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COMMENT

The American Press Association has made a survey of census returns in order to ascertain if there is any truth in the statement that country towns as a whole are losing population.

The census figures of the first 5,003 towns reporting were studied by the association's statistical department. Towns from every state were included and they ranged in population from less than 1,000 to 5,000.

The result, as announced by the association indicates that country towns as a whole are gaining population. The gain for 3,395 of the 5,003 towns is 2,145,076, as compared with the other 1,608 towns which lost 283,955. The net gain for the five thousand towns is 1,861,121.

This is encouraging to those who have feared that the small town is doomed—provided the figures for five thousand towns can be depended upon as a safe basis for estimating the rest of the country.

In some states the gain in population in the country towns is quite marked, but in others there is not much to brag about. In Colorado, for instance, the 31 towns which show a gain have increased 14,657, and the 23 that have lost 6,942—a total gain of nearly seven thousand.

It has been predicted for some time that the small towns are doomed to become still smaller, because of the competition of the cities, but of late there has been a new note in the chorus of woe. This note is said to be heard in the cities, which fear that their drawing power is about at an end.

As between towns of different sizes it would be interesting to know what the conditions are in the smallest towns—those under 1,000—but the press association's figures do not bear on this phase of the matter.

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Sheriff Robertson has come out with a statement to the voters of Fayette county, in which he says: "In answer to the question many times asked during the past few weeks, I have checked up on the books as to the amount of fines collected during my administration, up to July 1, 1930, which is three and one-half years, and find the amount \$18,300. I consider this a good record as none of these cases went to trial, which means a lot to the taxpayers."

This statement probably will influence a considerable number of voters to cast their ballots for him in the November election, but the fact that he has been one of the best men who has held that office will also have great weight.

Mrs. Ed Thomas returned Sunday from several days' visit with her sister, Mrs. John Sassa, at Marquette, who is just recovering from an operation. Little Jimmy Sassa accompanied Mrs. Thomas home for a visit.

Mrs. D. J. Knight and son accompanied Mrs. Nellie Carpenter and daughter, Mildred, to Anamosa, Wednesday, and visited the reformatory. Sarah Tiffany, Mrs. Mae Tiffany and son, Billy, of Oelwein, and Mr. and Mrs. Philstickler and two sons of Wabasha, Minn., spent Monday evening with Mrs. Sarah McFadden.

Alden Davis and Harry Kohls were Sunday dinner guests in the P. S. Clow home. Mary Frances Clark spent the week end in Cedar Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Carpenter of Hawkeye visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nellie Carpenter, and family, Sunday.

rash statements on this judgment matter, for we have no real facts on which to base a judgment. Those who are criticizing Judge Taylor no doubt feel that they have satisfactory reasons for their attitude. However, the fact that he has made enemies, does not really prove much to the public as to his fitness for office.

RANDALIA NEWS

Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent

Guests last Sunday in the Jesse Zbornik home were Mrs. Zbornik's brother, Will Schuler, of Festina, and a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reck of Clinton. They also visited at the Dave Barnholt home near Maynard and at the Harvey Zbornik home at Fayette.

Mrs. Dr. Zoller and daughter, Carlotta, Mrs. Will McMeans and daughter, Evelyn, of Frederickburg, Mrs. Geo. Mori of Los Angeles, Mrs. E. H. Boman and Mrs. B. S. Brown were entertained at supper Tuesday evening by Mrs. Edwin Benz.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer of Waterloo were visitors Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shaffer and family, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sprague.

Mrs. Glen Porter and children of Waterloo spent the week end in the parental F. W. King home. "Hearts of Center" 4-H club girls met July 23 at the home of Leota Odeklirk with ten members present and five guests. Plans were completed for a booth at the county fair to represent Center township 4-H club girls work. The demonstration team was also given a workout.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl King and two sons of Manilla and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. King were Wednesday evening visitors in the Theodore Lenthus home. J. Jenny of Waterloo and Leo Dvorak of Cedar Rapids were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knight and family.

Rev. J. W. Atkins of Dubuque, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rubyn and daughter, Helen, were last Monday dinner guests of Mrs. J. W. Frye.

