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# Death Rides Flood Waters

# 12 Known Dead and 7 Still Missing

# Raging Torrents Sweep Down Without Warning; Hundreds Trapped While They Sleep

### Death List Mounts to 168 in Valley With Many Still Unaccounted For

Know Dead in Local Area

James Robbin Pettit, 52. Mamie Laumann Pettit, 44. Edward Walter Pettit, 18. Albert Pettit, 13. James Pettit, 11. LaVeta Alice Pettit, 9. Lee Pettit, 6. Adolph Thomas Pettit, 4. Lois Burke, 4. Art Duvall, 61. Mrs. Harvey Barnhart, 45. Mrs. Blanche Harding, Hale, Col., 45. Missing and almost certainly lost: Ora Davis, 60. Johanna Osborne, 74. B. D. Faylor, 48.

Heavy rains, downpours and cloudbursts last Thursday night and Friday morning united in bringing about the greatest flood in all Republican valley life and property on a scale never before equalled in Southwestern Nebras-

Mrs. B. D. Faylor, 45.

Pete Courtright, 15.

Bud Faylor, 19.

Mirna Fhylon 1

Dundy county alone will reach fifteen recede and hope was felt that the and possibly twenty persons. It is worst was past, but in less than an the floods caused. Amidst all of the still new territory was engulfed and uncertainity and confusion, one thing is sure and that is that Nebraska has never seen anything that even approached it before.

their laborious work of stretching a folks as it was to Parks which sufdenness of the flood and the extent cable from the bank to what remained to which it was unexpected. Thursday was an almost perfect day and the Republican valley landscape had never been more beautiful as peaceful herds grazed over its luxuriant, grassy meadows. As the evening shades began to gather, dark clouds assembled in all directions and by eight o'clock the skies were overcast with a black denseness that the eve could not pensore to which it was unexpected. Thursday was an almost perfect day and the Republican valley landscape had never been more beautiful as peaceful herds grazed over its luxuriant, grassy meadows. As the evening shades began to gather, dark clouds assembled in all directions and by eight o'clock the skies were overcast with a black denseness that the eye could not pensore to make it possage and the bridge in order to make it possage and the county. But had it not been for the presence of mind of Merle Standish and his men, the death loss might have mounted into dozens of lives. Awakened by the roar daughter who had been marooned in the skies were overcast with a black denseness that the eye could not pensore the foot raise in the crest of the flood fer epidemic which may follow the two fight a probable typhoid fer epidemic which may follow the two's contaminated water supply. An and Mrs. Ollie Adkinson and diagnter who had been marooned in the skies were overcast with a black denseness that the eye could not pensore the two rivers during the water. Doctor formulated and cable and rope had in the county. But had it most the county. But had it most the county is made to fight a probable typhoid fer epidemic which may follow the twn's contaminated water supply. An and any airplane brought a supply of cloride of line from North Platte dozens of lives. Awakened by the roar dozens of lives. Awakened by the roar of the flood period. Searchers of the flood fer epidemic which may follow the twn's contaminated water supply. An and it may are pensor to find the country's great event could be first actual property damage of it made to fight a probable typhoid fer epide to which it was unexpected. Thursday of the bridge in order to make it pos-Skies were overcast with a black denseness that the eye could not penetrate for a distance of even inches.

Standish aroused the family and all been them then as it did in the last tragic of the ranch help. He sent the men on horse back to cut pasture fences on horse back to cut pa etrate for a distance of even inches. Shortly after that a heavy rain began falling. Large hall stones were retailing. Large nail stones were received in considerable numbers but since, although their success has been the lake where he got a boat and then he same system will be followed in tem was taxed to its full capacity to While the floods were raging, rum- water almost shoulder deep, fought hman consumption. handle it but it was kept in tow and ors were being circulated in unending their way from house to house, rescu- When rescue parties reached Parks little real damage resulted in Benkelman. By ten o'clock flood waters were

numbers, telling of the breaking of gantic struggle between man and elenat they might be forced to view crossing the highway from the Mag- houses having collapsed, of tragedies ments as they fought to retain control i the form of loss of life, relieved innani filling station building to the Joe and losses in Parks, Max, Stratton and of the boat while the waves plunged ced were their minds when they Krug farm dwelling at a depth of from other points in the flood area. It was hither and thither, trying every fiber and that the Parks folks had met 18 inches to two feet. The waters the tenest 48-hour period that the of their endurance in retaining its teir problem so efficiently and that were moving swiftly and it was not county ever lived thru. Every source human cargo. This rescue work was tere was nothing that could be done long before all traffic was stopped in of communication was cut off. Hunthat direction. Despite the fact that dreds and hundreds of people lined up four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ith the fine community building the shower had apparently passed and on the highland south of the rivers Archie Burke had been rescued. When most ready to leave its mooring, reseverything was well in tact, there were watching every move on the part the work was finished, and even be- ences floating and the school house basement of the U. P. church Satur- serve as chairman. Victor Westermark seemed to be a sort of premonition of the crowds scattered along the fore, houses began to move from their le only safe spot of refuge, it was a day morning and meals were served to is secretary and the executive commitseemed to be a sort of premomental Benkelman side and wondered what foundations down stream. It is doubt- ckening and desolate sight at best. flood relief workers and members of tee consists of Leon L. Hines, D. E. the end was not yet for many of them was happening, the extent of the loss ful if any town in the flood area had arks folks and people surrounding afflicted families and transients until Gallatin, A. W. Woodworth, Mrs. E. F. continued to stay up and cars were of life and who was involved whereas graver possibilities for almost com- le town and volunteers from Benkel- Wednesday night when Red Cross re- Ham and Mrs. J. R. Finney. proach of the flood became apparent entertained for those on the other did Parks and few towns suffered f reestablishing order to same extent at near eleven octook when burning.

At near four o'clock Saturday after- gantic test of both human endurance in the entire flood area, many years here Monday and opened an office in wishing to do any branding at this a snail's speed behind a hand car noon Henry Admire, Dewey Gerdes, and human courage and Parks man- ill elapse before the results of the the county court house. She will work time, if you will call Sheriff's office carrying warning lights. The train Jim Pettit and others left the south hood qualified one hundred per cent. ork of this unprecented condition under the direction of Albert Evans, we will inspect cattle to be branded took a siding and still remains here. side to swim the South Fork. It was Although the town was practically ave entirely disappeared from view. disaster director who is temporarily and give an owner's certificate.—A. W. About one o'clock distant roaring of a hazardous undertaking but they homeless Friday night, the fine spirit here is scarcely any way to accurate established at McCook. Miss Reynolds Woodworth, Sheriff. the flood's approach became apparent were successful. They came to the of courage and self reliance that has bestimate the property damage alone will devote her efforts within the next and night watchman H. K. Martin North Fork bridge and crossed over characterized the lives of the early hat was inflicted upon the Republican few days to emergency work and this called up a number of people who had on the boat and this was the first word pioneer, parents and relatives of many alley district. It extended from the will be followed by rehabilitation work stock in the lowlands, giving them brought from the South side. They of these same people, lived again and ources of both the North and South which will cover emergency financing warning. At two o'clock the head said that at two o'clock Friday morn- although they had no place to lay orks of the Republican rivers in Col- of homes in the afflicted district so

bottoms were covered. The water con-

tinued to rise gradually from that time until it almost reached the railroad Big Timber valleys, almost to the J. T. O'Brien farm house nearly five miles distant. It was a vast sea of water and it raged and tore and leaped and bounded as debris, fences, telephone poles, channels and uprooted trees seemed to vie with each other in adding terror and desolation to the vast the tide weaved and leaped. Thousands of objects were apparent across the broad expanse of waves. Some of maple on roofs, bridges and even on rafts and no doubt some of them were. Mr. and Mrs. Pringle at Parks were sure they saw three people going down the North Fork on a roof of a building and then as they watched, it struck a tree or a deep current and capsized. Later the history and with it the destruction of craft was seen but no one was riding

milling around all night. The ap- on this side the same thoughts were plete extinction of human life than an have since been busy in the hope lief was established in the homes.

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GOV. COCHRAN CALLS MEETING FOR McCOOK

this meeting to present our needs. The least twice a day. federal government has released one tracks at the depot and extended hundred thousand dollars to Governor across the North Fork, South Fork and Cochran to be expended as he sees fit Thursday. An army plane from Omaha

### Trucks to Carry Mail Here Soon

Service Will Be Reestablished Thursday Night or Friday Morning at Latest

Mail service in Benkelman will probably be reestablished Thursday night or Friday morning. The Burlington is arranging to truck the mail in and out until the tracks have been repaired so that regular train service can be reestablished. The trucks will Governor Roy L. Cochran has sent haul it to the depot where it will be notice to flood afflicted counties that turned over to the postoffice thru regameeting will be held at McCook ular channels. Just what the truck Thursday to consider a rehabilitation schedule will be has not yet been anprogram and representatives from nounced but it is expected that mail Dundy county will be in attendance at will be brought in and taken out at There has been practically no mail

service at all in Benkelman since last to meet the needs and it is apparent piloted by Lieutenant Strunk flew that the plan is to rush the recon- from North Platte Tuesday and Wedstruction work as rapidly as possible. nesday and brought a few letters and took out whatever outgoing first-class Peter Durkin came out from Blair mail as was available but this service last week end to spend a few days has given away to the truck system. visiting his many friends here and at | The first Burlington bus since Wauneta. Mr. Durkin is now living at Thursday arrived Tuesday, following a seemed to have a stronger resemblance the Crowell home for the aged at Blair routing zig zagging between here and to a sort of yellow fluid than it had and says that he is beginning to like Cheyenne and then to Denver. We to water. Panic stricken people it better there but is sure he would understand that the Burlington will watched from the higher ground as enjoy it more if it were located closer operate two buses daily as soon as road conditions are more favorable.

### PARKS HARDEST LIT TOWN IN **DUNDY COUNTY FLOOD AREA. BABY BURKE IS FLOOD VICTIM**

it. There were dozens of cases like Flood Waters Covered Town Almost Before Any One Realized it and Heroic Measures Alone Saved Many Lives. False Report of Rock Crook Dam Break.

## even more difficult to estimate the and the water rose to a new high. And destruction to lands and live stock that the second crest was upon us for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was supon us for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for them to effect a rescue as it was for the for the

cede and continued until on Saturday morning it was possible to walk to the bridges on the North Fork south of Benkelman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as surprise to Baptalman where volunteers began as great as gre The thing that brought about the loss of life and destruction of live Benkelman where volunteers began as great a surprise to Benkelman reonstruction. Being the hardest hit twelve men had gathered but there was lit was one of those pitiful, sorrowfered the loss of one life and the op of the most dangerous health which to do anything. Rescue plans er of words to describe. greatest actual property damage of poblems to meet. Every effort is be- were under discussion when a three- The James Robbin Pettit family

smaller causalities. But it was a gi- t least. But in the Parks section, as out of the St. Louis office, arrived For your own protection, persons waters of the raging torrents reached ing Manilla Merklin had watched a their heads that night, few showed rado to their tributaries and the enwaters of the raging corrected light in her mother's house on the signs of weakening or being afraid of ire valley was completely flooded immediate needs in reestablishing the future or what it had to offer rom Colorado to Kansas City.

### FAMILY OF EIGHT DROWN AS BUILDING SINKS INTO HOLE Local Men Had Discovered Their Plight Friday Morning and Were Almost Ready to Attempt Rescue When

TRAPPED IN ATTIC OF HOUSE

Flood's Second Crest Hit.

