

# From The Back '40'

by Ron Borton

What a week for the Northeast part of Iowa. I would imagine that I followed the news a little closer on the storms than a lot of people did because my sister Nadine lives in Charles City and Karen's Aunt Irma lives in Colwell. Both were in the path of the tornado, but neither was hurt. Nadine and Jerome saw it coming and got to the basement before it hit. They had the distinction of being in one of the first homes hit in Charles City. The tornado apparently leaped over the hospital and they live across the street from it. There was a complex of three apartment buildings sitting like a horseshoe and they lived in one of the buildings. Talked to them last night and two of the buildings are going to be bulldozed out today. They live in the third one, which is going to be repaired. The windows were blown out of their car and it was damaged some what.

Karen's aunt lived on Main Street in an upstairs apartment. She lost all the windows and their car was demolished. Beyond that, we haven't had too much news from that direction. Can feel real lucky and thankful that neither one was hurt.

Big day in town today with the Junior-Senior Prom tonight. Karen is going to wear a long blue formal. The one she had for Nadine's wedding. Should look real nice. Going to surprise her and give her a corsage to go with it tonight.

This week sees the end of the seniors. It has been a real good class and I am real proud of the work they have done for me in the past four years.

By the looks of the pre-sign up for classes next fall there should be about 55 taking Voc Ag. This is an increase of about ten over this year.

Bought some roses last night so will have to plant them today. Last four last winter. Wonder if I uncovered them too early



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or if they were covered too good and smothered over the winter. Read somewhere that with the mild winter we had this last year that this could have been the story. Hope to have better luck next year.

That's all for this week.

## Brandon News

by Ruth Lund

The Jefferson Jolly Jills 4-H Club visited the nursing home on Wednesday and presented each member with a flower corsage made by the girls. There was group singing and punch and cookies were served by the girls. Following this, the girls journeyed to Lime Creek Park where they had a nature hike and wolver roast.

The Men's Club of the United Methodist Church met on Wednesday evening for supper and election of officers. Those elected were Ross Wiley as president; Walter Senef, vice president; Don Haisch, secretary; Wesley Horak, treasurer; and Glen Stoner, publicity chairman. The evening was spent in viewing pictures of Hawaii shown by Ed Lane.

A bridal shower was held on Wednesday evening honoring

Carol DeGrote. About 40 women attended the event which was held at the Township Hall. The evening was spent playing car bingo. Door prize was won by Kathy Donovan. Lunch was served by the hostesses: Arlie Donovan, Margaret Sloan, and Sandra Little.

The O.D.O. Club met at the Township Hall on Tuesday for dinner. Hostesses were Ruth Brown and Dorothy Sutton. There were 15 members present and roll call was "your favorite flower". A card was signed by all and sent to Iva Halstead who is in the hospital. Bingo was enjoyed by all. The next meeting is a pot luck in June.

The Jefferson Joes 4-H Club met at the Township Hall on Wednesday evening with 24 members present and 2 new members Jim Ward and Mike Slager. Talks were given by Jim Stanbrook, Bob Sloan, and Darrell Brunko. A demonstration was presented by David Sauer. Lunch was served by the host, Leslie Bearbower. The next meeting is the club tour with a family picnic at noon.

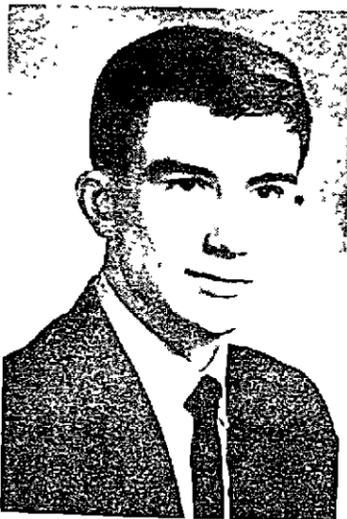
Mrs. Iva Halstead is a patient at Peoples Hospital at Independence.

The Larry Bathens of Independence have added a new member to their family. She has been named Liza Ruth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bathen.

Gene Stubbru of Fairbank has been hired as the new policeman, to succeed Joe Johnson who has moved to Van Horne.

