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Official County Paper

Up the Band

and will begin its summer program of tonight and will continue them until concerts will begin about 8 or 8:30 o'clock in hour.

vast amount of pride in this musical copy to hear them each Wednesday if the weather permits them.

people for any distance around is expected program presented by this band of beauty of the park and the beauty of the monument very much worth while.

SERVICE RAINED OUT. Opt to Hold Services in Pike Park.

"ON TO MEXICO"

SAY COLBY LIONS

Club Members Preparing to In-vade Southern Neighbor.

To whip up sentiment for a large delegation of Lions club members from clubs in this part of the state to attend the International convention at Mexico City in July the local club is sponsoring a dance at the O'Pelt hotel on the evening of June 13th. It is called the "On to Mexico" dance, and Mexican numbers and some Mexican costumes and decorations will supply the motif.

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TO MEET AT BROWNVILLE

RATTLESNAKE PEST.

One of the odd—and rather distressing, too—results of the flood in the Republican valley last week is reported from McCook. As the flood water recede it is discovered that the slime deposited in the valley seems almost alive with rattlesnakes. The argument is that these reptiles were surprised by the flood waters in their homes on the Colorado highlands and were swept along in the water as it coursed down the normally dry creek beds of that region. At any rate they are said to be there in great numbers and in a bad temper from their dousing in water and a considerable period of fasting while they rode the current.

THE GARDEN CLUB BECOMES ACTIVE

Better Conditions Arouse Club to Activity.

The Colby Garden club, which was rather dormant during its usual period of greatest activity during the spring months, has been aroused to renewed activity with the appearance of more encouraging conditions. The club will hold a meeting next Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Leslie Griffin, 370 South Mission Ridge, to discuss plans for the summer.

With the coming of the rains efforts at gardening, which were so discouraging in 1933 and '34, have become more hopeful. Though very late in starting, vegetation is coming along nicely and it is believed the people who take much pride in their premises are in a mood to enter heartily into the Garden Club program.

All members of the club are invited to meet at Mrs. Griffin's home next Tuesday and discuss whatever plans the club should undertake during the summer.

During the long growth it was a considerable problem to maintain interest in the club, but it is believed that conditions are now bound to improve with great rapidity and that the club should prepare to function along the lines with which it was originally conceived.

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FLOOD WATERS WREAK DEATH AND DAMAGE

REPUBLICAN RIVER ON WILD RAMPAGE

PROPERTY DAMAGE GREAT

Uncounted Deaths and Immense Destruction Mark the Path of 'Raging Waters'

Cutting a great swath of death and destruction across Kansas and Colorado, untamable flood waters rushed down the course of the Republican river over the week-end. The terrific force of the flood made even the mightiest works of men seem puny by comparison as bridges, dams, towns and farms were swept away in the fury of the torrent. Now a ghastly scene of destruction, an awful miasma of pools, quicksand and muddy filth replaces former fine farms, bustling communities and great public improvements where formerly the richest section of the great plains fielded its abundance for the happiness and comfort of men.

Starts in Colorado.

Heavy rains for several days along the Republican and its numerous tributaries had swollen all the watercourses and the situation was climaxed by torrential downpours last Thursday and Friday in Eastern Colorado and well down into Western Kansas and Nebraska. As the floods developed by these rains reached the already swollen Republican and its tributaries the waters leaped from the banks and started a millrace down the entire width of the valleys.

The crest of the flood struck at St. Francis last Friday and today the same mad waters are being gradually tamed in the wider stretches of the lower Kaw. But in their wild race they have cut a destructive course more than 500 miles long and from one to five miles wide. Deaths may finally reach 200, the property loss simply cannot be estimated, and in the wake of the floods there is always the possibility of typhoid and other epidemics that may be even more deadly than the flood waters.

Communications Destroyed.

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tion services during the months has been a part of the interesting addition to the programs of the community is every intention to them.