### FUNERAL HELD MONDAY AT THE LYRIC BUILDING

the real facts known, we believe that flood's progress had been too rapid and the Benkelman community will have suffered a greater death total than any section in the entire flood area peared from view in a hole that the and one of the saddest and most pitiful water washed near it and it was not ing of Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin had really become of it. At dawn the of all will be the tragedy of the pass-Pettit and their six children who were next morning Frank Walsh organized trapped in the attic of a small house on the river bottom on the Caster farm and who went to their death, the eight as one, without the least shadow of a seven o'clock whistle blew. chance to save their lives. And there it, because Mr. Pettit and his eldest five o'clock Friday morning upon rewas heroism there too, and plenty of son Edward, 18 years of age, could no doubt had a good chance to leave the family and perhaps get to high land learned that the road was out. before the flood reached its crest. walked on into Parks and Heinie and When Heinie Frenzen and Arthur Art remained at the Pringle ranch Shaver swam out to their little home, where they were told of the possibility Mr. Pettit said he didn't want to leave of the Pettit family being marooned. scared and afraid." He said they had

but that the waves were so high that not quite get to the house.

When all reports are compiled and good swimmers assembled but the the relief crew arrived on the scene about fifteen minutes too late.

The building had completely disapknown until the next morning what a crew that removed the bodies. They were brought to town and placed in the Lyric theatre building just as the

Heinie Frenzen, Arthur Shaver and Joe Owens started to Parks at near his family—"that they were so badly Mr. Pringle had sent his men down to find out if they were first discovered around their house water was rising rapidly and they did he feared that most of the younger shouted several times and not being children at least would drown. He said able to get a response, concluded that that they had been in the attic all night and that it was only three feet high and that it was only three feet the same high and that they were badly cramped theory was held at the Caster ranch. and were very uncomfortable. The But after getting to the house and and were very uncomfortable. The fact that they were both wet and Shaver found that because of the fact burgery added greatly to their discorn. hungry added greatly to their discom- that they were lodged in the attic, it Surveying the situation, Shaver and Frenzen realized that it was impossible any distance.

only thru holding hands and using Lyric building by Rev. Frank Wood-With night watchman Harry Martin thm. Some went to farm homes north their every physical resource that they ward Monday afternoon, at the conon the beat all night Thursday and oftown to spend the night and many were able to get out to the house. They clusion of which the eight caskets were

## ceived in considerable numbers but within themselves did little damage. By ten o'clock torrents of water were flowing in from all the hillsides approaching town and the drainage sysponaching IN REPUBLICAN FLOOD CRISIS

House. Work Under Direction of Representative

dividuals opened a dining room in the Foster in California, D. L. Ough will

Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, working

Local Office Set-Up In Court is great and this will probably be the be directed during the rest of the week.

According to information given her at this time, there are 55 damaged The local Red Cross, Womans Club, church organizations and various in
During the absence of Rev. J. C.

CATTLE OWNERS NOTICE

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people who have assisted us in our distress.-Mr.

homes. The need for action at Parks | Little Post Want-Ads Bring Results.

### CHILD IS LOST DESPITE THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FATHER

### Lost As Flood Waters Cut Off Family's Retreat

One of the crushing blows that the heartless flood visited upon the Parks there until 1889 when the family section was the death of little Lois Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Burke who resided in a dwelling close to the creek near the Horn filling station. When it became apparent that it would be impossible to stay in the house, Mr. and Mrs. Burke each took one of the children and with Mr. Burke leading, attempted to reach the Kuhlman store. But the power of the waves was so great that it swept Mr. Burke almost from his feet and 4-year-old Lois was torn from his grasp. He recovered her the first time but in his struggle with the waves, she was torn from his grasp the secand into the raging torrents below. For hours he searched, hoped and prayed but it was of no avail. The child was lost. When he was rescued from the bridge he was wedged against it with his legs and arms wrapped around the banister. In the meantime years; Albert, age 13 years; James, age and for the same length of time Mrs. Burke was clinging on to a gasoline Lee, age 6 years and Adolph Thomas, pump near the filling station with one hand and fighting to save the baby she held in the other. It was a brave McClain, Henry Pettit and Charles fight, a gallant fight on the part of the Pettit, the three remaining children; parents to save their children but one Jennie Pettit, mother of James Robarrayed against them and how tender- Mamie Pettit; Harry Pettit, Bertha of the Shurtleff-Jones ranch. Mike a bit. Finally a section of a bridge in which the odds were desperately bin Pettit; Albert Laumann, father of ly indeed does the sympathy of the Penn, John Pettit, Caroline Pettit, had retired early and was headed for came floating down and Allen figured community go out to them in their hour | William Laumann, Albert Laumann, of irreparable loss and deep sorrow. While their grief is crushing, they still Bernard Laumann and Alice Ballard have the realization that they gave and many other relatives and friends. everything they had to save their loved though they failed. Although the Lincoln the first of the week to learn in the house long thinking about it. day Friday he sat on his roof with only search has continued almost constant- more about the flood as all communi- He made a dash for the back door and a blanket to protect him, and no food. ly during the daylight hours since the cations were cut off there and it was when he opened it the water flowed He could see the power of the raving tragedy, the body has not yet been impossible to get many details. Ross

### Four-Year Old Lois Burke Is OBITUARY OF THE J. R. PETTIT FLOOD VICTIMS

James Robbin Pettit, son of Henry and Jennie Pettit, was born at Blair, Nebraska, February 27, 1883, and lived moved to Cheyenne county, Kansas, where he attended school and grew to manhood. He departed this life May 31, 1935 at the age of 52 years, 3 months and 4 days.

Mamie Laumann, daughter of Albert W. and Mary Jane Laumann, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 16, 1891. When still an infant she moved with her parents to Dundy county, Nebraska. She attended the rural schools and grew to womanhood in this county. She departed this life May 31, 1935, at the age of 44 years, 3 months and 15 days.

James Robbin Pettit and Mamie made their home in Cheyenne county Kansas. To this union ten children were born. One child, Goldie May, died in infancy.

Departing this life with their parents were, Edward Walter, age 18 11 years; LaVeta Alice, age 9 years; age 4 years.

They leave to mourn their loss Mary Charley Laumann, Adolph Laumann, stuck his head in the window and house he would make a try for it and

is attending Wesleyan university.

### AMATEUR STATIONS RENDERED FREE BROADCASTING SERVICE

### Enders Served As Area's Communication Links

service was rendered without any cost not badly damaged. to those benefitted. It was a splendid his eye. He didn't suffer a great deal and enterprising piece of community with it for several days but the last service and one that was deeply ap-

nesday afternoon to consult a spec- meiss car. Vada expects to be examialist concerning his left eye. On last ined at the hospital in regard to her Friday Joe was working with some recent operation before e returning steel and a tiny steel chip flew into home.

## Stations At Wauneta and THREE RESCUED WITH

and V. auneta were the only source of farm Thursday night and when Mr. outgoing and incoming communica- Peterson arose in the morning, he distions for two days following the flood. covered the shouse completely sur-Clinton Darnell, operator and owner rounded by water. A few minutes of the Enders station visited Benkel- later it was necessary to close all the the water got a lot worse and then he safe ground. Mike has been around a man daily and brought reports from doors and as the forenoon progressed, other afflicted sections and took message to radiocast. Clinton's station covering the floor to a depth of sevbrought the first definite word to the eral inches. The Rogers farm is 10- made a lunge for the window, broke it long time. Denver officials of the whereabouts of cated more than half mile from high Wauneta likewise rendered valuable party was organized and hitching a service to the public. That station sent team of horses to a wagon, they sucout forty-two messages for marooned ceeded in driving in and rescuing the train passengers in one night who were party which was none too soon for an hopeful of conveying word of their hour later the water had risen to the safety to relatives in all sections of the point where it came thru the windows country. Mrs. Higley, mother of Mrs.
Lester Kline, who was visiting her
daughter here, helped in assembling
messages for both stations. messages for both stations. All of the

few days it has brought him a great deal of pain. Thelma Gummere, Genevieve Ough and Vada Hanson ac-Joe Reining went to Denver Wed- companied him in the Andrew Grim-

### MEN SPEND NIGHT AND DAY ON ROOF TOP DURING FLOOD

Home and Drives Occupants To Refuge on Roof

while and when they realized that the out.

South Fork Floods Herring great pressure of the water was too

### Epidemic Sweeps Country



### the could do, he could not recover her again before she went over the bridge of their home in Claumann were united in marriage in Dundy county, Nebraska, in 1907, and their home in Claumann were united in marriage in Dundy county, Nebraska, in 1907, and SOUTH FORK FLOOD EXPERIENCE

Stay On Roof-top During the and was on top of the roof and ready Flood Of The South Fork Made Lasting Impression

memorable experiences during the but without much success. Every so flood Thursday night and Friday while often a certain water action would on his farm on the South Fork east all they could do would not help them a good night's rest when his horse that if it came anywhere near the whinned. Mike couldn't think what then ride it to what he hoped might the horse had in mind for a minute be safety. Fortunately for him howbut when he heard him splashing as ever, the bridge struck a swift current he walked thru the yard he didn't stay and was carried out of his reach. All in on the kitchen floor. He ran to the river and feared all along that his cow yard to let his stock out and be- house would be next to share the fate fore he could get them started out of of the many buildings he had seen the gate it was deep enough that the crashing into the trees as the swift hogs were swimming. He started wad- waters carried them to destruction. At ing to the house as quickly as he could nine o'clock Friday night he decided when a wall of water struck both he to forsake his lofty spot for a warm and the cattle and forced them all into fire, food and clothing. He slipped the corner of the fence. He hand-down into the stream, which altho over-handed it along the fence to the much lower and possibly a great deal house and then tried to go past the less destructive, was still very danger house in an effort to get to the high ous and treacherous. All that evening A TEAM AND WAGON land but the wire broke and he float- before Allen decided to leave, he had ed back to the house. He grabbed a been watching a light to the south of blanket and made his way into the him and he knew that if he could get attic. He stayed there a few minutes to the south bank of the river before Amateur radio stations at Enders Mrs. Mary Rogers were at the Rogers and then tried to open the window the light went out he at least wouldn't and climb onto the roof. The window be in any danger of getting lost. He wouldn't open. Allen thought that sleughs and running blindly into giant

What he saw in the next few minutes made him think twice about swimming to shore. Huge trees floated by the house and several strong cattle came Mike Allen accumulated a lot of down the stream fighting the current

## for passengers and local people. The station operated by R. E. Olmstead at Wauneta likewise rendered valueble party was organized and local people. The station operated by R. E. Olmstead at was organized and likewise rendered valueble party was organized and li AT HIS RVER ISLAND HOME