Officers elected for the home-coming program for next year are: Pres., A. J. Brown; vice-pres., Vern Arthur; sec. and treas., Mrs. Ford Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cue are the parents of a son, Donald Eugene, born Aug. 5 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kohls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trager of Oelwein were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Gusta Bronn, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hoepfner and children of Newhall were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. D. J. Knight, and family, and his father, Peter Hoepfner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt of Hudson were week end visitors of her sister, Mrs. Perry Odeklirk, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Severson and children of Sioux City came Friday for a week's visit with his brother and sister, Bennett Severson, and Mrs. F. D. Turner, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. VanSickle attended a family reunion held Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. R. Witter, and family at McGregor, Sunday also being Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hinkel's 8th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Witter's birthday. There were 48 relatives there from Oelwein, Fayette, Randalia, Maynard, Waterloo, Hawkeye, and Itasca, N. Y. Picnic dinner was served at noon, and home made ice cream was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Witter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Briggs and daughter, Benita, were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sprague. Anna Freeman of Newton came Wednesday for a visit in the Roy Odeklirk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett and children, Mrs. Margaret Stogden, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Oelwein left by motor Sunday a. m. for several weeks' visit with relatives in Hillsboro, Ohio. His brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bennett, of Oelwein are caring for the house and the stock during their absence.

Mrs. C. P. Bowen of Centerville and Billy Lovelace of Bozeman, Mont., returned Saturday from a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Dora Newman, in Chicago. Mrs. Newman accompanied them here and in company with them and Mrs. Estella Odeklirk and daughter, Boulah, left by motor Monday a. m. for a week's visit in the W. H. Lovelace home at Bozeman, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miner of Madison, Wis., were visitors from Sunday to Thursday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Amber Odeklirk, and with another sister, Mrs. Ed Stewart, at Maynard.

Rev. J. W. Atkins of Dubuque spent from Sunday till Wednesday in the W. P. Clow home. Grace Salfstgiver of West Union spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olney.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoyer were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pruessner and two daughters, of Dundee, Evelyn Faber, of Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burkhardt of Wadena, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burkhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henderson, all of Hawkeye.

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Hawkeye and Mrs. Chris Buhr of Summit were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kohls and family. W. B. Hall and family attended the Hall family annual reunion Sunday, at the Oelwein park. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garnier and three children, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hall and two children, all of near Westgate; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hall and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Logan and son, Mrs. Henry Lenius and three daughters, all of near Oelwein; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hall and two daughters of near Maynard; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conway and two sons of Dubuque; Miss Maude Hall and Chas. Carsten, Sumner; Mrs. Eva Hall and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Colomey, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keding and two children and Mrs. Hattie Stehl all of Oelwein; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of near Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hall and four children of near Strawberry Point. This reunion, held the second Sunday in August each year, will be held in 1931 at the Manchester park.

Mrs. L. P. Benz of Lawler and Mrs. Block and two daughters of Milwaukee, Wis., spent Thursday at the Albert Bentler home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arthur, Mrs. C. Duggan and son, Will, were Saturday visitors in Oelwein. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knight and family spent Sunday at the state park. W. D. Carpenter and son, Warren, of New Hampton were Friday visitors at Nelle Carpenter's.

Harold Hack and a girl friend of Traer, spent Sunday in the parental John Hack home. Mrs. B. S. Bronn visited Sunday at the H. A. Mabon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fritz and Mrs. Slaughter of West Union were Sunday p. m. visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. Cornell of Tulsa, Okla., were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McFadden and Sarah McFadden.

"Hearts of Center" 4-H club girls held their annual 4-H picnic in Will Smith's woods, Aug. 6. The day was spent in visiting and swimming and except that two girls were accidentally and unexpectedly tumbled into the water, all went well with everyone. Present were nine 4-H girls and their leader, Mrs. Edwin Benz, and three guests, Mildred Wegner, Lillian Arthur, Doris Bahl, Hazel Hall, Leota Odeklirk, Inez Peterson, Lena Smith, Gladys Talcott and Caryl Owen. The guests were Ruth Arthur, Florence Smith and Kathlyn Neuschwander.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sprague attended the annual Haas reunion Aug. 10 at the state park. There were about 60 relatives from Centralia, Moline, Ill., Genoa, Iowa, Maynard, Randalia, and Peosta. A lovely picnic dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Charles Irwin and children and Mrs. William Van Pelt and children of Sioux City spent last week with their sister, Mrs. Bennett Severson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Sprague and daughter, Betty, were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemps and son of Detroit, Mich., arrived Thursday by motor for several weeks' visit in the parental Ezra Cornish home.

Herman Hoepfner and two sons, Howard and Duane, enjoyed a fishing trip to Fredericka, Wednesday p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haas and family of Maynard were Friday visitors in the parental D. Irvine home, and at the home of her sister, Mrs. Theo Lenius, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dege and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes were Tuesday visitors in Oelwein.