NEWS TO MEET AT BROWNVILLE

Convention to be Held June Sixteenth.

Annual reunion of the town of the Brownville school will be held at the Brownville school house all day, June 16th. The reunion usually brings together settlers and their descendants, some of them considerable distances. Brownville community in-roughly drawn neighborhood involving a considerable part of the southwest quarter county and a small portion of the southeast corner of Wallace counties, and no questions asked if tips in from any other if he has not tangi-tion with the commu-

program will occupy a day, but mostly the day spent in visiting, and eating—especially elaborate preparation made for the eat- and there will be a dinner at noon. Annual reunion is always the happiest events of the people are invited to and stay late, eat all day and have a good time.

TREES ARE SAFE.

Manhattan Is Quite Reassuring.

News from Manhattan this week is reassuring. The 4-H club young- there are all safe, dry and parents in this coun- have been hearing about d down that way. Information is that they all their drinking wa- other health precau- otherwise are faring

eleven of these young- counts agent, M. M. Manhattan for a round-

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With gay decorations, popular orchestra and special novelties this is expected to be one of the most entertaining dances of the season. It is expected there will be delegations of Lions from several clubs in this vicinity, because of the interest that has been aroused in visiting the romantic land of Mexico for the convention. The Lions invite all their friends to attend. The club hopes to accumulate a bit of a fund to help meet the expenses of a carload of Lions who are anxious to attend the convention. The convention begins July 33, and it is a hard drive of nearly 2,000 miles to get there.

HORSE AND MULE SALE.

Large Number of Buyers Assured for Sale.

Assured of the presence of at least 25 men who are interested in the purchase of horses and mules either in single lots, teams or bunches, it is expected that the big sale of these animals next Monday at the livestock pavilion will be one of the big events of the kind this year.

This sale will start at 1 o'clock Monday, June 10, and will be expertly handled.

Persons desiring to sell stock of this sort at the sale are assured of getting good bids and the management will appreciate knowing as early as possible the approximate number that will be offered.

C. OF C. MEETS MONDAY.

The regular June meeting of the Chamber of Commerce comes up next Monday and it is possible there may be some important developments to discuss. Vice President Joe Gumbel wants to hear the latest developments in the city hall project and members of the Chamber of Commerce should be thinking rather seriously about how Uncle Sam is going to spend our share of the relief appropriation in this community and vicinity.

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DEATH STRIKES SUDDENLY.

W. W. Calliham Victim of Stroke Monday.

Death struck suddenly Monday afternoon at the W. W. Calliham home northwest of Colby to take away Mr. Calliham, following a paralytic stroke which seized him Sunday.

Medical aid was summoned at once but the best efforts were ineffective in dissolving the embolism which seemed to have formed on his brain.

Mr. Calliham was about fifty years of age and had lived for a considerable number of years at the location of the family home. He was one of the good farmers of his community and in every respect a fine neighbor and friend.

The funeral service was held this afternoon at the Colby Methodist church, conducted by Rev. D. Otis Gunkel. The Masonic fraternity was to conduct the burial service at Beulah cemetery.

Mr. Calliham is survived by his widow and several children, some of whom are grown. Further details of his life will be found in the obituary which will be available next week.

This community joins in expressions of sorrow and regret for the sadness that has come to his family.

Notice.

By order of the City Council all water and light service will be discontinued on the 25th of the month where said water and light bills are not paid.—City Clerk.

Mrs. Jerrold Meredith and Miss Ruth Hildebrand, of Denver, stopped in Colby Monday for a short visit with Mrs. Meredith's mother-in-law, Mrs. Luella Meredith. They were on their way to Hill City to visit friends and relatives.

inally reach 200, the property loss simply cannot be estimated, and in the wake of the floods there is always the possibility of typhoid and other epidemics that may be even more deadly than the flood waters.