### For His Life But Lofty Perch Held Safely

Al Mathis, who lives on the island waters by perching in a tree for two nights and a day. Mathis has been living on the large island for several months and when the waters began raising the people of Benkelman feared for his life. The island is below the South Fork inlet and was almost in the center of the torrential river. With bridges floating down the river among uprooted giant trees and hundreds of drowned livestock, it was generally conceded among the onlookers that if Al Mathis came out of the flood alive it would be truly a miracle. After the waters had subsided considerably, searchers ventured across the North Fork of the river and proceeded to the old island site in search for Mathis. strong to resist, they made a dash for the attic grabbing a lanton and if The search for the living Mathis was the attic-grabbing a lantern and a placed with the search for his body. sack of flour and some tobacco. Al- The search was more fruitful than most at the instant they made their the search for the living body inasway to the attic the water burst thru much as a watch and other indenti-Tom Herring and Marion Hudson door and window and the whole house fiable materials were found and plans had a thrilling experience when the was filled with water. A hole was cut were made for a more thorough search flood waters hit the Tom Herring in the roof immediately and preparathe following day. In the meantime house in the Herring grove on the tions were made for a hurried exit if Mathis had crossed the South Fork South Fork about six miles southwest the occasion demanded it. The water and the North Fork river and was up of Benkelman. The little flood which remained at the top of the window for town shaking hands with his friends took place earlier in the week left its several hours and at last went down and telling them of his nights in the be obtained from most of the leading mark on the valley and made the Her- slowly. When the next raise came it tree. It seems as though on Thursday ring home a little disagreeable because went over the window mark and the night Mathis' first knowledge of the of the debris which filled in the river boys began to wonder what was plan- flood came after the water was high bottom and had began to leave an un- ned to be next on the program. All around his bed. He kicked out a windesirable odor. The river was consid- the buildings on the farm had taken dow and advanced to a tree with a Thursday evening and hardly conduc- afternoon. After the water had gone which had spanned the river near the it not been for your kindness.—Henry ive to good sleep so the two men were down the channel of the river had Earnest yards. The bridge floated on and Charlie Pettit and Mrs. Mary very reluctant about retiring. Late changed to nearly the north side of past his island and down the river. McClane and other relatives. at night a wall of water high enough the Herring grove of trees. A great This was the only clue local searchers

### Benkelman Friends Feared VALLEY PASTURES WILL NOW NEED RESEEDING

would come back in time but that would take a period of years.

In answer to many inquiries Agricultural Agent Noyes is suggesting a pasture seed mixture for the reseeding problem which is recommended by the College of Agricultural agronomists. This mixture consists of 5 pounds of years of age. Brome grass, 4 pounds of Perenial rye grass, 4 pounds of Orchard grass, and ture may be seeded at once although many farmers will prefer to wait until fall. With present moisture conditions the mixture should do quite well if seeded at once with a thin stand of oats or barley for a nurse crop. The

In preparing a seed bed for a permanent pasture experiments have proven that a firm and well packed seed bed is essential. On the flooded valley lands it would seem that a thorough discing and harrowing before seeding might be sufficient at this time.

At present prices the mixture listed above should cost around three or four dollars per acre. The seeds listed may

#### CARD OF THANKS

the house. The men held the door of the Herring house today stands with of these two men until the body of large number of floods, "But," he re- way and coming back over the Good- the women out and carried the chilthe room they were in for a short mud up to the door knobs, inside and Duvall was found near Max. Mathis marked, "this was the fastest, dirtiest land highway to Bird City and then dren. One baby was only three weeks says that he has lived on rivers a good dam river I've ever seen."

### TWO MEN ESCAPE BUT LAD IS DROWNED IN SOUTH FORK FURY

#### OHIO RIVER BOATSMAN COULDN'T MAKE GRADE

One of the amusing incidents connected with the rescue of the south side folks at the bridge approach Saturday was when one of the passengers to the shore of the river where E. D. Taylor, W. F. Fallert, the Follett boys and others were attempting to get a cable over to the bridge and explained that he was from Cincinnatti, Ohio, and had lived on the Ohio river all his life and knew the why and wherefors of putting cables across really big streams and said that this job would be no job at all if the boys cared to have him do it. They more than welcomed his assistance and assured him of their full cooperation in carrying out his plans. He thereupon ordered the boat taken up the river 150 yards at which point he boarded it and attempted a zig-zag crossing with Gene Taylor in the other end of the boat holding the rope. He showed fine progress until he reached the channel and then some high waves shot the boat down stream like a bullet and he hit the north bank about a hundred yards down, the boat jumping and bucking like a broncho every inch of the way. It was about the hottest boat ride that Taylor had ever had, but despite this he was mighty glad when the visitor he had ever attempted to ride after which he proceeded to return forthwith to the seclusion and comfort of his Pullman car. The rope was finally landed on the other side thru the expert swiming of some of the younger down from Fort Morgan Tuesday night men with the aid of the older group to learn the extent of loss of life and holding it above the current.

little son have arrived here and expect to spend at least a part of their summer vacation in Benkelman.

# Peter Courtright Is Missing

After South Fork Destroys

Kansas Line Gas Station

At the Kansas filling station on the St. Francis road, Chris Courtright and from the marooned train came down son Pete were trapped in the station and Eli Courtright, brother of Chris Courtright, met a similiar fate in a shack close by. All of the men were asleep. Eli was the first to discover the flood condition but had scarcely gotten dressed before the station building left its foundation and then collapsed. Eli waded, swam and plunged for some distance before he was caught in a current and after a terrific effort was carried near enough to the base of the hills that he could walk. He started back up stream when Chris suddenly appeared from the torrents. directly in front of him. Chris said that Pete, who is 15 years old, first left the building after they had succeeded in battering a hole thru the walls but the hole was too small to let his body thru. He started to batter the wall again when it suddenly collapsed and he was thrown into the torrent. Like Eli, he plunged, swam and waded for some distance until a giant wave picked him up and when he landed, the ground was high enough to walk on. He never saw his son after he succeeded in getting out mitted that it was the toughest water and he has not been seen nor head of since and like the rest of those reported missing, the likelihood of his body being recovered lessens each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Howard drove damage resulting generally from the flood. The Fort Morgan section is Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoffman and just beginning to come out of its flood experience. Much damage was done there but the death list was not so great, three having been drowned.

### BODY OF COLORADO WOMAN RECOVERED HERE ON SUNDAY

#### Body of Hale, Colo. Woman DUVALLS' DOGS HAD NO Was Found On The South PART IN THE RECOVERY Fork By Local Searchers

had swelled and was tight and it waded and swam, fording quick sand body was practically nude. The boys of his companion, Ora Davis. Accordmoved her to the McDonald ranch ing to Al Mathis both Duvall and he wouldn't break the window unless tree roots until he reached the high, house, two of them remaining while Davis were on the North Fork bridge Since the pastures along the Repub- later identified her as Mrs. Harding large number of the dogs belonging to lican valley have been practically ru- and her body was taken to Hale by Art Duvall were found by a searchnig ined by heavy deposits of silt from the airplane sent from that place Monday party between Benkelman and Max. north of the free walker farm east recent flood, farmers are wondering afternoon. We understand that the They were tied to a fence and appar-Probably the native prairie grasses the river bottom but that Mr. Harding This led friends to believe that Duvall overcome and lost. She was about 45

The recovery of the body of Art The body of a woman was found on Duvall brings to light another secret the sand near the K. W. McDonald the rampant Republican hides in the farm by a searching party comprising annals of its destructive career. But Willard McDonald, Lyle Carlin and the solving of the Duvall fate has George Follett Sunday afternoon. Her thrown no light on the possible fate the third went for help. A team and as it passed by the island upon which wagon was secured and the body he perched in a tree. When the body brought to the North Fork bridge was found about a mile and a half where it was taken across in the boat. west of Max by Glen Stute, Carl Selby, It was then carried to town and turned Albert Barker and August Gunther, it over to Miss McEvoy for embalming. was in the north channel of the river Doctor Peck of St. Francis, who came and the North Fork bridge was on to Benkelman with Dale Fallert that the south on the higher ground but afternoon to ascertain the extent of not far away. This gave the searchers loss of life, indicated the belief that faith that the Davis body could be it might be the body of Mrs. Blanche found in the territory near but a much Harding of Hale, Colorado. The flood larger group of men returned to the nad swept away the Harding dwelling spot and searched it in vain. Contrary and with it Mr. and Mrs. Harding and to previous rumors there were no dogs their four children. Three children nor any other thing that might have were later recovered alive but the suggested that he might have been parents and one child were still miss- there. Duvall's watch was stopped at ing. Relatives of the deceased woman three minutes until four o'clock. A  $i_{S}$  still unaccounted for. Hale is  $80\,|\, and$  Davis were confronted with the miles from Benkelman and there were proposition of trying to save their own indications that Mrs. Harding had lives at a time when they doubted made a terrific fight for life as she their ability to reach even the bridge, probably floated down the river on otherwise "Dog Shorty" would have debris for many miles before being surely untied his dogs before leaving.

Post Want-Ads Bring Quick Results.

### 5 pounds of Sweet Clover. This mixture may be seeded at once although DRIVE HUNDREDS OF MILES TO REACH FAMILY ON SOUTH FORK

### Long Drive Over Pastures To Reach Home on River

Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Brien and the three older boys went to Imperial last turning to Benkelman Friday morning age, had exercised splendid judgement only to discover the flood waters and the fact that the wildest flood in all Republican valley history had extended itself from the railroad tracks in Benkelman almost to their home on the South Fork five miles distant. They were frantic with fear because of the for all they did for us following the younger children were at home and the shadows of grueling uncertainty ered a little dangerous anyway and a hurried ride to the river channels convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it that the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it that the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents, it has the water must be up to the house convenient three-prong crotch he had tragic death of our beloved parents. Mrs. Herring stayed up at the old and were soon out of sight. Marion previously decided upon if an occasion Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and at that time with the crest of the flood Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and at that time with the crest of the flood Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and at that time with the crest of the flood Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and at that time with the crest of the flood Mr. and Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and at that time with the crest of the flood Mrs. James Robbin Pettit and Mrs. James Herring stone house and Marion and Tom stayed on top of the house demanded such action and climbed it our brothers, sisters and relatives lost yet to come. There seemed little they demanded such action and climbed it our brothers, sisters and relatives lost yet to come. Tom were sort of batching at the lower all day Friday and Friday night and to remain until Saturday morning. our brothers, sisters and relatives lost could do nor neither could they stand in the flood waters. We don't know could do nor neither could they stand in the flood waters. house in the trees. The wind and were rescued on horses by Ray Mag-Mathis claims to have seen Duvall and how to thank you because we don't still and watch. They quickly decided Benkelman, sought refuge in the Mag-house in the trees. The wind and how to thank you because we don't still and watch. They quickly decided how to thank you because we don't still and watch. the rain made it very disagreeable nani and Clarence Pursley Saturday Davis riding the North Fork bridge, know what would have happened had a armed with shovels and a hammer perty with another family who had they started northwest, driving clear but recently moved into it. As the to Fort Morgan and angling across water arose, the men waded and swam country nearly two hundred miles west, for help. Nine men, holding to a long to completely cover the windows hit number of trees were destroyed and had to the possible location and fate share of his life and has been in a finally getting to North Forty high- rope, went to the rescue and helped home over the Bird City road. They old.

Peter O'Brien Family Make left Benkelman before noon Friday and reached home at about nine o'clock Sunday morning. They found that the water had surrounded the place but that the lives of the children had not been endangered. Neighbors had taken a kindly interest in their welfare and Miss Mary, who is past 18 years of sible to the end of safety. It was a terrific strain on both the mental and physical resources of the entire family, but was only a sample of the tragic tenseness that grappled with hundreds of people during the flood's progress. Several families are still groping in bodies.