MRS. SUMNER SNELL and MRS. BUD HOCKEN attended the last conference of the E.U.B. Church at Nevada, Iowa, May 13 to 16. The E.U.B. Church is now called the Faith United Methodist Church.

## David Klein Appointed to Air Force Academy



David Klein

David J. Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klein of Gilbertville, has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

David, a senior at Don Bosco High School, was nominated for the appointment by Sen. Jack

Miller, R-Iowa. He has been a member of the high school basketball and baseball teams; a member of both chorus and band; and a participant in music and drama programs.

Klein attended Boy's State in 1967 and is vice president of the Student Council. He has been active in 4-H, Young Christian Students; and the model United Nations organization. He works part-time on a farm for Garold Brustkern.

David has also been accepted at I.S.U., Ames; he received a merit scholarship from there, which he will decline to accept the Air Force Academy appointment.

## Local Youth Receives Scholarship to U of I

Connie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mitchell, of La Porte City, has been awarded a Student Aid Scholarship for study at the University of Iowa during the 1968-69 academic year.

The awards, which will cover tuition during the student's freshman year at the University, were established in 1945 by the State Board of Regents.

## Scout News

Monday, May 13, Troop 472 went to the La Porte City Park. We made buddy burners and vagabond gloves. We cooked hamburgers in groups of two's followed by a game of dodge ball.

We will complete some badge work at our next meeting at the Legion Hall and our final meeting on the 27th will be a Fun Day in Waterloo.

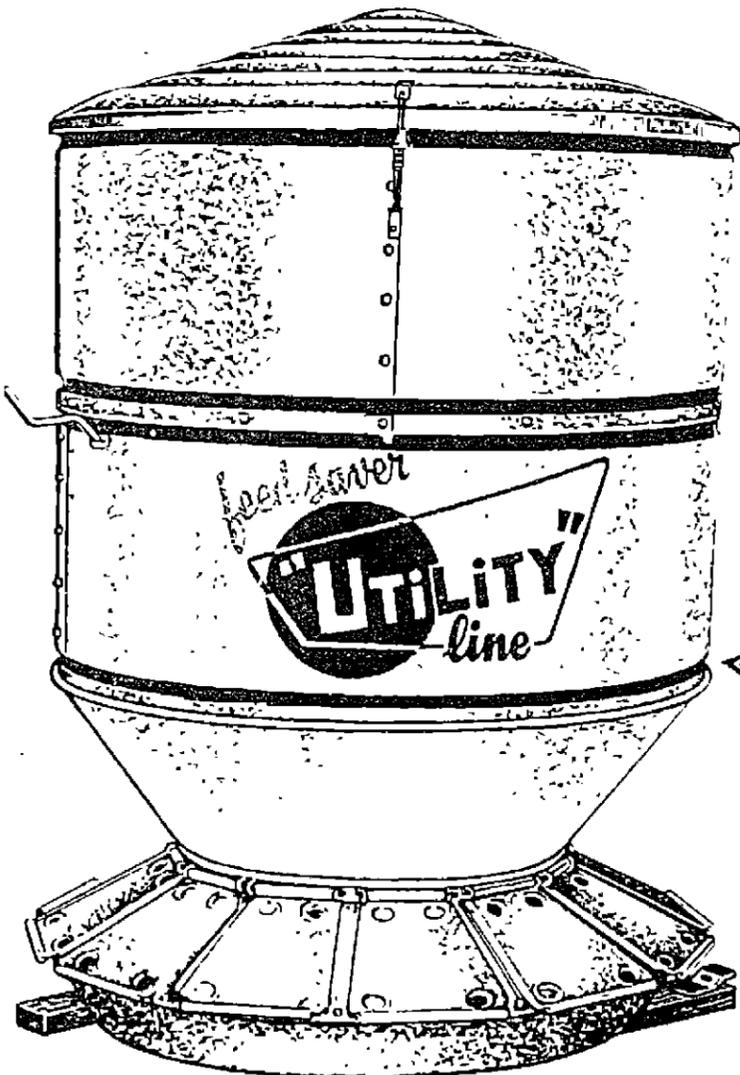
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