highline Crew.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; and five children, all of Richmond.

## New Bell at The Lutheran Church

A new church bell has been installed at the St. John Lutheran Church in Clarksville. The bell was purchased from the St. John Lutheran Church at Lawler and is of copper and tin alloy. The old bell was of steel.

The boom truck of the Iowa Public Service Company was used to lower the old bell and replace it with the new one.

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## Rites Held For Walter Hoerman

Funeral services for Walter Hoerman, 64, were held Saturday afternoon at the Schwartz Funeral Home. Mr. Hoerman passed away on Thursday at the Waverly hospital where he had been a patient the past six days.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Jim, of Clarksville and Vern, of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Haefner, of Waverly and Mrs. Milton Sickles, of Readlyn; one brother, Elmer, of Parkersburg; and seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Harlington Cemetery at Waverly. Rev. P. C. Matthias, pastor of the Clarksville St. John Lutheran Church, officiated.

## Moser-Groen Vows Were Repeated Sun.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Moser, of Earlville and James Bernard Groen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Groen, of Clarksville were married Sunday afternoon, May 19th, at the First Baptist Church in Manchester.

Rev. Richard Lawrenz read the single ring ceremony. Miss Shirley Ellis of Cedar Rapids was maid of honor and Miss Karlyn Moser of Hopkinton and Miss Cheri Moser of Cedar Rapids were flower girls. Wilson Groen of Ames was best man and ushers were Gerald Moser of Cedar Rapids and David Moser of Cedar Falls.

The bride attended Maquoketa Valley School and graduated from Allen Memorial School of Nursing in Waterloo. She is now employed at the intensive care unit at the Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. The groom graduated from the Clarksville Community High School and Waterloo School of Barbering. He now owns and operates Jim's Barber Shop in Clarksville, where the couple will make their home.

## Jodi Litterer Rites Were Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Clarksville for Jodi Lin Litterer, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Litterer, who passed away Wednesday, May 15th, at the Waverly hospital following surgery and complications.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Scott; paternal grandfather, Theophil Litterer and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wubben.

Burial was held in Lynwood Cemetery. Rev. R. J. Topp officiated.

## Clarksville Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shadbolt of Fort Dodge visited his aunt, Mrs. Pearl Wilcox, on Sunday afternoon. They also called on John Martin.

Earl Garrison has been named as a member of the town council to succeed W. R. (Dick) Poland, who resigned as a member of the council last week.

## Camera Catches Culprit in Act



The tornado funnel, which is pictured above, was taken by the Galen Millers as it approached their farm southwest of Greene last Wednesday afternoon. The funnel missed the Miller farm, but went on to demolish buildings on a number of other farms toward the north.

Mrs. H. Heddens and Mrs. Theda Bailey of Charles City were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mrs. Charles Shepard. Mrs. Heddens attended the Arthur Jacobs funeral service.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rohlwing were Sunday dinner guests in the Frank Rohlwing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Nordman and Bob of Meserve were Sunday visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris.

Joel Topp, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Topp, and a junior in the Clarksville Community School, has been selected to attend the Hawkeye Boys State at Camp Dodge at Des Moines in June. He was chosen by a committee from the Legion and Lions Club, the two organizations that sponsor the Clarksville representative.

Mrs. Joe Kolwalski and Mary Jo of Dubuque were week-end guests in the Harry Dralle home.

Mrs. Edwin Wilkins received a letter from Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Fisher of Westville, Oklahoma, in which he stated that he had observed his 96th birthday anniversary on January 19th. He was pastor of the Clarksville Community Church for several years. In 1966 he suffered a series of heart attacks followed by blood clots in his leg, which necessitated amputation of his leg. His address is Box 334, Westville, Oklahoma 74965.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Poppe and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilken of Waverly were Saturday evening visitors in the Jerry Hartema home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hartema and Marvin were among the Clarksville people who attended the wedding of Betty Moser and James Groen at Manchester Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McNeilus and Debra of Waverly were Thursday evening visitors in the Jerry Hartema home.

The Antioch Aid met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ivan Yost. Following the business meeting and social afternoon tray lunches were served to twelve members.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heitz of Haddonfield, New Jersey, visited from Thursday to Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raisty. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Ooster of Cedar Falls were Thursday evening visitors with them.

## On Following a Tornado's Path --

Wednesday, May 15th, started out as a typical spring day, with the weather bureau forecasting scattered showers throughout Iowa and neighboring states. After dinner the bulletins changed to possibility of severe thunder storms with hail a possibility over a large area of the state.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. the Greene fire siren sounded in what should have been a tornado warning, but was mistakenly given as a fire warning. Firemen and observers were told a funnel had been sighted southwest of town in the Aredale area. Your reporter rode along with a local fireman as we spotted the funnel heading in a northeasterly direction and located west and slightly north of Greene. We followed on highway 14 north and also observed a funnel east of the highway and heading north. By this time the dust and debris could be easily seen as both funnel tails capriciously danced across the farm land.