A family living in a wagon in South

Origin of Playing Cards Credited to Many Nations

Scholars are frequently at loggerheads concerning the origin of playing cards. Some attribute their invention to the Chinese about A. D. 450; others believe them to have been in vogue among the Arabs and Egyptians from time immemorial. They are certainly of Eastern ancestry, and were originally an adaptation of

The first European pack, the Venetian, appeared about 1350. It consisted of 78 pieces—22 emblems and 56numerals—each about the size of a penny. The numerals were in turn divided into four suits, each with a king, queen, knight, knave, and ten others numbered from one to ten.

Time saw fit to cut this cumbersome collection. First the emblems, depicting the major episodes in a man's life, such as birth, death, and judgment, received marching orders, followed a year or two later by the four knights, leaving the pack with 52 representa-

Early in their career, cards met with fierce persecution from priests and Puritans, who dubbed them "the devil's picture books." Thinking to circumvent ecclesiastical wrath, the Italians adopted cups, batons, money, and swords as the symbols of the suits, making it plain that cups stood for Faith, batons for Courage, money for Charity, and swords for Justice. The Germans changed the markings into hearts, bells, leaves, and acorns, while the French took as their symbols, spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs, a system of marking that has endured from Elizabethan days. - Montreal

#### Earth's Lowest Spot Is Dead Sea; Has No Outlet

The Dead sea has been well named. This strange lake in Palestine, which, according to tradition, is supposed to cover the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, lies 1,300 feet below sea level, the lowest spot on the earth's surface, notes a writer in Tit-Bits Magazine. Supporting no life, with the exception of a few microbes, surrounded by an intensely hot region inhabited by thieves and savages, destitute even of bird life and rarely navigated, this body of water has been the subject of many myths and superstitions. It is about 47 miles long and from 5 to 10 miles wide, covering an area of about 340 square miles.

The Dead sea apparently has no outlet and is fed by the Jordan and a few other rivers, which bring various salts with the 6,000,000 tons of water they pour into it daily. This water evaporates, the salt remains.

The south shore has an extraordinary ridge of rock salt seven miles long and about 300 feet high, called the Khasm Usdom (Ridge of Sodom). The water is six times as salty as that of the Atlantic ocean and contains 187 pounds of salt to the ton. Bulk for bulk, it is heavier than the human body, which therefore does not sink

#### Moths' Wireless Messages One of the most puzzling problems

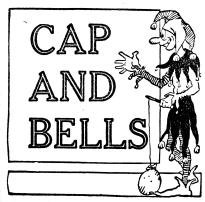
in Nature is the way moths can dis cover one another's whereabouts from great distances. The female vaporer moth is one with which experiments have often been made. If she is put in a box and set outside a window, a number of males will soon fly to the spot. So with the oak egger moth, and many others. When a newly emerged female is imprisoned in a box or little cage, all the males in the neighborhood will swarm to find her. One naturalist does not think that the moths scent one another, for he has found, he relates, that the males will fly down the wind to find an imprisoned female, and he favors an idea that some sort of wireless messages are sent out and received by the moths' antennae. But if scent be not the clue to the mystery, how can one account for the fact that if a female egger moth is put in a match-box for awhile, then removed, and the empty box is carried into a wood where the males abound, they will hover about the

#### Washington's 1814 Fire

In the fire of 1814 in Washington, which was started by the British, President Madison, his cabinet, and the heads of departments scampered for safety, and all the public records of the American republic were destroyed except those in the land commissioner's office. The commissioner of this office was Edward Tiffin, the first to hold the position. Tiffin, who was also Ohio's first governor, remained in his office and saved the complete records of his department. Despite the confusion and scampering of statesmen in all directions, the coolheadedness of the Ohioan caused the records and documents to be removed to a place of concealment ten miles out of the city.

#### The Letters "G. O. P."

The letters G. O. P. are the abbreviation of "Grand Old Party," an affectionate name applied to the Republican party by its members. Just how or when the name originated isn't known for certain, but is is believed it was suggested by "Grand Old Man." a name almost universally applied to William Ewart Gladstone, an eminent British statesman, financier and orator. G. O. P. came into general use about two decades after the Civil war, when the "Grand Old Man" of England was at the height of his fame. The Democrats took up the name G. O. P. at first in derision, but since then the derision has been largely worn off.



#### PRICE OF A COLD

"I say, Betty," said the young man, full of confidence. "I've just been thinking how jolly it would be if we two got married. Any objections?" "Dough," replied the young lady at

He reached for his hat and made for

"H'm," he replied. "I might have known you'd have thought of that snag

He departed into the night, while she, poor girl-with a cold in her head -wondered why he left when she had accepted him,

#### Morals and Music

The man who had just cleaned up a large fortune was starting his social career with a reception and concert. "So you got a good piano player for the concert I'm giving?" he asked his

newly acquired secretary. "Yes, a truly great virtuoso," "I don't care nothin' about his morals. Can he play?"—American Le-

gion Monthly.

Including Molar Excavities "What are the dining hours at your

"From six to eight for all except the committee."

"Why the exception?" "Because Rule 5 says: 'The committee is at liberty at any time to fill any vacancy in their body."—Bristol

#### CALLS AND CALLS



"I know a man who had a hundred curtain calls a week." "I suppose he was a matinee idol?" "No, he was a house furnisher."

#### Literary Career

"How's your boy Josh doing in col-

good-by?"

"Fine," answered Farmer Corntossel. "He don't seem so much in his classes or in football. But he has had a joke accepted by the college maga-

#### Impossible

"I suppose King Solomon wasn't much of a traveler.'

"Why not?" "How could a man get anywhere when he had to kiss a thousand wives

#### Thing to Remember

"Do you think I could learn to be a moving picture actor?"

"Sure you could. Just remember this one thing. A heaving chest denotes surprise, fear, nate or any other emotion.'

#### A Particular Miss

Arthur (to his best girl's sister)-Your sister lets me kiss her, won't you let me kiss you?

Little Sister (haughtily)—No! I don't allow all the gentlemen to kiss me that sister does.

#### Surprises

"Did the vote bring surprises?" "Some," answered Senator Sorghum. 'Ocassionally the surprise was so great that we weren't sure whether we were working with a ballot box or a jackin-the-box."

#### Pa Knew From Experience

"What is a margin, pa?" "A margin, my boy, is much the same as verge. When you buy stocks on margin you are on the verge of losing your money.'

#### NO ARMCHAIR



Judge-What's the charge? Officer-Rocking his wife to sleep, yer honor.

Judge-That's no case. Officer-Oh, but yer honor, yer should hev seen the size of the rocks.

Just the Thing "I want to answer Dorothy's letter and say something that means noth-

"Tell her you love her."

#### **TOPNOTCHERS** by K<sub>ET</sub>



### FLOOD WATERS DESTROY NEW CAMP CREEK DAM AT STRATTON

Was Nearly Completed When NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPATE OF FORM Heavy Rains Swept It Away

Flood waters resulting from a 6 to inch rain on the north divide Mondollars, when the new dam across The dam, nearing completion, was a sickly sight following its destruction. Water pouring down Camp Creek filled the lake and, like a battering ram, swept onto the new dam. The water swept over the dam and undermining it at the point of the overflow pipe, the water soon pushed through and cut a 50 foot swath through the dam.

The destruction of this dam is a bitter disappointment, for much work and money was entailed in its construction. Many feel that its loss was entirely unnecessary; that it should have been completed long ago and last year low in germination, Dundy that proper precautions were not tak- | county farmers who are planting soren to protect it. There was no way ghums this year are being advised to for the high water to get away except treat the seed carefully. Either copper through and over the dam, and that is carbonate or improved ceresan can be just what happened.

Whether the dam will be recon-Stratton News.

#### SOUTH FORK ITEMS

(Items too late for last week.) planting.

pretty good health again.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ferguson and family visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Jewel Mosier, who has been at Stratton for some time, will now be at home a while with her parents at South

We are glad to have Mrs. Fairy Holliman and children with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Holliman were Sunday dinner guests of the Ramseys. After dinner they took a drive south of Bird City to see the Bussee green-Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Harvey took

Mr. Hall, father of Mrs. Harvey, to Cambridge, Nebraska, Saturday where he will spend the summer with another daughter, after spending the winter with his daughter at South Fork. South Fork extends symathy to the relatives of the late Henry Henkel.

Little Eileen Hightower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hightower, died at the hospital in St. Francis last Friday of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Francis. Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and Ethel and Ward Harvey attended. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved ones.

The Harrisons are reported improving nicely, except Francis is still having much trouble with the glands of his neck, an after effect of the scarlet Around fifty at Sunday school Sun-

day. The lesson was followed by a Memorial service by the gospel team. Mrs. Fay Clapp sprung a surprise on the South Fork folks when the announcement has just been made of her marriage to Charles E. Hafer of Atwood which took place at Sharon Springs last February 3. So Fay is no longer Nurse Clapp but Nurse Hafer. We certainly wish them much happiness.

The fine rain that visited South Fork Monday night seemed to be quite general over Dundy and Cheyenne counties. No lack of moisture now and vegetation is growing fine.

"Stable times are coming says an exchange. Possibly, bu tthe horse has already been stolen.

PROBATE OF FOREIGN WILL

Estate of Joseph Brigham Bowles, deceased, in the County Court of Dundy County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said estate, take and caused the loss of hundreds of notice that a petition has been filed Plainview school house May 26th at for probate of the last will and testa- 8:00 p. m. The following officers were Camp Creep east of town, went out. ment of said deceased, and for the ap- in charge: Lorene Humphrey, leader; pointment of L. I. Latham, as admin- Mrs. Ivan Golding, assistant leader; istratrix thereof, with will annexed, which has been set for hearing on noff, vice president; Duane Rousselle, June 13th 1935, at ten o'clock A. M. Dated May 21st, 1935.

> W. F. WOOD, County Judge. First publication May 24, 1935. Last publication June 6, 1935.

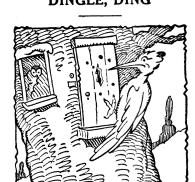
SORGHUM CROPS ent.

With much sorghum seed produced

used successfully. Copper carbonate applied to the structed appears problematical. We seed as recommended for seed wheat is hope it will be. A state man is expected suggested as a good treatment by the to be here as soon as he can get thru department of agronomy at the Neto inspect the damage and perhaps braska College of Agriculture. Two or estimate the cost of reconstruction.— three ounces of copper carbonate dust applied so as to thoroughly coat the sorghum kernels will prevent smut, tend to prevent mold and may possibly

improve the stand somewhat. This may be applied in a treater or cement mixer. Where a Rollin Hill of St. Francis is helping relatively small amount of seed is to his grandfather Merklin with his corn be treated, the seed may be placed in small quantities in a milk can and the We were very glad to welcome the proper amount of copper carbonate Goodells back to services Sunday dust applied and coated over the kernafter their long siege of sickness. els by thoroughly rolling and shaking Eleven weeks is a long time to be the can. The new improved ceresan, stranded at home. They are all in which is also a dust product, may be applied in a similar way.

#### DINGLE, DING



Worm-Hey! Mr. Woodpecker, ring the bell, you're punching my door full of holes.

### Calling Your Attention \_TO THE\_ 3 Big Markets

Hoover Sales Pavilion STERLING, COLO. REGULAR SALE EVERY \_THURSDAY\_

Holyoke Sales Pavilion HOLYOKE, COLO. REGULAR SALE EVERY —TUESDAY—

Hoover Sales Pavilion IMPERIAL, NEBR. REGULAR SALE EVERY FRIDAY—

These three big pavilion auctions are always the best market for all classes of livestock.