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Mrs. R. W. Binning and Mrs. P. S. Clow and daughter, Merle, were Friday dinner guests at W. B. Hall's.

Miss Verla Richards of Oelwein returned home Thursday after visiting several weeks in the Ezra Cornish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaulis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shafer to Waterloo Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Watt of Fayette spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Binning, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Severson and children and their guests, Mrs. Chas. Irwin and children and Mrs. Vera Irwin and children, spent Thursday at the state park near Strawberry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Tokholm and family and their guest, Genevieve Tokholm, motored to Decora Sunday and picnicked. They also visited "Bily Bros. clocks" and the small church at Festina.

Mrs. George Mort left Thursday for her home in Los Angeles, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Benz and family visited relatives at Frederickburg and New Hampton, Sunday.

Betty Jean Van Sickle of Waterloo, is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. VanSickle.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fortney accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Holmes to West Union Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edel and family and Yvonne Bacon motored to Waterloo Wednesday.

John Mahoney and family visited relatives at West Union Sunday. Charlotte Van Sickle has been ill several days. She is at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Mabon.

Mrs. Lib Sprague spent Saturday p. m. in the F. W. King home. Clair Binning was ill several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hall were Tuesday visitors at West Union. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Binning were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fortney accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fetrow and family to Strawberry Point and the state park Sunday.

Mrs. P. S. Clow, daughter, Merle, Hazel and Austin Hall were Friday callers in West Union. F. B. Bronn and family of near West Union were visitors of George Bronn, Sr., in the B. S. Bronn home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Robb and Mrs. T. E. Hockert spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jewell.

Dorothy Rubyer, Owen Whiteford, Ruth Edel and LeRoy Whitford motored to Strawberry Point Sunday. Yvonne Bacon spent several days last week in the Roy Edel home.

Gerald Toland and Leonard Caldwell went to Cedar Rapids Sunday night for a visit in the home of Gerald's uncle.

The concert Saturday night on the street by the local drum corps was enjoyed very much. It was in connection with a medicine show here.

Mrs. Frieda Stock has returned to her home in Rockford after a pleasant visit in the home of her parents, George McMasters and wife.

Walter Garnier and family and Mrs. Emeretta Hall attended the Hall family reunion in the Oelwein park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Freeman spent Sunday in Elkader. Miss Cunningham of Duluth spent the week end in the J. D. Bing home, a guest of Miss Lois.

Mrs. Crum and daughter have been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. F. Caldwell.

Miss Winnifred Caldwell came home from Mason City last week for a visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nordyke spent Sunday at McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bierman and children of Brockrika and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brockmeyer and children of Sumner spent Sunday in the Wm. Brockmeyer home.

Mrs. Towne Barnes is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Frost. Carl Barnes, wife and family and J. S. Reid, wife and son, Milford, attended the water carnival at Nashua Sunday.

The two rains last week Monday and Saturday saved the new seeding, pastures and gardens.

The county club tour Monday with Louis Rank and W. M. Vernon of the Extension Dept. was an enjoyable affair. Nineteen members visited and trips were selected for county fair. The tour ended with a picnic supper at the park.

A number from here motored to Strawberry Point Sunday to view the flag-pole sifter.

Miss Alice Cummings spent Friday and Saturday in Ilyria township. Mrs. M. A. Fishback returned from her visit to Elgin, Saturday. Mrs. Alda Dickson and daughter, Menlo, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henniges, Hazel and Floyd spent Sunday in Dubuque, the guests of Mr. Henniges' mother. Mrs. Cora Miller and Mildred of Fayette were guests of Mrs. Dwight Kooker, Friday.

Mrs. S. T. Payne, Tom Case, S. L. DeLong and W. H. Barnes were the hostesses at the Helping Hand picnic in the park Wednesday.

Jim Smith is enjoying a visit with his sister from Marshalltown. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Schap of Stockton, Ill., came Wednesday for a visit in the S. T. Payne home.

Miss Marie Reinke of Iowa City is taking a two weeks' vacation and is spending the time with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blunt spent Saturday in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Elizabeth Becker visited her daughter in Cedar Rapids last week. Mr. and Mrs. Marian Baldwin spent Saturday here.