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Along with this great torrent of death and destruction has also come a new realization of the dependence of men upon modern and uninterrupted sources of communication and the delivery of goods. Throughout the entire course of the great flood railroad and highway bridges, telephone and telegraph lines, water, light and power sources early went out and emphasized the indispensability of these and many other conveniences for normal living.

Added to the damage of flood many areas along its course and elsewhere were harassed by tornadoes which added to the wreckage and increased the number of the dead and injured.

River Cuts New Channels.

During its wild rampage the Republican river laughed at formalities. With no rock bound shores to confine it, the river literally chose its own course according to whatever influenced its strongest current and cut new channels at fancy along its wide valley. At St. Francis the new channel of the river now runs at the west edge of town and it is still running deep and swift in the new bed scouring it deeper. The new channel formed early in the flood and saved a large wooden bridge just northwest of town, but the bridge now appears to be well up the hillside and covering an expanse of mud and debris not much different from the remainder of the muddy valley.

Further upstream an irrigation and lake project in which that community took a great deal of pride was ruined when the diversion dam washed out and the violent river formed a new channel besides. Several dams in side draws were swept out and the long aqueduct from the river to new new lake was cut in many places, completing the ruin of the project. The water entered the light and water plant at St. Francis and stopped their operation for two or three days.

Much of the vast highway project west of St. Francis was completely wrecked by the flood and it will have to be rebuilt, possibly.

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HELP NEEDED.

Water Supplies Are Not Available

Selby, of the National Re-ent Service, received a this morning from the state director of the serving persons hunting jobs braska flood area that id not be needed. Sup- water and food are inad- the population now there aska can furnish all the ssage said that town- stricken river were com- because of the influx of Kansas who were seek- yment and putting a arden upon slender food

congestion of population to the danger of epi- he flood area.

BOURQUIN SALE.

ourquin Will Leave Farm After Sale.

issue appears the adver- if Mrs. Junie Bourquin at she will hold a pub- f personal property at a short distance north of riday, June 14.

nt death of her husband Bourquin with the man- l the farm on her hands nds it more of a burden care to undertake. In she offers for sale is stock and a considerable f good farm equipment. stand, Mrs. Bourquin into Gem following the

Mrs. Guy Eike, of Good Memorial day with the Lauterbachs.

APPROXIMATE WHEAT PLANS.

All Counties in This Area Are Strong for It

Although it was expected that western Kansas would go pretty strongly in favor of the federal- ly proposed wheat plan for con- trol for the next four years, the majorities called up for it pro- vided something of a surprise.

A still greater surprise is found in the fact that not a single coun- ty in the state registered an ad- verse vote by the farmers who have signed contracts with the wheat section to cooperate in the program the last couple of years. In only eighteen counties did non- signers roll up a majority oppo- sed to the program.

The vote in counties in this par- ticular vicinity is shown in the table appended:

	Signers		Non-Signers	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Cheyenne	510	87	40	21
Decatur	781	63	04	13
Gove	862	42	33	5
Graham	575	17	57	1
Logan	283	16	14	3
Norton	567	155	61	40
Rawlins	833	53	35	7
Scott	420	25	32	4
Sheridan	768	29	52	6
Sherman	471	73	24	13
Thomas	1219	54	105	2
Trego	1080	27	80	1
Wallace	98	6	12	1

HARDWARE AT AUCTION.

Mrs. Jo Taylor to Sell Stock Next Saturday.

The entire stock of the Taylor hardware is to be sold at public auction next Saturday afternoon and persons who can use merchan- dize of this sort to advantage will find it a great opportunity to stock up with good stuff.

The sale will start sharply at 1 o'clock at the store one block east of the Standard Oil filling station on East Fourth street. Glenn Jones is the auctioneer.

ABSENCE CAUSES CONCERN

No Word From Several Men Who Entered Flood Area.

The continued failure to re- ceive any word from a quartet of men from South Randall town- ship who left last Monday with the intention of reaching their cattle marshed in pastures near Parks, Nebr.