L. C. "JIM" HOOVER, Owner and Auctioneer Martin J. Peterson, Manager.

#### DISTRICT NO. 39 ITEMS

(Items too late for last week.) O. W. and Ward McGlashan called on Ira Lamb last Sunday.

with her sister, Mrs. Warren Stockham running day and night. of Sedgwick, Colorado, last Monday. Bert McAllister, Margaret, Laddie and their graduation song at Mrs. West's David and Mr. Minton motored to Sunday night. Sedgwick Sunday. They all returned home in the evening and report hav- arrived Tuesday to spend the summer ing had a lovely time.

Bus Evans called at the McGlashan and Mrs. E. R. West. and Shipp homes last Tuesday. He A children's day program is in the reports the E. E. Clements children making. Mrs. Earl Graham is chairsome better.

Earl and Clode Krutsinger were Mrs. Bert McAllister, Margaret and time.

Elsie visited with Mrs. Shipp Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnhart and

home Sunday forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts and family visited at the George Morrison home at McDonald, Kansas, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shipp called at the McGlashan home Tuesday.

Ray Shipp sold his stock and Barnhart, who will soon move on the place. Mr. and Mrs. Shipp are soon to begin their work in the Max rest-

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnhart were dinner guests at the V. D. Stevens nome Sunday.

The Why Worry Club met with Mrs. Jasper Richards June 5th for a social afternoon.

Kenneth Brown is listing corn for Clode Krutsinger this week. Henry Haas returned home Saturday to Max

#### MEND IT-FIX IT 4-H CLUB

The Mend It-Fix It club met at the James Golding, president; Nels Brysecretary, Ruth Humphreys, news reporter. Ruth Humphreys was elected yell leader at the meeting. Four new members were received. They are as follows: Earl Lemon, Hope Lemon, Charlotte Humphreys and Helen Lemon. This makes a total of eleven members. There were nine visitors pres-

We received our first problems. The next meeting will be held at Earl Lemon's home June 4 at 2:00 p. m. If you have something that needs fixing, join our Mend It-Fix It club and we will tell you how to do it. This club is for boys and girls. Join

#### ROLLWITZ ITEMS

(Items too late for last week.) We received another good rain on Monday night. Everyone is busy list-Mrs. Bert McAllister returned home ing corn. Some of the tractors are

The eighth grade girls practiced

Gloria Williams of Roca, Nebraska, at the home of her grandparents, Mr.

man of the committee looking after it. A large crowd attended the party at business callers at Haigler last Satur- J. E. Brown's Saturday night. It was held in the barn and all had a good

Alberta Hedges spent the week end with Lorene Brown.

Bud McGooden of Wauneta attended family called at the Lem Mullanix the party at Brown's Saturday night. Pauline Graham and Arkilee West visited Sunday with Olive Hedges.

The Merry Mix-Ups cooking club will meet at the home of their leader, Mrs. K. L. West, on the first Thursday in June.

machinery and leased the place to Earl join we would like to have a corn pronow and if a sufficient number of boys ject. The girls may decide on the cooking project.





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### E. B. FAYLOR FAMILY AND MRS. OSBORNE ARE BELIEVED DEAD

Washed Away and No One Has Found Trace of Them

older settlers, could scarcely conceive and that the three Miller children are er in question. of such a possibility. She loved her still unaccounted for. The known dead of such a possibility. She loved her home and since the death of Mr. Os-home and since the death of Mr. Os-Elizabeth Shooker, rural teacher in the he remembered coming to the Cox treaties of her children who felt that Chase county schools, Mrs. Charles ter how many had been with her that Miss Shooker's body was found on an night, they could have given her no island at Bartley. Her pocket book protection. Instead they would have was still hanging over her arm. It added to the flood casualties. The Osborne house was among the first to go and Mrs. Osborne was no doubt go and wirs. Osborne was no doubt gone to the farm to warn the family ing the flood waters. He thinks that ious flood currents of the South Fork of the approach of the flood and was river within a few minutes after the house began to move.

The Faylor house, located a mile south and a half mile east of Benkelman was in one of the most precarious spots in the entire flood zone. It was known as the C. A. Hester home for years and it was only about a year ago that Mr. Hester and daughter Orpha moved to town and rented it after living there for many years. The dwelling was at the end of a long curve in the river and close to the river shore. It was surrounded by a heavy growth of trees and the river shore was lined with stately cottonwoods, some of them fifty to seventyfive years old. When the torrents left the regular river course and cut a new which they were being exposed or to wisdom of the move.

### Homes on River Bottom Are Loss of Life Reported in Most of Adjoining Towns

Miller and little daughter Virginia. horse which his father had bought and contained more than a hundred dollars in currency and her teacher's certificate. Dale Miller, city councilman, had gone to the forms to make the forms to the for Miller.

Stories and rumors filled the air at almost minute intervals all day Friday and Saturday. Some of them appeared fantastic but with the flood waters down the Republican valley as during anything and everything could be possible. But some of the rumors were too ridiculous to receive credence under any condition and a few had a humorous tinge.

"Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep." -George Washington.

were uprooted by the dozens and rolled channel and drowned shortly after thing like the level it was Friday. The was to hunt bodies of flood victims, and tossed and the Osborne house and their cries were heard. The Faylor old channels are clean and open and investigate possible marooned persons and watched always for something remained there until I could get out. other buildings no doubt followed the family moved to the Hester farm sev- hundreds of new ones have been cre- and to list dead livestock. At a meetimmediate course to crush everything eral months ago. Having been reared ated. And most of all, the hundreds ing at the sheriff's office Friday night to. Once a tree came almost close riding roofs and things and shouting in its path and the Hester house was in a section of Iowa near the Missouri of miles of heavy woven hog wire that "Slim" Hageman, Jack Hollinger, Cliff enough but it was caught in a whirlin the center of the path. Joe Krug, river where floods were frequent, they criss-crosses the valley all the way Toler and Roy Lingo were chosen as ingeddy back of the truck that seemed said. "I can fully understand the liver where floods were frequent, they criss-crosses the valley all the way Toler and Roy Lingo were chosen as ingeddy back of the truck that seemed said. "I can fully understand the liver where floods were frequent, they criss-crosses the valley all the way Toler and Roy Lingo were chosen as ingeddy back of the truck that seemed said. "I can fully understand the liver where floods were frequent, they criss-crosses the valley all the way Toler and Roy Lingo were chosen as ingeddy back of the truck that seemed said." Dick Stitt, Postmaster E. V. Barger, had expressed some hesitancy in mov- down, have now disappeared. William Richards, and scores of oth- ing there because of flood hazards but ers heard terrorizing cries for help this fear had apparently vanished when from the direction of the Hester farm they found that the Republican valley gathered on the street at six o'clock where the Faylors lived at shortly be- had never had a major flood disaster Tuesday morning when the fire whistle fore six o'clock but even at that time and that no one here ever considered was sounded and under captains Whether the Faylor fam- was apparently still skeptical, however, carcasses and search for lost bodies. ily was riding a raft or marooned in for at the time of moving there she A group from Benkelman went down

charge of 25c. Count 6 words to line.

FOR SALE—Yellow and white seed

FOR SALE-A few choice purebred months old, sired by a bull from Dr B. F. Stewart's milking Shorthorn herd at Cambridge.-W. A. and Richard Gardner, Max, Nebr. 4-2t\*

FOR SALE-My apartment house .--Mrs. Johnson. 4-tf.

FOR SALE—Yellow seed corn at \$1.30 per bushel.—John Teeter. 5-tf.

WANTED-Pasture for 40 cows with calves and 160 yearlings for balance Max. season beginning June 15th. See J. O. Littlefield, Benkelman, or write John Elliott, Edison, Kansas,

NOTIFY Mills & Ferguson, St. Francis of cattle branded T on left hip or Jess Littlefield. 6-2t.

NOTIFY John Keller, St. Francis, of cattle branded double bar I right hip or Jess Littlefield. 6-2t.

FOUND-Car key. Owner may recover 6-1t. charges.

WANTED-Laundry of any kind-Mrs Elsie Richardson. 6-2t.

STRAYED — Hampshire and Poland angle in right ear. Notify E. E. Hester Will pay suitable reward. 6-2t.

FLOOD STRAYED-White face cattle branded B on left shoulder and mixed colors branded T on right shoulder. Kindly notify John O'Brien

or J. L. Henkel, Jr., Benkelman, 6-tf.

6c to 7c. Phone 205J2, 5 miles west of town.-Morris Hatchery.

FOR SALE-John Deere 3-row tractor

FLOOD HOGS — Anyone knowing whereabouts of brood sows marked with small notch in extreme point of left ear, will confer a great favor by notifying Tecker ranch. 6-tf.

FOR SALE-Cane and millet seed .-W. T. Hansen, Parks. 6-2t.

Post is always a good investment. —Gay.

FOR SALE-Black Amber cane seed and seed corn.—Herbert Gottschalk, route 1, Benkelman, Nebr. 6-2t.

FLOOD STRAYED—Cattle from Bar- Practically every carcass between Max ger ranch. Some branded with P and Parks was buried and the atmos-with bar attached on right hip and phere cleared up considerably in the eight victims. The Toler group assist-peared. At near four o'clock it got that could be saved. Had one been corn at \$1.25 per bushel.—John Kei- others with reversed J brand on right river sections that night. ser, 18 miles north of Benkelman. 3- hip. Will pay for damages and keep. -Guy Barger. 6-2t.

model tracetor.—Albert Kirschmer. 6-2 waters subsided. Hundreds of sacks of worked to the county line east of Max

#### TO HORSE OWNERS

farm this year. Service fee will be \$6 carefully attended to. Red Cross of bodies and Roy Lingo on the Parks to tion and wrecked in the maddening on the raging, writhing torrents. to insure live colt. Service fee becomes ficials reaching Benkleman Tuesday. Haigler area gave the same report. due immediately upon disposal of congratulated the local organizations. The searching parties worked under mare. Not responsible for accidents - and individuals for the prompt action a severe strain all the time. Quick-Jay Powell, one quarter mile west of taken. They said that few communi- sand and gumbo mud made the foot-3-4t.

#### LOCAL MEN HELP IN RESTORING county organizations. TELEGRAPH SERVICE AMID FLOOD HAZARDS

Dick Edwards had a big part in re- nature. He had lived for some time of the flood waters had matted the storing Western Union telegraph ser- in a camp at the Earnest feed lots bridge timbers, barbed and phone wire, dent that they suffered. vice last Monday. With the conductor and slaughter house adjoining the east trees and sections of barns and houses of the freight train which was mar-side of the East North Fork bridge. into such a compact mass that it would ooned here the night of the flood, they He was a great lover of dogs and it take weeks to completely disengage it turmoil, cattle, horses, hogs and other two crests met, the impact was terrific. started in to string wires from Max was said that he owned something like and satisfactorily disclose its secrets. live stock floated down the maddened to bound the hours of at The Post by paying advertising to beyond the Arickaree west of 25 of them. They were mostly of the Haigler and although they had to hound or running type variety but no dred yards from each other, so comwade both the Republican and Arick- dog was refused his friendship because pletely covered two cattle that one the flood raised, these were soon sub- was the force that it forced the regular aree, they got the job done Sunday of its breeding standards. He was benight and then worked east. Two wires tween fifty and sixty years of age and its tail down thru the brush and timwere tied to railroad ties which were it is said that he spent his young ber. The other animal appeared to The railroad and highway roadbeds when the flood subsided the main China brood sows, marked with tri- used for poles and since that time the manhood on the Ough Divide. Few be a large white face bull and all that were soon washed out in the lower channel of both rivers was over the telegraph force at the depot have been knew his real name when it became could be seen of him was the head grounds and east of Benkelman the right of way. But there was little left been received and sent out.

as possible.