Drivers for the school buses have been hired for the coming year, with the exception of one, as follows: No. 1, A. E. Wardell, \$75; No. 2, Wm. Ponsar, \$80; No. 3, Raymond Ranney, \$55; No. 4, yet to hire; No. 5, R. F. Turner, \$65; No. 6, Bud Biglow, \$60; No. 7, Harry Stiles, \$75; No. 8, Jim Prideaux, \$62.50; No. 9, Fred Wolfe, \$60; No. 10, Frede Stige, \$68.

Mrs. Will Ponsar spent Monday night with her sister in Fayette. During the storm early Tuesday morning the pony belonging to Dr. Glew's children broke loose and ran out to the Floyd Simpson farm where a sharp object of some sort pierced its breast, and the little animal is in serious condition.

Dr. Marjorie Smarzo of Urbana, Ill., came Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Bess Thomas and other relatives. Miss Marie Humke of Ackley is visiting in the Arthur Knight home, a guest of Miss Stella.

Grover Blunt of Dubuque is spending a few days with his parents, A. B. Blunt and wife.

Franklin Thompson is suffering from a severe accident which occurred Wednesday, when a nail was run into his leg back of the knee and entered the bone. He is getting along as well as possible.

Rev. Caldwell and wife went to Perry, Tuesday, to visit the latter's mother. They returned Thursday. Mrs. E. B. Bogert, draughtman and baby, and Mrs. Frank Stranahan of Fayette visited in the M. B. Freeman home Wednesday and attended the picnic of the Presbyterian Helping Hand society at the Maynard park.

Clyde Nordyke is attending a mail carriers' convention at Storm Lake. Miss Carrie Mittlestadt came Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Tom Meyer and sons returned from Chicago Tuesday, where they have been visiting. A. B. Blunt is on the sick list. Benton Harrison has been quite ill, but is better at this writing.

The sixth annual reunion of the Oelwein relatives took place at the Oelwein park Aug. 3, with 62 present. The old officers were re-elected: Pres., Frank Whitney; vice-pres., Henry Hulbert; sec., Ina Ruckert; treas., George Leach.

A delightful gathering was held at Klock's Island Aug. 4, in honor of Mrs. Avis Packard of Seattle. The Ranney relatives, Mrs. Lewis Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. George Cowles, of West Union, Mrs. J. W. Ranney, Ardath, Kathryn and Mrs. Ruth Ponsar and son, Warren, of Maynard, Mary Ranney and Mrs. Helen Hedrick of Chicago made a jolly group.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hawley and family of Yuma, Colo., are visiting Mrs. Hawley's parents, Tom Lowrey and wife, and brother, George, and wife.

Little Jimmie Lemba invited in a few of his little playmates Thursday to help celebrate his 5th birthday. Games were played and Mrs. Lemba served a delicious lunch. Jimmie received many gifts from his friends.

Frank Evans, who has been attending summer school at Greeley, Colo., returned home last week.

Mrs. J. D. Bing, daughter and grand daughter, have returned from a motor trip to points in Minnesota. Oscar Gilley and family and Miss Mae, who is home from her nurse's duties, went to Iowa City Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Kohls and family of Cambridge, Wis., and Wallace Whitney, wife and son of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larce of Waterloo spent the week end in the W. D. Simpson home.

Mrs. E. Frost was an Oelwein caller Thursday. Paul Martin and family came Monday night from Steward, Ill., and remained until Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. R. H. Creamer.

During the electrical storm early Tuesday morning the barn on the Floyd Simpson farm was struck. It was quite badly damaged but we understand it is covered by insurance.

Royal Neighbors and Woodmen held their regular meeting in the Legion hall Thursday evening. There was a splendid attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bartles, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bartles spent Sunday in Cedar Rapids with Mr. Bartles' sister, Mrs. Smith.

Legion and Auxiliary met at their hall Aug. 6, with good attendance.

After business session a delicious lunch was served. Mrs. E. Frost received word Wednesday morning that Harry Maynard, oldest son of James Maynard, living in Des Moines, had passed away.

Miss Margaret Burdick and girl friend, after spending a few days in the Frank Burdick home, returned to their home in Oelwein Wednesday.

An item of interest to friends of Miss Verla Salfstgiver is that a miscellaneous shower was given in her honor Monday evening in Waterloo at the home of Frank Wagner. Twenty-two members of the Vilethea Sunday school class of Calvary Evangelical church and five additional guests attended. The program consisted of games and contests and the guests served a 6:30 dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buenecke and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rohrig, Miss Esther Rohrig and Homer Terhune motored to Iowa City Aug. 3, to attend a family reunion of the Rohrigs. Over 75 were present.

