

TORNADO WHICH RIPPED CHARLES CITY WINDS UP WEST OF LIME SPGS.

Temperature was in the 83-degree range prior to last Wednesday evening's tornado and hail destruction. The quick temperature rise was a storm factor.

We have been corrected on the size of the hailstones—some were reported more the size of golf balls. Crop damage from the hail is not expected to be large, due to earliness of the season, although there was much washing and soil erosion, and seed may have been badly washed out and lost.

Cold—40°—temperature followed the storm, with wind and overcast skies, so the storm clean-up was not aided by pleasant weather.

On top of the 3 1/2-4 1/2 inches of rain which came in the aftermath of Wednesday night's storm, there were additional rains Friday and Saturday nights. Sleet was almost evident Saturday evening, following a day of alternate overcast and sunshine.

Immaculate Conception Church on the west side of Elma was deroofed and the belfry and nave badly damaged, as it was directly in the path of the tornado which previously destroyed buildings on the Dale Hart farm and two new houses, all to the southwest of the church, uprooting trees and damaging other houses in that section of Elma.

A wooded area south of the Elma Catholic Cemetery looked like it had been shelled by artillery, for it was stripped, and the cemetery itself had twisted metal fence, all kinds of damage, with over 100 tombstones moved or toppled.

Just north of Elma, a couple residential sites were laid flat. They were being cleaned up by burning Thursday afternoon, as there was little left to salvage.

Two of the large steel supporting pylons for the NW to SE high-voltage powerline crossing the blacktop north of Elma, were toppled and twisted on farms east of the road. These were said to be able to withstand a 100-mph wind.

Other farmsteads in the same northeast Elma area were badly devastated, most of the homes were left but other farm buildings were generally swept away. One farm home near a creek was literally "painted black" with mud and water which the tornado picked up and blew at the house and buildings as it passed thru. McGees, Boyles, Rimrods, Clarence Bartels' west of Maple Leaf (Mrs. Bartels is a sister of Wesley Opat) the former Robert E. Lee

place southeast of Saratoga were among the farms hit in this area.

On north of Lee's, the Harold Nelson farm house was deroofed, and the Nelsons found it necessary to move out their furniture to a house in Maple Leaf. A barn and steel machine shed were storm-wrecked also.

At the adjacent Dalyn Southrada farm, the south half of the barn roof was torn off the high barn. A row of trees protected the house.

Sweeping on northward, the storm which had wrought so much devastation at Charles City next struck the Howard County Experimental Farm and the Don Fairchild farm on Hy. 9 east of Saratoga. Fairchild lost all his farm buildings except one silo, and it forced his selling all of his fine white face cattle, hogs and chickens.

Ray Irwin, who had cattle at the Experimental Farm, lost some so badly injured by the storm as they were carried across the road to Don Fairchild's, that it was necessary to dispose of them.

The farms next hit included the Gaffen Johnson farm where the Earl Johnsons live, and places to the west, vacant buildings being flattened or blown to bits.

Continuing northward, the storm left its mark on many farms—hitting the Snitler farm where the Fairbanks family has been residing, the Dennis Gilbert farm, the Lawrence Richter farm and lastly jumped to devastate the Paul Goodman farm west of Lime Springs near Hayden Prairie.

"Fall-out" of the debris from the tornado was deposited north of Lime Springs in the State Line area and on north in the Cherry Grove and Greenacraft localities.

We have reports of hailstones as large as baseballs.

A large amount of fall-out occurred on the Frank Pasney farm on the State Line. They report large pieces of plywood sheets, some without any nails as if from a lumber yard, galvanized metal in sheets, insulation materials, drapes, curtains, and all sorts of things, but no clothing.

Papers, one with Melanethon Jones' name (Charles City), were reported found here, a contract for auto purchase, and papers of that sort, possibly from a Charles City auto firm.

A statuette apparently from a Catholic church was reported found near Cherry Grove.