In the party were Harry and Jack Vawter, Chas. Nye and Ralph Grass. When they left they said if no other way of crossing appeared they might hire a plane to take them where the cattle had been grazing. Last Friday they had a telegram from someone at Park that the whole valley was under water and their cattle in danger. They had dry- en to St. Francis then only to find a crossing impossible.

While it is believed more like- ly that they drove west around the headwaters of the Republic- an to reach their stock, the ab- sence of any communication from them has their families worried. Besides these four, several other South Randall farmers had cat- tle in the neighborhood of Parks, numbering about 200 head alto- gether.

Today we learn that the Vaw- ter boys' mother, Mrs. John D. Vawters, who is quite aged, has become seriously ill and has been taken to a hospital at Hays.

From the flood area also comes word of possible serious losses of cattle for several other people of this county, including the Riedels and Misners. These cattle were on pasture near In- dianola and it is reported that a telephone call from somewhere in that area indicates many of the cattle are missing.

The Foster Farms lost about twenty head of cattle in a pas- ture north of Burlington, Colo.

AWAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Lathams and Hockersmiths Left Monday.

The L. G. Latham and Fay Hockersmith families got away Monday morning on the long trek to California, where each of the boys has been assured of steady work at good wages. Be- cause of road conditions they had to change their route and swing south at Burlington, Colo.

Besides the many articles they had to carry along, the two cars were pretty well filled with the adults and eight kids.

Their objective was, Glendale, where Fay has a relative who as- sured them of employment. Glendale is a suburb of Los An- geles.

Fay took along part of his paper hanging equipment but left enough with his brother-in-law, Ed Baird, so the latter can go ahead with it. He has been Fay's helper for several years and ex- pects now to embark on his own

FLOOD WATERS WREAK DEATH AND DAMAGE

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ly along revised plans. Much Work to Repair

Roaring northeastward to its conjunction with the north fork and important tributaries, the flood swept away thousands of head of cattle and other livestock smashed farm dwelling to kind- ling and ruined fields of alfalfa and other crops, swept away the small towns of Max and Park, se- riously damaged Benkelman and all other towns in the valley. At this time there is little informa- tion concerning the town of Trenton, the Nebraska city near- est here and county seat of Hitch- cock county. Because of its low- lying situation it is feared that it is very seriously damaged. The tale is much alike all the way to Topeka. It will be a consider- able time before normal highway and railroad traffic can be sent over the Rock Island and U. S. highway No. 26 because of track, road and bridges washed out at Scandia. The Union Pacific and the No. 40 highways are inter- rupted at Clay Center, Junction City and elsewhere. Tremendous washouts in Colorado have simi- larly interrupted highway and rail traffic. Denver mail and newspapers were flown to Bur- lington, Colo., yesterday and brought here by truck. Only stub rail service is being operated by the Rock Island and U. P.

Perhaps this disaster ranks up well with any that has overtaken this part of the country and it will be a long time before the losses and damage will be re- placed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scheibel left Friday for a week-end in Omaha. On their return Monday, it was necessary for them to drive more than 700 miles in an effort to find highways and bridges that weren't under water.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Kansas, Thomas county, ss. In the probate court in and for said county. In the matter of the estate of Theo- dore L. Newell, deceased. Creditors and all other persons in- terested in the aforesaid estate are hereby notified that I shall apply, at the next term of the probate court, in and for said county, sitting at the court house in Colby, county of Thom- as, state of Kansas, on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1935, for a full and final settlement of said estate, order ad- judging who are heirs, and order to make distribution.

E. F. BECKNER, Administrator of the Estate of Theodore L. Newell, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT. GUARDIAN.

State of Kansas, Thomas county, ss. In the matter of the estate of Meryl Edith Alcott Smith, minor heir of James Norton, late of Thomas coun- ty, Kansas. Notice of Appointment. Notice is hereby given, that on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1935, the un- dersigned was, by the probate court of Thomas county, Kansas, duly ap- pointed and qualified as guardian of

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