Mrs. Bess Sykes has been quite ill the past week. Word has been received of the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. Max Miller at Lake Park, Iowa. The grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller, and great grandmother, Mrs. Ed Brown, of Greene, we understand are doing nicely. Friends of the family here are sending hearty congratulations.

The many friends of Mrs. Ben Prideux will be pleased to learn that she is slightly improved from her recent illness.

Mr. Cora Banning suffered another bad spell Wednesday and is very ill at this writing, a fact her many friends will be sorry to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Krota, Robert and Anna, of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Mary Lux and Mary Ellen of Little Falls, Minn., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCreary.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Boyd of Waterloo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Knox. Albert Sherman has a new Ford sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Dora, and Harold, were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Benson at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steffens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Strudthoff and family, all of Waterloo, called in the Henry Strudthoff home Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Riley and son, Jack, returned home Sunday. They have been visiting in the L. F. Molumby home at West Union.

Mrs. Orville Entwisle and Gerald of Hawkeye spent Friday in the J. H. Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherman and family and G. M. Sherman attended the carnival in Oelwein Saturday evening. Miss Jessie Boeckenhauer of Hawkeye called in the Henry Strudthoff home Saturday evening.

In this vicinity the oats are yielding from 40 to 50 bushel to the acre. The County Farm's oats yielded 71 bushels to the acre.

Anyone in Iowa who wants farm bulletins may get his name placed on a mailing list to receive all new bulletins, or notices of them, as soon as they are issued. Requests for this service should be addressed to Bulletin Service, Iowa State College, Ames.

Claude Brewer went to Des Moines last week for an examination at the American Legion hospital, and Orville Doland went Monday.

The road from the Frank Jones corner north through Frog Hollow and on north to No. 66 has been graded and put in shape for graveling.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landis and son visited Sunday in the Charles Landis home at Volga City and found his mother about the same, except that she is now almost entirely blind, having had another hemorrhage of the eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman, Ma-

ry, Gladys and Jimmie, left Friday for Ottumwa to visit his sister, Mrs. Elcetta Martin. She will accompany them to Quincy, Ill., to visit their mother, Mrs. Gorman, and help her celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday.

It is reported around town that Arthur Shaffer's daughter, of Alma, Neb., had been drowned recently. As we get it she and her brother with another couple were canoeing when the canoe upset and all were drowned except the Shaffer boy. Details of the accident are very indefinite here. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer were formerly residents of Elgin where the former published the Echo.

Efford Hunsberger lost his reputation as a weather forecaster the first of this week, for if he had known it was going to rain he never would have pulled his wagons into Otter creek Monday and left them there to soak over night. The result was he had to hunt his property down stream Tuesday morning. Luckily the water didn't get any higher or he would have been in the market for a couple of new wagons and a hay rack.

The Chris Gregerson barn burned to the ground Tuesday morning at about four o'clock during the heavy rain and thunder storm which visited this section. It is thought that the fire was caused by lightning as no other cause could be ascertained. A still alarm was turned in for the Elgin fire department and G. H. Faib, O. P. Stoehr and C. B. Schori responded, taking the farm truck. They found a lot of difficulty along the way due to the deep mud and did not reach there in time to do any good.

The new home now under construction for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrling at Wadena is rapidly nearing the completion stage and they hope to be able to move into it in early September. It is a six room house moled much the same as the Leo Schori residence here.

The laying of the floor on the Otter creek bridge started Monday morning and about two-thirds of the work was completed that day. The crew took a vacation Tuesday but expect to have the work all finished by the time this paper reaches our readers.

Monday evening fifty business men, clerks and farmers went to the Fred Swinton farm, says the Nashua Reporter, and in less than forty minutes after their arrival they had put a forty acre field of oats into shocks. It was an interesting sight to see how swiftly the men walked across that field, and the job was done before anyone realized it. They then went to another field of 15 or 20 acres and in another 15 minutes that field was also shocked. Mr. Swinton has had considerable bad luck this season, having lost his barn and other buildings by fire and some stock from the heat. Fred did not know the men were coming to his assistance until he saw them streaming into the field, and he was shocked, as well as the oats.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Anderson and Mrs. Harry Dickinson went to Rochester Thursday to see their daughter and sister, Mrs. Hans Jorgenson, who underwent an operation there. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Ola Doland moved a part of her furniture to Monona Sunday and plans to remain for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Belden. Mr. and Mrs. John Doland will live on her farm.

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