Learning by study must be won, An advertisement in The Benkelman Twas ne'er entailed from sire to son.

shown on the part of farmers in haul- where they were sent east on a Union ing supplies to the flood areas. One Pacific train. Cars were sent from trucker said Tuesday that in order to Ogallala and Grant to convey them get to Benkelman it was necessary to across. Some of them were so scared leave McCook on the north and sort of that they almost objected to leaving Reports from other towns are plenti-search for a road between there and safe territory because of the fear of ful but there are so many stories that the Grant highway. From that high-being cast into new flood hazards. They As the days go by and the search for it is practically impossible to establish way they travel to Enders and Ben-finally were persuaded to go and got As the days go by and the scarch for authenticy. The death report at kelman over No. 61, new state highway out of Ogallala just in time as a new the flood's approach was given by ahead of it. Doors and windows were open and people were peering out evident that Mrs. Johanna Osborne Stratton is reported at three. Several which is the only decent road enterevident that Mrs. Johanna Osborne were drowned at Trenton but no loss and the four members of the E. B. were drowned at Trenton but no loss ing Benkelman. "We have cut across thorities to wreck the earth approach- returning from West of Haigler with watching the flood. As the heavy and the lour members of the E. D. of life has been reported at Culbert-corn fields, wheat fields, pastures and es Monday night in order to save the his large freight truck Thursday train passed over it seemed to me that raylor raining have perished. With telephone and telegraph borne was both an aged lady and was son. With telephone and telegraph anything else that was necessary to bridge. Jacob Bauer, Doctor Premer, evening. The rain caught him far I could see the track settling and worne was both an ageu lady and was communications cut and practically all get across and no one has uttered a Ray Quinn, Rev. Foster and others back on the hills and he said it seemed scarcely had the wheels of the last quite infirm. Her house was located quite infirm. Her nouse was located highways out of commission, press disnear the riverside on low ground. highways out of commission, press disnear the riverside on low ground. near the riverside on low ground. Passed over the bridge before

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and the passed over the bridge befor Although hood waters had been causs ors. One authentic report from Mc- have done to pastures and fields. I to prevent being marooned there. Mr. the atmosphere and the air became boundless torrents.. "I wonder," said did not fear such a disaster as spread doubt if they'd say anything if we'd Premer had intended going to Omaha stifling. He crossed the highway Jack, "how many of the people peering doubt if they'd say anything if we'd Premer had intended going to Omaha stifling. He crossed the highway Jack, "how many of the people peering doubt if they'd say anything if we'd Premer had intended going to Omaha stifling. He crossed the highway Jack, "how many of the people peering doubt if they'd say anything if we'd Premer had intended going to Omaha stifling. He crossed the highway Jack, "how many of the people peering the control of the people peering the people peering the control of the people peering the control of the peo of Perry collapsed under the strain of drive over their lawns and flower beds. and Jake had planned on going to bridge over the Arickaree and as he out of that train realized how close over the republican valley last friday. the flood and that four of the twelve She had known the country for a great the flood and that four of the twelve saw another roaring river on somewhat they had been to death. There was she had known the country for a great many years, and like hundreds of the lower ground he stopped his truck, enough water there to have sub-

> ranch forty-five years ago after a of crossing the east bridge and then going to the Cox farm between the trapped in the house with the rest. He fore it below to the meadows are disked be-McKillip and six-year-old Charlotte it is practically impossible to kill alkaii grass and though it seems that the job has really been done, it just won't happen. Walt, who is a life-long resident, thinks that there have been

times when as much water passed water. He says that woven wire fences, hedges, heavy tree growth, high road grades and ditches all have a

Between 150 and 200 hundred men doubt as to the degree of danger to that she still doubted the safety and which they were being exposed or to wisdom of the move

The local county officials, Red Cross and health officers have been carry-Shorthorn bulls, thirteen to sixteen FOR SALE—One McCormick-Deering ing out an active campaign to restore theatre building. ties had taken care of their health ing perilous and difficult for anything problems so thoroughly as had Dundy but a slow advancement. Snakes were

Art Duvan, whose body was recovagament the trees and the bodies of the ered on the south side of the river livestock and possibly some of the ered on the south side of the river livestock and possibly some of the erection which was so creatly needed. Don Whitley, Vernard Gummere and Monday, was of a rather eccentric flood vicitims but the terrific strength "Dog Shortie."

upon the occupants of the valley with while trying to release his cattle from to the carcasses. such speed that its presence was not the Rogers pasture at about ten o'clock | The searchers were the first to witknown until it had covered the valley Friday morning. Joe had been at the ness a great transformation. Land- with powers almost beyond human town report that much greater damage wall of water had struck. They reget them off the meadow. He almost the giant cottonwoods, no longer mark this district. cultivator in good condition.—Tecker mained in the attic and on the roof reached the Rogers house when the the valley. Hay land of yesterday is

No. 6 were loaded into cars and tlers are crumbled and broken. Water of the caterpillar tread design.

Truckers report a lot of tolerance hauled to Ogallala Saturday night

kelman were glued on the Higley, the opening of the floor boards around with the hand car still leading it. Woods and Adkinson dwellings between the gears and brakes. When the waves After the train had passed a group of the rivers as the waters surged, plung-struck, it would shoot the stream of section men came to the bridge and ed and plowed around them. They water up thru these small openings apparently began cutting a way for the watched the Woods barn and smaller clear to the top of the cab. Then water to get thru. I knew there was buildings collapse and then drift down debris began to settle behind the truck no way for them to rescue me but still the raging waters. But the three and it began moving towards the rag- the power of hope grows stronger with was rescued from a tree as was Nels will come thru before fall where the Nielson. Others rescued were Clyde McKillip and six-year-old Charlotte of the control of the con about three o'clock Saturday afternoon, at times, gradually getting closer to \_\_the fear of almost certain death. the entire group was taken from what the channel. The water reached the Time after time I tried to shout. I was left of the bridge and brought top of the truck bed at last and it could open my mouth but could not across in a tow boat. For a time Fri- seemed a losing fight to keep it from utter a sound. Realization of my conday it did not seem possible that the skidding but Jack stayed on the job dition seemed to add to the terrible houses would hold to their moorings and fought for his life. From 9:30 fear I felt. Minutes passed like hours, raging as they were, it seemed that down the Republican valley as during and continue as the only hope between Thursday evening until seven o'clock hours like days. Finally I could see anything and everything and eve life and almost sure death in case they Friday morning he continued the bat- signs of dawn breaking. The poundhedges, heavy tree growth and other had yielded. The three families had the and when the water receded sufobstacles that impedes the flow of plenty to eat but practically nothing ficiently to wade and swim, he went to the waves had effected my ears. Someto drink during the almost forty-eight Haigler where help was given him how I wondered if I had lost my sense hours of their imprisonment.

> in the evening the crew captains or- channel of the Arickaree and the force possible for me," he said. ganized their crews and called for the of the current dashed it fifteen feet schedule. No bodies were recovered a long staff as protection in quick but almost constant lightning illum- Benkelman on the boat. from east of Max to west of Parks, the sections covered. Something like fifty men were sent to the Parks district. They buried 26 head of cattle and several sheep in one hole west of Parks. Practically every cargoes between \$25. Walsh had already dug the house out

lime have been scattered over infected but were unable to uncover any bodies. places and dangerous looking pools. Jack Hollinger, as captain for the My stallion will be in service at the Other health measures have been Benkelman to Max group reported no

> numerous and of all varieties. The giant piles of drift material lodged

### FOUGHT RAGING TORRENTS ALL NIGHT WITH RESULT DOUBTFUL

Jack Miller Staked His Life On Keeping Truck Out of River and Won by Inches

inated the skies so that one could see for long distances at a time. As I set there and waited, Burlington passenger train No. 6 passed going east. I could have walked almost as fast as it was going over the Arickaree bridge. A One of the most vivid pictures of hand car with lights was a few yards ceive an honorary degree from Doane afraid to go farther. He set the merged the entire train in ten minutes college. He got in touch with him and brakes and prepared to wait for the had the bridge and track given away was advised not to attempt coming as water to recede. But instead it con- with them at that minute. Then the flood conditions were very bad at tinued to rise. "I actually believe it train moved slowly into the Haigler rose five inches in ten minutes," he yard, stopped for a minute, backed up said. He hadn't been there long be- a few feet and then returned to its All day long Friday the eyes of Ben- fore the water began shooting thru snail-like movement down the tracks later in the day and thru the use of of hearing entirely. As it grew lighter a caterpillar, the truck was finally it was apparent that the water was Saturday morning the flood waters brought to high ground. Had it been receding although that roaring sound a flood condition is created. He is had receded a great deal and the work left there until the second high crest got louder and louder. From four further of the opinion that an equal of bringing about organization of in the afternoon, it could not have o'clock to seven the water went down flood waters below, it directed the the desperation they felt. It is very amount of water would pass down the searching parties took form. The origflood squarely at the house. Trees experience," Jack said. "Sometimes I left my place in the water filled truck Republican now without rising to any inal purpose of the searching parties experience," Jack said. "Sometimes I left my place in the water filled truck republican now without rising to any inal purpose of the searching parties." crew captains and given authority as to detour all of the heavier debris, and ing death they were passing thru deputy sheriff's. Homer Davis was was carried too far away for me to mentally, but I can't understand how elected to act over the captains. Later reach it. I watched it as it hit the they could shout. It seemed so im-

At Haigler Jack joined Bert Medhunt to begin at 4 o'clock in the morn- high and then submerged it for a lock and the two of them attempted nothing could be seen of the Hester such a thing seriously. Mrs. Faylor spread along the river valley to be seen of the Hester such a thing seriously. Mrs. Faylor spread along the river valley to be seen of the Hester such a thing seriously. Mrs. Faylor in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood and under captains in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood and under captains in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood and the river valley to be seen of the Hester such a thing seriously. crews met on main street and left town in the world could have stuck to it and to leave their car at the Cottonwood on their various described routes at furthermore it headed straight for the ranch where the bridge was out and trees is not known but there was no told a woman friend in Benkelman between the river until they reached a Max doubt as to the degree of danger to that she still doubted the cofer and ago man used channel. The night was intensely dark coming across the North Fork south of

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was impossible to judge exactly as to cross channels were everywhere.

working night and day in handling the know that he was lost. Those who sticking out of the giant mass of river railroad is washed out for a distance save twisted steel to mark the railavalanche of flood telegrams that have knew him, knew him by the name of drift. Yet both of these animals were of at least three miles in one strip. road grade at one point. The steel rails found by the flies and hundreds of Five long strips of track were washed were snapped and twisted like ordinary them could be seen making their way out between Benkelman and Parks. wire. A part of the new channel is The South Fork flood waters came | Joe Krug came near losing his life | thru the closely woven covering down | When the call of distress came from also over on the highway. Parks many Benkelmanites found Those who have crossed over on the

old. Must sell by Tuesday, the 11th. almost completely. The George Zieke pasture earlier in the morning and marks which have for years guided the realization has changed the river valfamily, living on the river near the old moved the cattle to higher ground. river stroller no longer existed. Farms ley and rebuilt it on a new plan— case on the north side. At the loca-Wilson farm, were forced to the roof But as the water continued to rise, he on the river flat which once were com- marking one of nature's most abrupt tion of the old Merklin bridge, on the of their house very soon after the first concluded to cut the fences and try to fortably resting in the cool shade of changes in the chronicled history of south side, the entire roadway has