STORM-RAVAGED PAUL GOODMAN FARM

These photos show the battered Paul Goodman farm, 6 miles west of Lime Springs after the storm. Top photo shows remains of trees on west side of house.



Remains of barn on Goodman farm seen in second photo. Looking north past barn, this is the scene of remains of buildings, including new sheet metal cow barn (right, in front of trees).

Under the supervision of Rev. R. J. May and William J. Jones, a working crew of men of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lime Springs worked all day Monday, May 20, in helping clean up at Goodman's, sorting out usable lumber, hay and straw, and burning the unusable. Ladies of the Church served the meals.

EDWARD J. SHIELDS TO BE ORDAINED JUNE 1 INTO CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

The ordination of Edward J. Shields, R. 3, Cresco, into priest-hood of the Catholic Church will be Saturday, June 1, at 10:00 a. m. in St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque.

The following day, Sunday, June 2, Rev. Shields will offer his First Solemn Concelebrated Mass at 11:00 a. m. in Assumption Church in Cresco. Following the Mass there will be a dinner for his immediate family and close friends. Starting at 2:30 p. m. on June 2 until 5:00, a reception in honor of Rev. Shields will be held in the Assumption Church basement.



Rev. Edward J. Shields

The public is invited to attend Rev. Shields' First Mass and the reception.

Rev. Shields is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Shields of Cresco, and the grandson of the late James Shields who farmed southeast of Lime Springs for many years. His grandmother is Mary Alice Shields, now living at Evans Memorial Home, Cresco. His uncle James Shields Jr. still lives near Lime Springs.

Rev. Shields attended Assumption Grade School in Cresco for 7 years, Notre Dame High School for 4 years, graduating in 1960. He then went to Loras College in Dubuque, graduating in 1964 with a B.A. in history. Since then he has been studying theology at Mt. St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque.

He will be ordained for Archdiocese of Dubuque and will serve as a priest somewhere in the northeast quarter of Iowa. The ordination ceremony in Dubuque on June 1 will be performed by the Most Reverend James J. Byrne, S.T.D., Archbishop of Dubuque.

At his First Mass there will be eight other priests offering Mass with him. These include Rev. Edmund Cooney, pastor of Assumption Parish in Cresco; Msgr. Vincent Hovemann from Independence; Msgr. Vernon Peters from Ossian; Msgr. Leslie Barnes from Friend, Neb.; Rev. Joseph Heineman from Ionia; Rev. Gerald Blackburn from Hopkinton; Rev. Kenneth Gehling from Dubuque; and Msgr. Lawrence Klassen from Dubuque.

Rev. Shields has four sisters and one brother. His brother Donald farms near Cresco with his father. His sisters are: Mrs. John (Marian) Podrasky of Ederton, Ohio; Mrs. Donald (Loretta) Posekany of Belle Plaine, Iowa; Mrs. William Volesky (Karen) of

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Chas. Morgan Heads Brothers of Brush



Newly elected officers of the Brothers of the Brush (in preparation for the coming Centennial) are (left to right): Omer Gasser, Secy-Treas.; Allen Tesmer, Vice-Chr.; and Chas. Morgan, Chairman.

A meeting to organize the Lime Springs Brothers of the Brush was held Monday night at the Town Hall with about 20 present.

It was decided to hold the first Kangaroo Court June 7.

It was voted to print Shaving Permit cards to sell at \$1.50, and these are to include a Sausage Supper admission. These are to be sold to residents of the area and salesmen, etc.

Officers of the organization were chosen, and the following were elected:

Chairman ... Charles Morgan
V-Chairman ... Allen Tesmer
Secy-Treas. ... Omer Gasser
The Chairman explained the progress of plans for serving the Whole Hog Sausage Supper, and of the various donations. Farmers of the area will be principals in serving the supper on Parade Day, Saturday, June 29, from 11 a. m. through supper hour.

Next Meeting May 31

The next meeting of the Brothers of the Brush will be held at 8:00 p. m. at the Lime Springs ball diamond.