We momentarily halted just south of the Marble Rock corner to determine the direction each was traveling, then continued north on highway 14. The Aredale-Marble Rock twister crossed at Roseville, sending a flash of fire from the highlines there, then lifted enough to clear the home of Mrs. Rose Naumann, who was standing outside watching at the time.

By this time it was evident that Charles City was possibly in the path of both disturbances, but we were relieved to see the one traveling straight north disappear into a low, dark cloud ceiling. A large, white funnel was also observed high in the sky and crossing 14 further north, but this disappeared within a minute or two.

At this time we observed a huge funnel drop from the black ceiling where the small one traveling straight north had disappeared. A patrol car traveling just ahead and reporting on the police radio to warn residents in the path of the storm, turned the curve and sped into Charles City, apparently fearing just what we dreaded, a major disaster to our neighboring community. As we took the curve,

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## Picked Up Debris

Nearly 200 students from the Greene High School went to the Roger Landers, Warren Ebling and Robert Schafer farms west of Greene Tuesday morning and picked up the debris in the fields.

## Veterans Vignettes

Word got to the Allison AmVets that the World War I Barracks Club fellows had no place to meet so they voted unanimously to let them use their club rooms free of charge during the summer months. If they would like to continue meeting there in the winter months, all they have to do is throw a little donation in the kitty to defray the costs of heating. A grateful thanks from the Barracks Club boys to the AmVets for their kind gesture.

Memorial Day is approaching and any of the county service officers who need brass markers for veterans graves can stop at the Soldiers Relief office in the court house in Allison on Mondays from 8 to 4 and Thursdays from 8 to 12 noon.

In Allison, Dean Wiegman, Harold Poppen, Bill Miller and Merlyn Voights take care of the Allison, Butler and Vilmar Cemeteries. Parkersburg folks who do this year after year too are Mr. and Mrs. Harley Considine, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nicklaus, Mrs. Ray Simon and Mrs. Hazel Card. Over at Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kyle and Mr. and Mrs. John Groothuis have rendered this service for the veterans for many years.

Iowa veterans who hold government life insurance policies should write their insurance file number on their checks when they mail premium payments to the Veterans Administration insurance office in St. Paul. Also veterans with GI insurance policies should mail their premium checks to the VA during the middle of the month prior to the first of the month due date. This would speed the processing of such checks as the St. Paul Center handles approximately 2.2 million policies. The St. Paul office is one of two field operating offices in the na-

## List Fines J. P. Moffett's Court

**Greene, Iowa**  
**State Cases**  
Richard James Bearbawer of Rockford, charged with nighttime speeding. \$18.00 fine and costs.  
Phyllis Curtis of Greene, charged with nighttime speeding. \$12.00 fine and costs.  
Dale Poppe of Greene, charged with nighttime speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

**City Cases**  
Leo Dralle of Bristow, charged with stop sign violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.  
Thomas Dix of Clarksville, stop sign violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

**Dean Wiegmann's Court**  
**Allison, Iowa**  
Elmer R. Christensen of Hampton, charged with no operator's

my watch showed the time to be 4:52 p. m.

The destruction suffered by the residents of Charles City in a matter of seconds defies description. Entire blocks of homes, trees and utility lines were leveled as far as the eye could see. The streets were impassible, but everyone immediately pitched in to help their neighbors, and a steady trail of traffic was cutting through yards, between wreckage and any opening big enough to drive through to carry the injured to the hospital, which miraculously escaped any major damage.

In minutes ambulances, nurses and doctors began arriving from surrounding towns as reports of the destruction spread out via police and utility truck radios.

Although at least 14 are reported to have died and scores seriously injured, it was this instantaneous response by residents and neighboring areas that resulted in many lives being saved.

We came away, feeling stunned by the magnitude of the destruction, yet sure that the residents of Charles City would, with the help of their neighbors, pick up the pieces and rise to an ever greater prominence among Iowa communities in the future.

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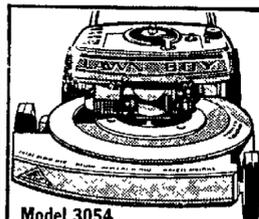
Meanwhile Iowans for Vice President Humphrey have formally organized. State Senator George O'Malley, Des Moines, is chairman of the group and John Tapscott, a state representative from Des Moines, is campaign director.

license. \$5.00 fine and costs.  
Frank E. Miller of Newell, charged with no valid plate on trailer. \$5.00 fine and costs.  
Frank E. Miller of Newell, charged with over legal width. \$6.00 fine and costs.  
Carol D. Shreve of Allison, charged with nighttime speeding. \$14.00 fine and costs.  
Carl E. Frymoyer of Allison, charged with nighttime speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.  
Carl E. Frymoyer of Allison, charged with no operator's license. \$5.00 fine and costs.  
Gerald J. Hagarty of Greene, charged with no valid registration. \$5.00 fine and costs.

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