> during the entire flood period. They current took him off his feet and the today a river bed with rushing cur- At St. Francis a diesel powered trac- almost to the high land. Henry Adlost several of their outside buildings fact that he was close to a barbed wire rents dashing thru the valley like a tor was used to rescue more than a mire said that there were places on and suffered a great deal from the fence and grabbed it, saved his life. new river. Tree groves, yesterday bor- dozen people from sure death in the the South Fork valley that much more washing of the land. The channel of His hands were badly torn by the dering the liesure river, are today bent lowlands. The machine was driven resembled a minature "Hell's Half the river was changed and it comes barbs. Those watching him enter the down and beaten, lying like weeds in a right into the flood waters and the Acre" than anything he had seen in much nearer their home than before, water, feared that he was lost when drain ditch after heavy waters had people taken from their houses. Some- a long time. More live stock was They expect to leave the valley as soon the flood submerged him, but he fin- passed over them on the way to the times the waves went over the top of caught in the South Fork flood waters ally regained his feet and followed the lowlands. Trees whose might has kept the giant tractor but because of the than was the case on the North Fork fence out. He lost few, if any, cattle. them unbent thru scores of years, are fact that there is no electric wires in and it is said that hundreds of carwashed away. Giant shaders whose the diesel type motor, it continued to cases were scattered along the south The passengers from marooned train green bows welcomed the pioneer set- function under every condition. It was side, to add to the horror and danger

> their way there thru pastures on the 7 ARE STILL MISSING higher ground north. And the same thing was true of the Max section. There was a burning urge to do something, help somebody, but there was eight victims. The Toler group assist- peared. At near four o'clock it got that could be saved. Had one been ed the Walsh group in carrying the light enough that she could see that caught in the bounding, plunging, bodies to trucks which brought them distance but the house had disap-swirling mass of debris ridden waters to the temporary morgue at the Lyric peared. Thus it was evident that the only a miracle could save them, no house collapsed and washed away at matter how great the desire was to between two and four o'clock Friday help. To approach the depth of a model D tractor, one 20-30 Wallis 1931 erous possibilities ever since the flood house which was occupied by Mr. and have reached the channels, there was Mrs. E. B. Faylor and their 18-year- nothing that could have been done in old son Bud and 15-year-old daugh- the form of rescue work. The ordinary ter Merna, was torn from its founda- small boat was as helpless as a cork torrents at about five o'clock in the Sometimes the waves were as high as morning. Horrified cries for help were fourteen feet and they were moving heard by residents in east Benkelman with such terrific speed that they at between five and six o'clock Friday would throw debris ten feet in the air morning. The shouts were almost when they struck it right. There were terrifying in their desperation but it no particular channels—channels and

the location from which they came and | The North Fork seemed to be the assistance which was so greatly needed til the full force of water came down to save the unfortunate ones from the the South Fork, when it became the death which it has since been so evi- most vicious of the two streams and when they came together about a mile And during all of this harrowing east of town and the full force of the

> South Fork valley south and east of been swept away and in its place is a ravine twelve feet deep and reaching of the situation.

### AGED COUPLE RIDE TO SAFETY ON HOUSE ROOF EIGHT MILES

### Land On Island South Of before it reached the house Friday At Near Noon Saturday

the flood waters only a few minutes effect on their physical condition.

morning. Seeing they were trapped, Benkelman and Are Rescued he raised a window and had no more than done so when the building began to sink and finally collapsed. He and Mrs. Ferguson climbed to the roof and As J. A. McDonald and his family had about reached the chimney when were watching the progress of the it sunk down and divided the roof. He flood from their South Fork ranch tore enough shingles loose to make a home early Friday morning, they dis- | hand hold about the center of it which town has been dumped for several nel. Occasionally it struck debris that years past, the craft hit the island threatened to shake them off but they way almost up to the point of the nights. squarely and lingered there for a min- were able to cling on until their almost slag ballast. Kansas cattlemen were ute or two. The couple grabbed some miraculous safe journey came to an driven to seek pasture away from island. As soon as the waters had miles from the Merklin-Case bridge to and the dust storms this spring when while helping get a raft across Monlowered so they could reach the river, the island in question and Mr. Fer-Mr. McDonald and Lyle went over and guson said that he believed that it found both were safe. They brought required no longer than thirty minutes thermos bottles filled with coffee and to make the trip, which gives one some later able to get some food across. making. Mr. Ferguson is 65 and Mrs. They were rescued from the island Ferguson is 64 years of age. Friday was about noon Saturday and taken to the Mr. Ferguson's birthday anniversary McDonald farm where they remained and he said it was without doubt the until the first of the week when they most exciting one he had ever experwere able to go to the home of their lenced. Likewise he felt that it gave son in the Hackberry district. They cause for a spirit of thanksgiving that were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson he had never felt before. Despite and had been living on the old Charlie their years and the harrowing exper-Wilson farm, the house being located lience thru which they passed, Mr. and near the South Fork bridge at the Mrs. Ferguson did not seem greatly Merklin and Case crossing. Mr. Fer- affected or unbalanced by their experguson said that he heard the roar of ience nor did it seem to have a marked

### **BOB CATS AND SNAKES ADDED** TO REFUGEE'S NIGHT OF HORROR

### of Wild Animal and Reptile Company to Refugees

The horrors of the night almost equaled that of the day last Friday for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson who rode a roof from the old Wilson farm to the island east of the J. A. McDonald place on the crest of the South Fork flood waters. The island pro-Ferguson but it likewise proved to be at one time became so friendly that he was the presence of snakes, especially twined around the bushes and smaller it. All one could do was to set still howling, gurgling waves that were around us on every side. When the sun came out all we had to do was to wait for the rescue which was begun shortly after day break, and to keep from stepping on snakes.

### Railroad Officials Refuse to Estimate Time Required

So great is the destruction to the Burlington railroad tracks in the flood area that officials will not even venture a guess as to the time that might be required to rebuild the tracks to the point where service may be continued. It is said that the track is all line from Oxford to beyond Red miles. The damage to the main line placed every available man on the job and are asking farmers along the route for the use of whatever possible spared.

following roundabout routes.

evening were joined by Rev. and Mrs. reported. J. C. Foster on a trip to Los Angeles and other sections of California. They

### Island Refuge Offered Plenty | CORDWELL HOME WITH-STANDS FLOOD WATERS

Max people believed for a time that Mrs. Cordwell and her children living in the Brethower dwelling on the south side of the river east of Max were last Friday afternoon as the torrents ripped around the dwelling and threatened it every minute for hours. They watched the oldest boy make an attempt to ride a horse out. Both he vided welcome shelter to Mr. and Mrs. and the horse disappeared for the moment and later the horse showed up a place of security for wild life of again but nothing was seen of the various kinds. There were all kinds of lad further. But the house seemed to small animals lodged on the island but the only thing that gave cause for serious thought was a huge bob cat that receded and it was possible to get into communication with the family it was came within six feet of them. He found that the lad had swam to a didn't seem to be a bit vicious nor yet window on the other side of the house again was he afraid. "In fact," Mr. and got in safely after leaving the Ferguson said, "he seemed to be in a horse. It was then further revalled stupor and wasn't much interested in anything further than keeping out of the water." Opposums were quite precautions to make it safe in case of precautions to make it safe in case of numerous on the island and there was flood waters. He reinforced the baseat least one skunk. The thing that worried Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson most in the concrete to which the frame those of the water variety. "They of his judgment in these precautionary work was anchored. While the effects seemed to be everywhere," Mr. Fergu-methods were not apparent during the son said, "and I killed several of them years that he and his family lived in to keep a spot clear. Dozens of them the house, his thoughtfulness was no were clinging around the trees and en-doubt responsible for saving the Cordwell family from almost sure death in trees. It got terribly chilly during Friday's unprecedented flood. The night and there was no way of helping flood had almost subsided when protection measures.

SPECIAL NOTICE worth, Sheriff.

perty loss, however. J. V. Ireland had about people in the valley whose safety Rev. and Mrs. Carl Petri and Miss considerable damage at his sale head- people along the line were worried Fox of near Philadelphia arrived here quarters on the fair grounds but thru Tuesday night and on Wednesday effective action, no live stock loss was

> Col. L. E. Walker took the oppor- place some of the bridges and rebuild Union Pacific at Ogallala in cars.

#### Kansas Cattlemen Here To Salvage Their Herds

Many Kansas ranchmen who had much of their grass was covered up.

#### Benkelman's Flood Sewers Prevented Flood Damage

Although 4.67 inches of rain fall was sought pasture for their flocks over recorded at the government rain guage the Republican river valley sections in Benkelman Thursday night and have been searching the river bottoms Friday morning, and Benkelman's ever since the flood in quest of what- drainage system was taxed to its full ever animals that might have survived limit, but little actual damage resultthe disaster. The search extends clear ed in the town proper. As has been from Haigler to McCook. Some have the case before the drainage system lost heavily while others were more at the Uphouse garage corner and in fortunate. William Jones was graz- front of the school house, along with South Fork woman living on the Administration Seed Loans are still ing more than five hundred head on the big drainage ditch north of the Hackberry about midway between available through the County Agent's the Morse ranch and for a time it ap- cemetery, Benkelman was spared a Benkelman and St. Francis was a vicpeared that most of them were lost tremendous loss thru flood damage. tim of flood waters last Friday covered a man and a woman coming provided a firm grip on the boards But since the first check-up, hundreds And this especially applied to our light morning. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart and purpose of buying seed, feed for work down stream on a sort of a board plat- supporting it. Then they settled down of head have been recovered and it and water system which was not af- their children attempted to reach the stock or fuel for tractors to be used in form. They were moving very swiftly and wished for the best. And the best now appears that his total loss will be fected in the least. All thru the perin the very center of the current and certainly came to them because their less than fifty. About thirty-five or iod of our county's greatest disaster, flood waters enveloped their dwelling er obtaining such a loan must give a when their raft hit the island east of craft proved sea worthy and held its forty were found mired down Saturday Benkelman's light system worked perthe McDonald farm where trash from place in the very center of the chan- morning. One animal in particular was feetly which greatly aided thru the mired down on the railroad right-of- hetic hours of Thursday and Friday flood waters had created and of which farmers have taken the FCA seed loans

### thermos bottles filled with coffee and to make the trip, which gives one some threw it across to them and were idea of the speed that the waves were FAMILY MAROONED ON ROOF TOP FOR EIGHT HOURS FRIDAY

to Keep Grip on Flood-Stricken Home

That Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson escaped drowning is one of the mirwas entirely surrounded by the river for over a mile. All the Anderson farm buildings, with the exception of the house, were entirely washed away. During the earlier stages of the flood til the second rise at near 4 o'clock top of the gable. They had hardwater. The water flowed over the roof and around the Andersons almost up until the time they were rescued. hours later. It was a bitter fight for them to retain their grip on the house and sevin the angry waters. At near midnight Lewis Warning, Fred Gunther, time it was destroyed.