All men and boys age 15 and up welcome.

HERALD TO PUBLISH EARLY FOR MEM. DAY

Due to Memorial Day coming on Thursday of next week, we are planning to print the Herald next Tuesday so as to be in the mail on Wednesday.

Correspondents and advertisers as well as anyone wishing to submit material for publication is urged to have it in our office by Monday if at all possible.

Softball practice Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Lime Springs ball diamond.
All men and boys age 15 and up welcome.

Cedar Rapids; and Barbara, who is a junior at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

RAILROAD PATROL CAR LEADS TRAIN THROUGH FLOODED WATERS BEFORE TRACK WAS WASHED OUT LAST WED.

Luverne Kaeh, Lime Springs, has been working as Relief Section Foreman for the Milwaukee Road at Le Roy.

Last Wednesday evening, on account of the severe storms in the area and the hard rains, Luverne, knowing that the west-bound freight train could be coming through any time, tried to call Cresco to stop the train there, but the phone lines were out, so he made a fast trip to Cresco hoping to stop them.

Then, along with Section Foreman W. W. Bork and L. H. Westhold of Cresco they patrolled with motor car ahead of the train. Although there was water running over the track in several places, they were able to get the train through to Le Roy about 7:30 p. m.

But about one hour later the track did wash out about a half mile east of Chester about 2 to 3 feet deep and about 20 feet long, which was repaired the next morning, and no trains were delayed.

This was quite an experience for Mr. Kaeh.

WANTED—HOSTS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE INNER CITY!

Are you willing to share even a small part of the fullness of your summer with a child from the inner city? The Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns is giving encouragement and support to the students of Iowa State University, Ames, in their Friendly Town program.

This project is one in which inner city children are "adopted" for a 2 week period by families who are willing to provide this opportunity. Last summer about 500 children from the Chicago area, 125 from Des Moines were given this chance as some 500 families throughout Iowa responded in the opportunity to be their hosts. Those who have been involved would question who has gained more from the experience, the hosts or the guests.

This will be the fourth year the I. S. U. students interdenominationally have operated this program. It speaks for the ability and concern of youth that they undertake such an ambitious program while carrying a full-time college schedule as well.

If you would consider opening your home to a child of the inner city contact Mrs. Maxine Windsor, Chester, Ia. or Mrs. Mary Stevenson, Lime Springs, Ia. Loc-

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS THURSDAY, MAY 30

Auspices of Lloyd L. Horton Post No. 545 American Legion, Lime Springs

Commander ... Robert Walton
Vice-Commander ... Harold Munkel
Adjutant ... Allen Tesmer

9:00 A.M. Service at Saetersdal Cemetery

PRAYER ... Rev. Elwood Skarpness
IN MEMORIAM ... Placing of Wreath
RIFLE SALUTE ... American Legion
TAPS ... Ted Rapp - Jim Walton

BAND CONCERT 10:00 A. M.

CONCERT FROM 10:00 TO 10:30 A. M. BY CRESTWOOD VARSITY BAND under directorship of Mr. Leonard Upham

10:30 A.M. Program at L. Spgs. School

POSTING OF COLORS ... American Legion
INVOCATION ... Rev. Elwood Skarpness
WELCOMING INTRODUCTION ... Commander Robt. Walton
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS ... Rev. Robert J. May
SELECTIONS ... State Line Male Chorus
BENEDICTION ... Rev. Elwood Skarpness

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

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Notice to Legionnaires and Scouts

All Legionnaires meet at the Hall at 8:30 a. m., to leave for Saetersdal by 8:45.
Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to meet at Legion Hall at 10:00.

OTHER FARMS SW OF LIME SPGS. TORNADO-HIT



Dennis Gilbert's barn was this sight.



New trailer house behind Dennis Gilbert home was left like this.



The barn at the former Snitler farm is seen looking southeast. The house, occupied by the Fairbanks family, remained but was badly battered.