Ted Schwartz, Anders Hoff and Carl Family Battles High Waves Gunther tied themselves together with Mrs. Barnhart and Pete Courtright, a rope and were able to wade and 15-year-old lad who was caught in the swim close enough to the house to avalanche of water and hurled to his facilitate a rescue. All of the Ander- probable death at the filling station on and 3-year-old daughter May, barely after being thoroughly soaked by the Fork from St. Francis this way. flood waters. George suffered bruises and cuts, sustained while making a Max bridge and during the high water fering from a hip bruise sustained while making the ascent from the attic to the roof.

Anders (Batch) Anderson, who lives a mile west of the George Anderson the Andersons took refuge in the attic home, took refuge in a tree during the of their house and remained there un- high water. All his farm buildings and his livestock were destroyed. His Friday at which time they broke a house, a rock structure, was also dehole in the roof and took refuge on stroyed. Mr. Anderson stayed in his ly established themselves on the gable siderably Friday night and in an effort dropped into a hole some three hun- air he retired to the house site only sight. The hole was deep enough to a wind break for some time but a chairman from the three commislower the house so that the gable of which failed to afford him the comthe roof was nearly entirely under fort he badly needed so he started his point a chairman for each precinct. May, 1935. trek to the south in search of the new river banks. He arrived safely several latin for Commissioner District No. 1, Sewer Bonds, Interest and

The Scheer farm near Max was eral times the little girl slipped from cleaned of every building. The cattle it is expected that the drive will be their grasp and almost floated away on the place had been moved to safety and no one was in the house at the

### TELEPHONE COMMUNCATION WAS ESTABLISHED SOUTH ON SUNDAY

### Established First Phone Outlet to World

was cut off early during the flood and been washed away. Suspension bridges every possible effort was put forth to for foot travel were placed over the and watch for the dawn. But even Mr. Brethower with the necessary get a phone line across the river. The day and folks are driving to the South all of these things were better than the bolts and steel to carry out his flood radio reports which pictured Benkelman as a horrible spot of destruction and desolation brought relatives and friends of the people in every section a We find that through a misleading great deal of worry and it was much idea that "Finders are Keepers." There desired by everyone to establish suitare some parties hauling salvage ma- able communication as soon as posterial from the flood area. This is a sible. The amateur radio stations on strict violation of the law. In the the north side of the divide at Waufirst place everything possible will be neta, Enders and Imperial were sendused in reconstruction. All bridge ing messages as quickly as they could to Restore Service Here material belongs to the highways for but the situation had not as yet been general use and will be so used. Other satisfactorily solved. On Sunday mornmaterial belongs to either of two par- ing a group of volunteers were called ties. If it is identified by the owner together and a line was started from all right. If not it belongs to the man Benkelman to the Harper switch on is passable between the two bridges. on whose land it rests. And he can the other side of the South Fork The road bed on the St. Francis line prosecute any one for trespass. I have bridge. Salvaged wire which had been a list of people who have hauled away torn from lines in other sections west material. I am sure that they took it because they thought it was all right temporary poles about six feet high. washed out on the Oxford-Kansas City to do so. But I am asking everyone The line from the Harper switch had washed a hundred yards down the who has done so to report it to this already been brought to meet the Cloud, a distance of over a hundred office, so that you can be advised Benkelman line at the South Fork where to deliver it, if it is bridge lum- bridge and it wasn't long until a hookreaches all the way from west of ber. If otherwise, take it back to the up was made. The Harper switch was Haigler to Oxford. The company has place you took it from.—A. W. Wood- then hooked up with the McDonald board and the Bell lines and communication to the south was facilitated. One of the fair buildings was moved Through a long series of switches it federal government has assured Govteams and equipment that can be from its foundation and carried a dis- was possible to communicate with tance of several yards and the J. P. points east of Lincoln and Topeka. The in all matters pertaining to rehabili-The condition of highway and McDermott dwelling occupied by the line was in constant use for some time tation and has given him power to bridges in the flood area is also very Forbes family was carried a distance bad and everything possible is being of several hundred yards. There are of several hundred yards. There are of several hundred yards. done to rush the time when some several members of the Forbes family count of the long distance and inefficsemblance of traffic can be restored in but they moved out while it was still lent equipment. Henry Admire stood order to avert the possibility of a food shortage in the flood area. Trucks are possible to reach higher ground. The at the phone for two hours repeating Haigler Escaped Without shortage in the flood area. Trucks are Littlefield vegetable house and head- messages for relatives who were comalready in service hauling in supplies quarters for Mr. Littlefield's fleet of municating with those in the flood but they are greatly handicapped by trucks was submerged several feet but zone. Henry had a personal message being forced to travel great distances the trucks were moved out before they to Ashland, Nebraska, and stood for were damaged. He had a heavy pro- 40 minutes answering eagar queries

> Something like 150 men are working nearest the river. on the roads south in an effort to rea few days.

### Temporary Line To South Temporary Bridges to be Built as Soon as Possible SOLOMON D. O'NEALL IS

There wasn't a single bridge on either North or South Fork of the Republican river left in Dundy county and All communication from the south many of the smaller creek bridges have day and folks are driving to the South Fork and walking across the valley to Benkelman, a distance of a mile. Men and trucks began gathering bridge material over the valley Wednesday morning and there is plenty of it to reconstruct temporary bridges, work on which will be begun at once. It is planned to rebuild both the North and South Fork bridges east of town and the St. Francis bridge near the Hollenberger farm south. Temporary bridges will also be built in other sections of the county. While the road beds are of it. Miss Mildred is teaching school mostly washed away east of town, it at Fairbury. will be possible to make a road that is in fair shape and a temporary bridge can be constructed without any great river. In the meantime the county commissioners hope to secure federal assistance in rebuilding permanent bridges over the county. Dundy county has a very acute bridge problem at best and it will require a tremendous amount of money to handle it. The ernor Cochran of liberal consideration

## Loss of Human Life

So far as we have been able to learn the Haigler section escaped without any loss of life and with only a minimum of property damage in the town proper. Haigler, like Benkelman, is about, before he could talk to his party. setting on higher ground, and was only effected in the lower sections

Every available man is being sought expect to be gone a month or six tunity to get home when he joined the roads sufficient to permit traffic from in road construction, both as it applies weeks. Mrs. Petri and Mrs. Foster are passengers of the stranded Burlington the south and east sections. Roads in to highway and farm to market roads sisters. They are making the trip by Aristocrat which were conveyed to the that section will probably be open in and in other types of reconstruction

### MRS. HARVEY BARNHART WAS VICTIM IN SOUTH FORK FLOOD

#### South Fork Woman Drowns In Attempt To Reach High Ground and Safety

barn and higher ground when the the production of the crop. The farmand it appears that the unfortunate first mortgage on the crop as security. woman stepped in a hole which the man. Being located between the two soon. rivers and completely surrounded, it was with great difficulty that word could be communicated to St. Francis when a plane came from that town to iff's office, and if some of your stock carry the body to an undertaking par-

So far as we have been able to learn, sons suffered considerably from the the Benkelman-St. Francis road, were long exposure to the cold night winds the only two lives lost on the South

#### Seed Loans Still Available

Due to recent torrential rains and floods, Dundy county farmers are faced with the necessity of replanting corn and other crops. For those who Mrs. Harvey Barnhart, well known lack funds to replant the Farm Credit office.

To date about 100 Dundy county she had no knowledge and sank from for production of their 1935 crops. In view before her husband could catch many cases these men are wondering Lein Dean received a bad cut on his her. She never appeared in sight if they will be able to obtain suppletree branches and crawled onto the end on the island. It is about eight home following the drouth last year right leg when he swam the river again and when the waters receded her mentary loans to aid them with rebody was found in the lower part of planting. FCA officials are working the barnyard lodged in a wire fence, on this proposition and definite word according to reports reaching Benkel-should be received at the office very

#### PLEASE REPORT STRAY STOCK Report all stray stock to the sher-

this office along with brands or other identification marks. If you can possibly spare a team for work on the railroad, do it.

is missing also report the same to

A. W. Woodworth, Sheriff.

Lloyd Snider returned home from Peru to spend his summer vacation just before the flood last Thursday.

### is located on the south side of the Republican river a mile west o FOR LOCAL RED CROSS DRIVE

#### Local Citizen To Be Given Chance to Help Dundy's Flood Stricken

A Red Cross representative visiting BE IT ORDAINED by the Chairman Westermark as chairman for the drive Mr. Westermark appointed D. E. Gal-R. D. Druliner for District No. 2 and C. A. Larimore for District No. 3. Plans will be completely formulated soon and

staged in about two weeks. The idea of the drive at this time is to give every local citizen an opporrehabilitation work of Dundy county. 1935, was \$29,089.62. The goal has been set for \$1,000.00 to be raised here. A tentative survey indicates that at least \$5,000.00 will be required to take care of the situation ATTEST: in Dundy county and we are advised that the National Red Cross is ready to share its portion of the burden.

### BURIED HERE THURSDAY

Solomon D. O'Neall, pioneer Dundy county resident and father of Mrs. E. B. Styer, died at Sterling, Colorado the first of the week and his remains were brought from that place for burial in the Benkelman cemetery Thursday. He was 81 years of age. Because of flood conditions it was necessary to convey the remains here in a truck.

After a man reaches sixty he devotes more time to looking for a goat on which to blame his failure, than to finding a reason for his success.

Miss Mildred Fisk arrived home last week and will spend the vacation season with home folks, or at least a part

#### ORDINANCE NO. 241

Annual Ordinance stating estimates of expense for the Village of Benkelman, Nebraska, for the Fiscal Year commencing the first Tuesday of May,

tree until the water had receded con- Benkelman Tuesday made arrange- and Board of Trustees of the Village ments for a Red Cross drive in Dundy of Benkelman, Nebraska, that the foluntil the house turned again and to escape further chilling in the night county soon. He appointed Victor lowing be declared to be the estimate of the probable amount of money necdred yards from the original home to find a plaster wall which served as and Mr. Westermark in turn appointed essary for all purposes to be raised by taxation in said Village for the Fiscal sioner districts and these men will ap- Year commencing the first Tuesday in

General Fund

principal Principal and Interest on

Intersection and Street

Improvement Bonds For Military Band \$300.00 The entire revenue of the Village of Benkelman, Nebraska, for the Fiscal tunity to contribute to the relief and year ending the first Tuesday of May,

> Passed and approved this 28th day of May, 1935.

J. M. DeWester, Chairman.

Homer E. Davis, Village Clerk.

Post Want-Ads Bring Quick Results.

### **SALE POSTPONED**

On account of the disaster that has come to our community, our Nyal 2 for 1 Sale has been indefinitely postponed.

> PREMER DRUG CO.

### ZORN THEATRE THE PICK OF THE SHOWS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY **JUNE 6-7-8** "CASINO MURDER CASE"

Also Selected Shorts

SUNAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY JUNE 9-10-11 "COLLEGE RHYTHM"

Joe Penner Lanny Ross and others

You'll forget all your troubles in this campus comedy. Gay songs, college coeds, a football squad and Joe Penner's duck.

Sunday Matinee 2:30 p.m. Night at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ONLY, JUNE 12 **CASH NIGHT** "THE DEFENSE RESTS"

With Jack Holt -\$30.00 TO GIVE AWAY-